

**MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at The Pavilion, Llandybie and online via Teams on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 at 6.30 p.m.**

**Present**

Councillors	Cllr A.J. Evans	Cllr R. Barnes	Cllr J. Tandy
	Cllr D. W. Hopkins	Cllr G. J. Davies	Cllr N. C. Davies
	Cllr S. Roberts	Cllr C. R. Thomas	Cllr H. Davies
	E. J. Davies	Cllr L. Wilkins	

**Attending online** D. Thomas Cllr A. L. Thomas Cllr A. W. Jones

**Apologies** Cllr E. W. Nicholas P. H. Roberts Cllr L. Jones  
Cllr K. D. L. Davies Cllr R.A. Davies

**Absent.**

None

**Note taker:**

S. Taylor

**Clerk:**

D. S. Nicholas

**914.**

**To Receive apologies for absence.**

There were five, Cllr P. H. Roberts, Cllr R. A. Davies, Cllr L. Jones, Cllr K. D. L. Davies, Cllr E. W. Nicholas

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There was two, Cllr and Chair J. Tandy wanted it noted that he and Cllr L. Wilkins were standing at the next Senedd Elections and would be adhering to the pre-election period of sensitivity is the time before an election or referendum when governments, ministers and civil servants avoid making announcements or decisions that could influence the campaign. It is also known as the period of heightened sensitivity and was previously referred to as ‘purdah’. The exact period is from Tuesday 24th of March until polls close on the 7th of May 2026.

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**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following meetings as circulated were considered:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr D. W. Hopkins and seconded by Cllr N. C. Davies.

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- Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr D. W. Hopkins. Thomas and seconded by Cllr R. Barnes.

**Acceptance of the minutes.**

The Chair asked for a proposal to accept all the minutes, and this was **Proposed** by Cllr R. Barnes and **Seconded** by Cllr D. W. Hopkins.

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**Matters arising from the minutes.**

There was none.

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**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

**(i) Saron School Governors.**

Cllr C. R. Thomas asked that the council discuss the option for her term of office as a Saron School Governor as she did not intend to remain in post after May 2027, and there was an opportunity for Cllr N. C. Davies to take over, however she asked that she be allowed to remain in post until May 2027.

It was **resolved** to accept this and for Cllr C. R. Thomas to remain a governor of Saron School until May 2027

**(ii)**

**Police reports as 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2026**

<b>Llandybie Area</b>	
Violence and sexual offences	<b>6</b>
Public Order	<b>3</b>
Other Theft	<b>2</b>
Anti-Social Behaviour	<b>1</b>

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<b>Penygroes including Blaenau and Caerbryn;</b>	
Violence and sexual offences	<b>4</b>
Criminal Damage & Arson	<b>1</b>
	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>

<b>Saron, Capel Hendre &amp; Penybanc</b>	
Violence and sexual offences	8
Criminal Damage & Arson	1
Burglary	1
Ant-Social Behaviour	2

For members and wider public information, Llandybie Community Area Crime figures below are available using the link below. The Clerk recommends that the look at the crime map of their area which offers some detail of the breakdown of the crime figures by searching ‘in my area’.

[Llandybie | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

#### **(ii) Gilfach Iago Update**

The Clerk confirmed that he had emailed the County Council and they had referred his enquiry to the legal department for a formal response with timescales to resolve the impasse.

It was **resolved** to note the Clerks update and await further response.

**920.**

#### **Clerk’s Report 19/03/2026**

**To: Chair and Members of Council.**

#### **(a) Parks: Saron and Capel Hendre 106. Still on the list of follow up with Carmarthenshire County Council.**

- 106 Monies for Saron Park £37,226
- 106 Monies Ddol Y Derwen £25k (first of 3 payments)

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**(b) Footpaths. Outstanding items.**

**51/23 Cwmfferws:** Bridleway linking to the path horse riding is not permitted, the Clerk has Asked the County Council Team to investigating putting up signage to warn horse riders.

**Update:** The Clerk is still monitoring but emailed the team in early March for an update.

**51/23 Cwmfferws to Saron:** An outstanding item reported by Cllr N. C. Davies, the Clerk will now establish who the landowner is and meet with them to discuss repairing a fence overlooking the river.

**Update:** As of the writing of this report the Clerk has spoken to the landowner and is meeting him in site Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

**51/67D/1 Entrance RoW at Parc Pencae,** Chippings are scheduled to be laid n Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

**Five Footpath enquiries around Wern Ddu and Heol Ddu:** The County Council have now issued summonses to landowners concerned to unblock and clear necessary obstacles; the Clerk will monitor the progress.

**Update;** The Clerk has met landowners on site and will update Councillors on the positive progress.

**(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project.**

Coed Lleol and Carmarthenshire County Council have started 4 days of Community Activity to do works on the Nature Reserve Area have now taken place and 2 more are scheduled plus added dates as follows.

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of March, Family Fun
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, Build a Bench (Families)
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April Build a Bench (Adults)

**(d) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion and other grants for greener energy solutions.**

The Clerk has met an Energy Champion Duncan Edwards from Egin at the Pavilion and a formal report, which is a stipulation of the Welsh Government grant application process, is due within 5 weeks of the meeting, the Clerk had asked Mr Edwards for an update and will report at the meeting.

**Update:** The Clerk is currently waiting for the report after emailing Mr Edwards for an update.

**(e) Betws Wind Farm fund from April 2026.**

The Clerk is now looking for projects with suggestions welcomed. He will be looking at Rights of Way signage that links the 120 footpaths to online maps and apps in response to previous discussion on having regional 'flyers' for walkers.

Also new equipment at parks.

**Update:** The Chair, Cllr Julian Tandy asked if the Clerk could follow up the enquiry on adopting a parcel of land at Penygroes and the V. Chair, Cllr A. J. Evans asked that the information boards be looked at as a project to upgrade with more community information or remove.

**(f) Park Upgrades:** Subject to confirmation these will be part paid by the 106 funds of £37,226 towards the cost all three projects.

- **Saron Park Zip Wire Project**

The project will be completed at the end of January 100% the cost of £18,443 before vat will now be claimed in this financial year.

**Update;** The final 'wet pour' surface to complete the project has been delayed due to adverse weather conditions, the Clerk will update progress at the meeting.

The Clerk explained at the meeting that he was now waiting for the final post instal inspection to reopen the park.

- **Penygroes Park Zip Wire Project and Blaenau Zip Wire Projects**

Council have confirmed eligibility of the same 106 pot for both Saron and Blaenau; both projects will start at the end of March at a cost circa £14k plus vat and £12k plus vat respectively.

**Update;** The Clerk is currently reviewing quotes and looking to schedule the works with the contractor.

**(g) Chamber and office move update:**

- Painting the men's and ladies' toilets will be undertaken before the end of the first week of April, the Bowls Club are happy this fits in with their first match at the end of April. The cost is £900inc Vat in total.

**Update:** The Clerk stated that the work would be complete by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March.

- A noticeboard to be used by the Bowls, Tennis and as a Community Council at the front of the building will be put in place during late March. The cost is £309 in Vat.

**Update:** The Clerk explained that this would be completed by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April.

**(h) Update on lease to Saron Juniors Football Club**

Currently the club are preparing an agreement for us to consider once the Clerk has sought the advice of our solicitors CCW Law to check the detail of the proposal. The Clerk has chased the club for the draft lease as he is keen to get the financial year considerations to be reflected in the budget. The club would like, subject to our agreement, take over the lease at the end of the football season in May or June.

**Update:** The Club have informed the Clerk that a draft lease proposal would be ready in the coming week.

**(i) Saron Park area Flooding.**

The Clerk has had numerous complaints about flooded gardens at the lane along Saron Juniors Football Pitch and Siddels Environmental Services were engaged by the Clerk in January to clear blocked drains and then unblock a sump on the bottom piece of land, it transpires that the culvert/ditch is blocked. The Clerk is seeking professional advice on which to seek a solution and a costing.

**Update:** The Clerk stated that he had met a specialist contractor on site and that he would now be drawing up a specification on which to obtain 3 quotes for the works to put before councillors.

**(j) Dog Fouling Bins at Cwmfferws and Dog Fouling at Saron Park.**

- Clerk is now chasing the County Council for a date for the bins to be put in place.
- The CCTV will be realigned week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

**(k) Grant presentation evening Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of March.**

The Clerk will give a short report on the evening.

Update: The Clerk showed councillors the press coverage that had been in the South Wales Guardian and online through social media and the V. Chair Cllr A. J. Evans gave a brief overview of the successful evening.

**(l) Quarterly Newsletter.**

The Clerk will compile the newsletter during March to include the Saron Zip Wire project and Rights of Way Updates and the Banc Y Ddraenen events, any other stories that Councillors have for consideration will be welcome.

**Update:** The Clerk is drafting up stories on Saron Park, Grants Evening, Banc Y Ddraenen and Club Successes of our tenants such as Llandybie Tennis Club of the year, Llandybie Bowls Club Centenary and spotlight on the Penygroes Park and the development of Penygroes Sports Clubs.

**(j) Embargo on political activity up to the Senedd.**

The Clerk will update members on any implications.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

March 19th, 2026

It was **resolved** to accept the Clerks Report and the resolutions within it.

**921. Financial Matters**

**Finance Report as at 19th of March 2026**

**INCOME**

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL INCOME	DIFFERENCE
Precept	193860.00	193860.00	0.00
Vat Return (Rebate)	24000.00	24797.16	797.16
Administration	3000.00	14305.73	11305.73
Bank interest	4300.00	5407.11	1107.11
Hire Agreement/Grants/106	20000.00	23050.00	3050.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>245160.00</b>	<b>261420.00</b>	<b>16260.00</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	DIFFERENCE
Grass Cutting	£31,500.00	£36,581.94	-£5,081.94
Staff Salary and PAYE	£57,252.00	£66,939.56	-£9,687.56
Office Services	£7,500.00	£9,234.26	-£1,734.26
Insurance	£3,240.00	£3,295.22	-£55.22
Financial Grants (Open Spaces, Hall, Cemetary)	£20,000.00	£13,859.00	£6,141.00

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Asset Maintenance (Public conveniences, premises, parks, rights of way, burial grounds)	£47,495.00	£75,829.42	<b>-£28,334.42</b>
Services & Subscriptions	£6,050.00	£5,446.70	<b>£603.30</b>
Members Allowances & Paye	£14,000.00	£1,216.00	<b>£12,784.00</b>
Election Costs	£8,000.00	£7,011.27	<b>£988.73</b>
Section 137	£20,000.00	£12,425.00	<b>£7,575.00</b>
Lighting	£4,000.00	£6,207.42	<b>£292.58</b>
Community Development	£61,000.00	£62,951.14	<b>-£1,951.14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£280,037.00</b>	<b>£300,996.93</b>	<b>£20,959.93</b>

**Payments made in January until 19th of March 2026**

02/03/2026	Clwb Hanes Penygroes Grant Feb 137 2026	400.00
02/03/2026	Clwb Hwyl a Sbri Ysgol Blaenau Feb 137 Grant	400.00
02/03/2026	Cor Merced Llandybie Fen 137 Grant	300.00
02/03/2026	Crafty Baggers Feb 137 Grant	400.00
02/03/2026	Cilch Meithryn Penygroes Feb 137 Grant	400.00
02/03/2026	Cymdeithas Henoed Penygroes Feb 137 Grant	400.00
02/03/2026	Cyngor Ysgol Y Blaenau Feb 137 Grant	400.00
02/03/2026	Ysgol Saron Feb 137 Grant	400.00
02/03/2026	Dawnsywyr Penrhyd Feb 137 Grant	850.00
02/03/2026	Ffindiau Tenovous Llandybie	1500.00
02/03/2026	Cwmgwili Community Gardens Feb 137 Grant	400.00
02/03/2026	Glo Man Feb 137 Grant	400.00
02/03/2026	Caerbryn Welfare Hall Feb Grant	770.00
02/03/2026	Penygroes Memorial Hall Feb Grant 2026	990.00
02/03/2026	CPD Caerbryn AFC 137 Grant Feb	400.00
02/03/2026	Llandybie Tennis Club 137 Feb Grant	500.00
02/03/2026	Saron Baptist Chapel	400.00
02/03/2026	Teml Apostolic Church Feb Grant	400.00
05/03/2026	Morgan & Morgan Technical Service for Router	442.48
05/03/2026	Ffindiau Ysgol Blaenau Feb 137 Grant	400.00
05/03/2026	Spian Road, Community Garden's Feb 137 Grant	400.00
05/03/2026	Martin Davies Finance Feb 2026	80.21
05/03/2026	Morgan & Morgan Photocopier Inv 205602	12.00
05/03/2026	K D Gardening Serv Cleaning of Toilet's Inv 254	674.28
05/03/2026	Siddell Env Services Exploration of Drains	360.00
13/03/2026	Saron Park	9134.18
16/03/2026	Carmarthenshire County Council Groundwork	2457.72
16/03/2026	Sian H Taylor Salary March 2026	920.24
16/03/2026	D Nicholas Salary March 2026	

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**Payments for invoices received at 19<sup>th</sup> of February.**

Morgan &amp; Morgan Monthly Broadband and Fibre Optic £90.00

Translation of Minutes £212.23

Members Annual Allowance circa £7,500

The Clerk stated that he felt the final end of year balance would end up at circa £194,000 and explained that £28,000 had been agreed in the October and the February Finance Committees to be taken out of reserves for the office move, gates at Penygroes and other projects and that the balance was reflective of this.

<b>Financial year ending 31/04/2026</b>					
<b>BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS</b>					
					£
<b>Brought Forward (opening balance at Bank)</b>					<b>£244,691.25</b>
<b>Add Income in the year</b>					<b>£261,510.00</b>
<b>Total</b>					<b>£506,201.25</b>
<b>Less outgoings</b>					<b>£302,243.81</b>
<b>Closing Balance Finance Spreadsheet</b>					<b>£203,957.44</b>
<b>(receipts - payments)</b>					
<b>Unpresented payments/cheques</b>					<b>£0.00</b>
<b>TRUE STATEMENT BALANCE</b>					<b>£203,957.44</b>

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Report and agree the payments to be made.

**(ii) Update on Internal and External Audit 2025/26**

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal Auditor Lynne Llewelyn had agreed to undertake the task this year and the Clerk confirmed he would close the accounts on Tuesday 31st of March and begin preparing for the Internal Audit by the June 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline and the subsequent July 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline for the Basic External Audit by Audit Wales.

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**Section 106 funding.**


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 Chair

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There was no update from County Councillors present.

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**Request on Seminars / Joint meetings / Qualifications**

The Clerk updated councillors that he had attended WLGA seminars in February and March and had submitted his 30 assignments to complete the process, 28 had now been passed but he had been asked for amendments to be done for two by June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year to complete the qualification.

**924.**

**Date of next meeting**

Members **resolved** that the date of the next Ordinary meeting be the 29th of April 2026 with a reconvened Policy & Employment Committee on the 15th of April 2026.

**925.**

As there was no further business to discuss, the **Chair declared** the meeting closed.  
7.14 pm.