

19<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

**Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Committee of Llandybie Community Council held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 19th, February, 2025 at 7.16 p.m.**

**Present**

Councillors	Mrs A.J. Evans J.W. Tandy	H. Davies C. R. Thomas	P. H. Roberts,
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<b>Attending online;</b>	A. Thomas	D. Thomas	Cllr D. Hopkins
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<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr G. J Davies and Cllr L. Wilkins
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**603.**

**To receive apologies of Absence;**

Cllr G. J. Davies, Cllr L. Wilkins had notified the Clerk they were unable to attend.

**Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**604.**

**Clerks Update on the Banc Y Draenen Project.**

The Clerk offered the following update;

- The Hedge line along the length of the park along with two planting benches had now been agreed to be installed by Carmarthenshire County Council at no cost to our budget.
- The hard surface area has been discussed with Carmarthenshire County Council and they have offered to break up the surface and return it to meadow grass under their budget. This was welcomed by Councillors as was the offer to provide another planting bench. The Clerk confirmed there was now budget to put a gate in the closest point to the main road to offer a walk through the proposed meadow area.
- He was also working with the council on managing the meadow and scrub areas with sympathetic cutting and planting schemes.
- He ask councillors if they had any amendments to the detailed ecology survey and the recommendations document that had been circulated. There was a positive acceptance of the documents with the following reservation;

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Chair

The statement that in reference to the planning of an estate of 19 houses under planning application PL/06641 at land off Bryn Dreinog, it was stated that the Banc Y Ddraenen would offset the effect on the ecology that development if passed by planning would have an effect on. The Councillors wanted it noted that Banc Y Ddraenen and the nature reserve proposal should stand on its own merits and that any ecology loss at other sites should be =minimal and this project at Banc Y Ddraenen should not be used as mitigation.

**605.**

**Cwmgwili Community Garden Project and wider Community Hall Project.**

The Clerk explained that he had engaged with Cwmgwili Community and had been advised that we as a council no longer have any claim on Cwmgwili Park and surrounding area and would cease to indemnify it from the end of March 2025, but positive works to improve the area are being pursued by Cwmgwili Community including works to improve the Community Garden.

**606.**

**Offer of Beehives from local Beekeepers.**

The Clerk reminded members to email him if they felt they had suitable sites in their wards that were secluded and not too close to populated housing areas.

**607.**

**Discussion of Green Heating Solution for Llandybie Pavilion.**

The Clerk updated councillors that the heating system at Llandybie Pavilion Project had received 3 quotes for the new heating system and Air Source Heat Pump and pending ratification of the winning quote work would start in May 2025 for approximately one month.

**608.**

**Discussion on the Dog Fouling initiative.**

The Clerk discussed the action plan he had circulated prior to the meeting and went through in detail his positive dealing with Police, Dog Wardens and the offer of a free trail of mobile CCTV Cameras to target hot spots, he had explained looked at the legal implications.

It was decided to **recommend** that the action plan be updated and adopted subject ratification and further discussion at the next Ordinary Meeting.

**609.**

**Discussion on solar on toilets and motion sensor lighting.**

The Clerk explained that he was in the process of costing solar panel and light sensors for toilets and some dark areas at night in our parks for security and energy saving measures.

It was **recommended** that the Clerk present these findings and costs at the next Environment Committee.

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**610.**

**Adoption of SMART Meters.**

The Clerk explained that our offices and chamber would now be measured by a SMART Electricity Meter after the landlords had agreed to have the whole building SMART Metered.

The Clerk **recommendation was accepted** that this be used as an opportunity to assess the feasibility and reliance in terms of all of a move over for our manged sites to SMART Meters.

**611.**

**Date of next meeting.**

The Clerks recommendation that the he call the next meeting when sufficient progress on projects had been made.

**612.**

As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.