

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Profile Committee of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council Offices, High Street, Llandybie and on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday, 9^h of June, 2025 at 7.15 p.m.

Present; Councillors D. W. Hopkins (Past Chair), N. C. Davies, H. Davies, J. W. Tandy (Chair), A. J. Evans (V. Chair and acting Chair of meeting).

Attending online; Councillors A. L. Thomas.

Apologies; Councillors L Wilkins, L. Thomas. P. H. Roberts.

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To receive Apologies for absence; Councillors L. Wilkins, P. H. Roberts and L. Thomas tendered apologies.

Acting Clerk for the meeting; Sian Taylor, Administration Officer

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Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

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Clerk to update Councillors on current community projects

The acting Clerk went through a list of completed and current community asset projects which included the completed Llandybie Tennis Courts, the agreed CCTV System in Saron Park soon to be started, Saron Park which is budgeted and currently waiting for three quotes to be submitted.

The Green Energy Heating System at the Llandybie Bowls and Tennis Pavilion has been deferred to apply for a grant for Greening Community Buildings which was due to be open to applications in late August 2025.

The Banc Y Ddraenen Park project was in the final stages that needs a layer of top soil to complete current works but would not have an impact on the budget as the remaining works were being funded by Carmarthenshire County Council.

It was recommended to note the update in the minutes.

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Discussion on the need for urgent fencing at Penygroes Park.

The Chair led discussion by stating a meeting had taken place at Penygroes Pavilion between the Penygroes Rugby Club, Cllr J. W. Tandy, Cllr P. H. Roberts and Cllr D. Thomas along with Menter Cwn Gwendraeth who currently lease the Pavilion for the County Council.

The meeting was called after the recent occupying of the Rugby Field owned by the Community Council of caravans from the Traveller Community.

Two options discussed could not be agreed on by the those present, namely paying person to open and shut the gate at circa £10 per day, leaving park gate open which could encourage a repeat of the incident or fencing off the access to the Rugby Field on two approaches.

The Chair asked in principle if the Clerk could be allowed to look for three quotes to see what the cost would be after he measured the fence and had details to explore quotes.

It was **recommended** that the best cost effective longer term option would be to fence off access, it was agreed that the Clerk present costings to the nearest available meeting being either the next Ordinary Meeting or Finance Committee in September as there works had not been included in the budget.

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Discussion on ideas for new community projects for 2026/27 on a ward by ward basis and ideas on raising the profile of the council.

The Chair led discussion and asked for ideas on Community Projects for next years budget, these included requests from Penygroes Councillors to look at facilities for the park including a Zip Wire at Penygroes Park, upgarde of the Tennis Court at Penygroes, consideration of a converion into a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) wild flower and tree planting including Norton Road. A bech request from a member of the public at the new Black Lion Road link Road was not favoured as the land in question was not Community Council land.

Saron Councillors offered ideas on working with the youth of the area especially year 6 to 9 school age and Cllr N. C. Davies suggested looking at events at Saron Hall with Cllr A. L. Thomas asking that Focus Grous or Youth Forum be considered along with a newsletter.

Reference was aslo made to the former park ara at Allt Nant Y Ci and writing to County Council to ask them to consider developing the former park area.

Cllr A. L. Thomas asked if ‘meet your councillor’ drop in session could be looked at, Vice Chair Cllr A. J. Evans asked if these could be linked to the Cuppa with a Coppa sessions at Penygroes and Llandybie.

Both Cllr N. C. Davies and Cllr A. L. Thomas offred support in organising Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages to give the council a better Social Media presence.

It was **recommended** that the Clerk produce an action plan to include the ideas that could be costed and debated further at the next Community Profile Committee.

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Discussion for community projects to feed into the 5 year rolling assset plan.

The committee **recommended** to allow the Clerk to update his 5 year rolling plan to include the above items to be presented to the Finance Committee in September.

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Update the committee on Press Coverage received in the past year.

The acting Clerk went through a list of projects that included The Church Flower Festival, the Morgan Marine 60th anniversary tree planting to mark Earth Day 2025, three inclusions in the South Wales Guardian on Dog Fouling and the Pooh Patrol, the Chair appeared in the Mayor Making Evening at Llandeilo Town Council press coverage and the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr N. C. Davies appeared in the South Wales Guardian as being present at the unveiling of a plaque to celebrate the achievement of Agnes Davies the Snooker Champion. The previous Chair appeared in support of the re-emergence of the Llandybie Carnival.

It was **agreed** to note and include in the minutes.

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Discussion on upcoming opportunities in the coming 10 months.

The upcoming opportunities were discussed and included the Park Pop Up Activity Sessions at Llandybie Park being organised by the Church, Love your park day on the 24th of July, the Chairs Networking event being hosted by the Chair on the 22nd of July at Llandybie Bowls and Tennis Pavilion, the formal opening of Llandybie Tennis Courts on the 26th of July and future events including formal opening of the Llandybie Bowls and Tennis Pavilion heating system and ongoing projects such as Saron Park new equipment.

It was **agreed** to note the ongoing promotional work and for the Clerk to update future Ordinary Meetings on progress.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.