

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council offices, High Street, Llandybie and online via Teams on Wednesday, 29th of October 2025 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors	Cllr A.J. Evans	Cllr L. Wilkins	Cllr J. Tandy
	P. H. Roberts	Cllr R. Barnes	Cllr E. W. Nicholas
	Cllr S. Roberts	Cllr G. J. Davies	
	E. J. Davies		

Attending online

Cllr K. D. L. Davies	D. Thomas	Cllr A. L. Thomas
Cllr A. W. Jones	Cllr H. Davies	

Apologies

Cllr R.A. Davies	Cllr C. R. Thomas	Cllr D. W. Hopkins
Cllr N. C. Davies		

Absent;

Cllr L. Jones

815.

To Receive apologies for absence.

There were four, Cllr R. A. Davies, Cllr C. R. Thomas, Cllr D. W. Hopkins, Cllr N. C. Davies.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the following meetings as circulated were considered:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 24th of September 2025

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr S. Roberts and seconded by Cllr E. W. Nicholas.

- Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 24th of September 2025

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr S. Roberts and seconded by Cllr R. Barnes.

- Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 15th of October 2025

Chair

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr A. J. Evans and seconded by Cllr J. E. Davies.

Acceptance of the minutes.

The Chair asked for a proposal to accept all the minutes, and this was **Proposed** by Cllr S. Roberts and **Seconded by** Cllr L. Wilkins.

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Matters arising from the minutes.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the 24th of September 2025.

(i) The Clerk asked that the grant recommendation by the Finance Committee for Penynac Welfare Hall be considered for resolution, the amount was £1,575, 50% of the cost of the renovation project.

Cllr S. Roberts proposed this be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr P. H. Roberts.

It was **resolved** to award the amount recommended.

(ii) The Clerk asked that the Precept recommendation from the Finance Committee of 3.5% raise be considered for resolution, Cllr D Thomas interjected that the reasoning of the Finance Committee was that it was below the rate of inflation, Cllr A. J. Evans added that it had been agreed in last years Finance Meetings that year on year tracking the increase be followed as a consideration.

Cllr A. Jones felt that raising the Precept had to be justified by a need to find extra money for specific reason.

The Clerk explained that there was a reason in that staff costs had gone up, NI Contributions had gone up, the same raises applied to the staff of suppliers including the County Council with a raise of circa 5% in the Grounds Maintenance Contract and the added impact of energy costs going up.

Cllr J. E. Davies proposed that it be accepted at 3.5%, Cllr S. Roberts seconded, a vote was taken which was unanimous.

It was **resolved** to raise the precept by 3.5% for 2026/27.

(iii) The Clerk stated that as part of the budget proposal the Members, Chairs and V Chairs Allowances was discussed, and it was recommended they stay at £156.00 per annum per member plus £15.00 per meeting and that an additional £500.00 be paid the Chair and V. Chair per annum.

Cllr J. E. Davies proposed this be accepted, Cllr P. H. Roberts seconded, a vote was taken which was unanimous.

It was **resolved** to keep allowances the same as the previous financial year.

(iv) The Clerk asked that the recommendation of acceptance of the Budget Review of 2025/26 at the 6 months stage be considered for approval.

Cllr S. Roberts proposed it be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr P. H. Roberts.

It was **resolved** to accept the Budget Review of 2025/26 at the 6th month stage prepared by the Clerk.

(v) The Clerk asked that the recommendation that the Budget for 2026/27 at the Finance Committee be considered for ratification.

Cllr S. Roberts proposed it be accepted and Cllr P. H. Roberts seconded. A Vote was taken which was unanimous.

It was **resolved** to accept the Budget set by the Clerk for 2026/27.

(vi) Cllr A. Jones asked for an update on the 106 claim for land off Ddol Y Derwen, whilst the Clerk explained that he had been informed by the County Council that the contractor had been invoiced for a third of the money, the invoice had not yet been paid and that a reminder invoice had been sent and he expected the first payment in the coming weeks.

Cllr A. Jones asked the explanation to be sent to him via an email, as the reception was not good and he didn't get all the information over the Teams link.

The Clerk agreed to email the explanation.

(vii) The Boundary Commission review was added by the Chair as the deadline for observations was imminent, the area the Chair felt was not acceptable was the merging of Llandybie and Penygroes Wards, after debate Cllr D. Thomas explained that it was a County Council boundary change and would not affect the Community Councils.

The Chair proposed that he and the Clerk seek guidance from the County Council and send a response, this was seconded by Cllr L. Wilkins.

It was **resolved** to send a response via the Clerk and the Chair.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Chair

(i) Police reports.**Police reports as 1st of September 2025**

Llandybie Area	
Violence and sexual offences	10
Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Public Order	3
Criminal Damage & Arson	2

Penygroes including Blaenau and Caerbryn;	
Violence and sexual offences	3
Criminal Damage	1
Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Burglary	1

Saron and Capel Hendre	
Violence and sexual offences	17
Anti-Social Behaviour	1
Drugs	1
Criminal Damage & Arson	1

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 \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk)

Cllr D. Thomas interjected that he was disappointed that in his ward two PCSO were away from work for various reasons, and this was not good policing in the area, the Clerk offered to write to the Police Commissioner Dafydd Llewelyn asking for dialogue, this was accepted.

(ii) Gilfach Iago Update

The Clerk confirmed that the only update he’d had was that the matter was more advanced and would again communicate with the County Council for further confirmation on the timeline of a likely outcome.

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

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Clerk's Report 27/10/25

To: Chair and Members of Council.

(a) Parks.

(i) Saron and Capel Hendre 106. Still on the list of follow up with Carmarthenshire County Council.

There is no further update on the two amounts of £22,320.00 for future education provision at Saron and £17,680.00 for Cwmgwili park. No further news to report.

(b) Footpaths.

51/23 Cwmfferws: Cllr C. R. Thomas reported horses being ridden on the RoW, although there is a 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.

51/17 Capel Hendre: Reported by Cllr N. C. Davies, the path is overgrown and blocked, the Clerk is arranging to meet our contractor on site to get it included in the contract cuts and reopen the path. Still ongoing.

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.

51/51 The gate road footpath was reported by Cllr P. H. Roberts, the Clerk has now Cllr Roberts on site and reporting the longstanding issue.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project.

Update; The Clerk is monitoring the situation after a challenge to the Planning Application that holds the 106 payments.

(d) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion.

The Clerk is now in the process of re pricing the project due to the time that has passed since March of this year.

(e) Saron Park Upgrade.

The chosen contractor, Wicksteed in in the process of manufacturing and the park is expected to be complete by the end of January 2026.

(f) Gate locking at Penygroes Park.

The chosen contractor, M B Fencing are now in the process of manufacturing the new gates, a local resident will continue locking the gates for the main entrance for the next month when the gates are expected to be in place.

(g) Chamber and office move update:

The Clerk will update Councillors on being asked by the landlords the Church in Wales to vacate the chamber by the end of November.

Update at the meeting. The Clerk introduced Cllr K. D. L. Davies into the discussion, Cllr Davies explained that Amman Valley Comprehensive School were looking for furniture to populate a new development at the school and proposed that we gift the furniture that we no longer require to the school provided they collect.

Cllr A. Jones felt it was not an issue provided there was an audit trail.

This was proposed for acceptance by Cllr L Wilkins and seconded by Cllr S. Roberts, it was **resolved** that the Clerk and Cllr Davies liaise with the school.

(h) Quarry Clock.

The clock has stopped and the normal attention by the Clerk to keep it on time has failed, Smiths of Derby have looked at the problem and its clear the electricity supply has been turned off from the main Chapel building adjacent.

The Clerk is now trialling a battery to get the clock working again, the service is being undertaken by local businessman Stuart Thomas. Currently the Clock is keeping time.

Cllr A. J. Evans asked if this effected the warranty of the Clock, the Clerk explained this was a larger battery and not a replacement or adjustment to the existing mechanism.

(i) Dog Fouling (k)ins at Cwmfferws.

The Clerk has met with the Carmarthenshire County Council Groundwork Team who undertake of parks tenders to discuss having bins at either end of Saron and Cwmfferws emptied more regularly and to ascertain if more bins can be provided. They will be replying to his request, hopefully over the next week.

(j) Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.

The annual procession will take place and arrive at the church at 11am, the Clerk will meet the Chair at 10.15 am at our Council Offices at Llandybie to arrange the Chain handover. The wreathes are being supplied by the Church of Wales to be laid by the Chair whilst we as a Community Council will honour our commitment to supply a wreath for the service at Saron.

(k) Office conversions at the Pavilion.

The Clerk has now received quotes to convert the shower room into an office from three contractors JJ Handyman £4574, Mitchell Co Services £8,032 and Conner Thomas at £4,098.20. The Clerk will be asking members to agree by resolution that we ask Conner Thomas to undertake the work.

It was proposed by Cllr S. Roberts and seconded by Cllr L. Wilkins and a vote taken was unanimous.

It was **resolved** to ask Connor Thomas to undertake the work.

Cllr A. Jones asked that the office move be commemorated by a last picture taken at the current Chamber, it was suggested by the Chair that this could be done after or before the next committee meeting, The Clerk offered to arrange this.

(l) Shed conversion at the Pavilion, Llandybie.

Shed conversion Handyman quoted £1,941.88 as budgeted but only charged £1,601.88, however extra was needed to put drainage in place, the Clerk had called at the shed on a very wet Sunday, and the floor was wet, water was coming in from the base, the cost of this work was £756.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk

October 27th, 2025

821. Financial Matters

Finance Report as at 27th of October 2025

INCOME

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL INCOME	DIFFERENCE
Precept	193860.00	129240.00	-64620.00
Vat Return (Rebate)	24000.00	16118.40	-7881.60
Administration	3000.00	1708.61	-1291.39
Bank interest	4300.00	212.56	-4087.44

Chair

Hire Agreement/Grants/106	20000.00	23050.00	3050.00
Total	245160.00	170329.57	-74830.43

EXPENDITURE

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	DIFFERENCE
Grass Cutting	£31,500.00	£13,524.38	£17,975.62
Staff Salary and PAYE	£57,252.00	£31,137.47	£26,114.53
Office Services	£7,500.00	£6,535.47	£964.53
Insurance	£3,240.00	£3,295.22	-£55.22
Financial Grants (Open Spaces, Hall, Cemetery)	£20,000.00	£11,049.00	£8,951.00
Asset Maintenance (Public conveniences, premises, parks, rights of way, burial grounds)	£47,495.00	£25,194.92	£22,300.08
Services & Subscriptions	£6,050.00	£4,906.40	£1,143.60
Members Allowances & Paye	£14,000.00	£1,216.00	£12,784.00
Election Costs	£8,000.00	£7,011.27	£988.73
Section 137	£20,000.00	£1,800.00	£18,200.00
Lighting	£4,000.00	£6,207.42	£2,207.42
Community Development	£55,565.00	£37,819.14	£17,745.86
Total	£274,602.00	£149,696.69	- £124,905.31

Payments made in October 2025

02/10/2025	KD Landscaping September Public Toilets	862.50
02/10/2025	JJ Handyman re issued after return Inv No. 1114	65.00
02/10/2025	Mike Pugh Signs sign for Park Litter Competiton Inv 5229	444.00
02/10/2025	Kaye Brayley Gate Att Penygroes Inv 02	25.00
02/10/2025	One Voice Wales Cllr Training x 1 Inv 10018	42.00
02/10/2025	Martin Davies Translation of Newsletter Inv 23 09 2025	65.52
02/10/2025	LHP Software licence Inv 85049	169.20
02/10/2025	Carmarthenshire County Annual Insp Blaenau Inv Np. 900163539	102.00
02/10/2025	Martin Davies Translation Minutes July Inv 11 09 2025	301.92
02/10/2025	Morgan & Morgan Connectivity Inv 99168	35.99
06/10/2025	Kaye Brayley Gate opening Penygroes Inv 03	210.00

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06/10/2025	Martin Davies Minutes	144.00
07/10/2025	Morgan & Morgan Open Reach Install Inv No. 99512	144.00
07/10/2025	Smiths of Derby Quarry Clock Repair Inv 138173	210.00
07/10/2025	Defib Store Pads and Batteries for Defibs Inv LLAND 005	678.00
10/10/2025	Community Grants Ammanford RFC Sept 2025	250.00
10/10/2025	Community Grants Ammanford Food Bank Sept 2025	1000.00
10/10/2025	Community Grants Llandybie Twinning Ass Sept 2025	200.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Amman Valley League of friends Sept 2025	250.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Llandybie Church Xmas Lights Sept 2025	250.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Wales Air Ambulance Sept 2025	1000.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Young at Heart Penygroes Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Menter Cwm Gwendraeth Elli Sept 2025	250.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Merched Y Wawr Penygroes Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Llandybie WI Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Tuesday Vis Club Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Llandybie Mothers Union Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Y Llofwr Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Llandybie PTA Sept 2025	500.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Llandybie Memorial Hall Sept 2025	1699.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Penybanc Welfare Ass Sept 2025	850.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Saron Welfare Ass Sept 2025	850.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Short Mat Bowling Club Sept 2025	250.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Llandybie Bowls Club Sept 2025	750.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant National Playing Field Ass Sept 2025	650.00
10/10/2025	Community Calfaria Baptist Chapel Penygroes Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Jerusalem Chapel Penygroes Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Mynydd Sion Chapel Penygroes Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Capel Y Drindod Cross Hands Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Penygroes Evangelical Church Sept 2025	300.00
10/10/2025	Community Grant Soar Baptist Chapel Llandyfan Sept 2025	300.00

Payments pending for the end of October and Beginning of November.

- JJ Handyman Shed £1,601.88
- JJ Handyman Drainage £756.00
- Connor Thomas Carpentry and Building £4,098.28

- K D Gardening Services £891.25
- Morgan & Morgan £83.99
- Kaye Brayley £235
- Carmarthenshire County Council £3,088 (Annual Rates of Chamber and Bowls Pavilion)
- Carmarthenshire County Council £18,268.38 (1st and 2nd Quarter Grounds Maintenance Contract)

The Clerk asked for the payments and the payments due to be accepted; it was **resolved** to accept the payments made and payments due.

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS					
					£
Brought Forward (opening balance at Bank)					£244,691.25
Add Income in the year					£170,329.57
Total					£415,020.82
Less outgoings					£174,865.20
Closing Balance Finance Spreadsheet					£240,155.62
(receipts - payments)					
Unpresented payments/cheques					£0.00
TRUE STATEMENT BALANCE					£240,155.62

It was **resolved** to accept financial report presented by the Clerk with the above amendment.

(ii) Update on External Audit 2024/25

The Clerk confirmed that the External Audit was in the process of being done and some emailed questions had been received but there had been no final determination yet.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk update the next Ordinary Meeting in November.

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Section 106 funding.

There was no update from County Councillors present.

Chair

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Request on Seminars / Joint meetings

The Chair shared his enjoyable day out at the Llandybie Twinning Association monthly social event accompanied by the Clerk and explained that it transpires that as Community Council we are honorary members and will be attending the next formal meeting to look at opportunities of working with the group.

The Clerk reported that he and the Administrative Officer had visited the widow of Brian James a previous technical officer at Llandybie Community Council, they had met with Mrs James and presented flowers and card of condolence.

Mr Brian James had a long and distinguished career in Local Government after leaving National Service in the late 1950's, he studied and qualified in Architecture and joined Dinefwr Brough Council in the 1960's serving a long career to retirement in 1996 at which time he took up the part time post of Technical Officer with Llandybie Community Council.

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Date of next meeting

Members **resolved** that the date of the next Ordinary meeting be the 29th of October 2025 with a Green Spaces Committee on the 19th of November 2025.

The Clerk will circulate a time on the 19th for all Councillors to be present to have a last picture taken in the chamber.

825.

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