

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at the Council Offices, Llandybie on Wednesday, 26th February, 2020 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

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| Councillors | Mrs K.D.L. Davies | R. A. Davies | Mrs J.E. Collins |
| | W.D. Evans | Mrs C. Thomas | Mrs A. Evans |
| | Mrs S. E. Thomas | Mrs Ll. Hindley | P.H. Roberts |
| | A.W. Jones | E.W. Nicholas | I. Rh. Llewelyn |
| | B. Rees | D. Hopkins | N. Evans |

Apologies

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| Councillors | D. Nicholas | Mrs Ll. Latham |
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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 of Council held on 29th January, 2020
Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Council held on 29th January, 2020.
Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 5th February, 2020
Minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on the 5th February, 2020

It was **resolved** to approve the remaining Minutes of these meetings as a true record.
It was further **resolved** to confirm the recommendations of the committees.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minutes arising from the Ordinary meeting held on the 29th January, 2020

- 1) Minute 663 - Deposit Revised Local Development Plan the Clerk had been notified that the consultation period had been extended by a further 14 days to the 27th March, 2020.
- 2) Minute 666 – Payment of accounts – Councillor Bryan Rees questioned the monthly payment for electricity at the Llandybie Bowls and Tennis pavilion. The Clerk had identified that storage heaters were knocking on daily on a timer and that this had now ceased. The Clerk had also placed notices to remind users to switch off all heaters before leaving the building.

Minutes arising from the Finance meeting held on 5th February, 2020

- 1) Minute 675 – Financial grants. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr Howard Beynon informing Members that the Llandybie Male Voice Choir has been

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disbanded, due to a lack of choristers. They therefore wished to withdraw their application of financial support.

The Clerk had written to Mr Beynon to express the Council's regret but thanking them for their contribution to the community over the past 112 years of their existence.

CORRESPONDENCE

683.

Police reports

Crime figures for February 2020.

Llandybie

Sexual Offence 1

Violence with injury 2

Saron, Capel Hendre and Penybanc

Burglary 4

Other theft 1

Criminal Damage 2

Violence without injury 4

Theft 4

Sexual Offence 1

Penygroes

Vehicle Offences 1

Violence without injury 3

Other theft 1

Sexual Offence 1

684.

One Voice Wales renewal for 2020/2021

Membership renewal of this association is due on the 1st April 2020 and the Clerk had received an invoice for £1,740. The fee is based on 5180 dwellings (taken from the Valuation List) at £0.336p per dwelling. The Clerk advised Members that with ever increasing responsibilities being devolved to Community Councils the regular updates provided by One Voice Wales on matters relating to local issues, legal and financial requirements and training were a very valuable resource and recommended that membership should continue.

It was **resolved** that membership be renewed for the year ending 31st March 2021 and that a payment of £1740 be made.

685.

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual report 2019/20

The Clerk informed Members that Llandybie Community Council would remain within Band A reflecting last year's income being in excess of £200k threshold.

Members **resolved** to accept the determinations of the IPRW specifically relating to Community Councils as follows :-

Determination 42 – All Community and Town councils must make available a payment to each of their members of £150 per year as a contribution to costs and expenses. As the payment is mandatory, it must be paid to each councillor unless the individual councillor makes a personal decision to forgo part or all of the entitlement.

Determination 43 - Community Councils in Band A must also make available an annual payment of £500 each to a minimum of one and a maximum of five members in recognition of specific responsibilities such as chairing of committees. As the payment is mandatory, it must be paid unless the individual councillor makes a personal decision to forgo part or all of the entitlement. It was **resolved** that only the Chair and Vice Chair are eligible for these payments as either one would always chair the committees. As the payment is mandatory, it must be paid to the Chair and Vice Chair unless the individual councillor makes a personal decision to forgo part or all of the entitlement.

Determination 44 – 49 recognise that reimbursement of travel costs, subsistence costs, compensation for financial loss for attending meetings, and reimbursement of the costs of care and personal assistance be made available should an appropriate claim be made.

Determination 50 and 51 – the Council can provide a payment to the Chair of Council up to a maximum of £1500, and to the Vice Chair of up to £500. It was **resolved** that the Chairman's Allowance be maintained at £300.

686.

Temporary footpath closure

A letter had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council informing Members that they had received an application to close footpath 51/105 for a 3 week period for Western Power to lay a high voltage cable.

Members agreed to note the information.

687.

Town and Community Council conference 2020

All members had received an invitation to attend the inaugural Town and Community Council conference at Parc Y Scarlets, Llanelli on the 18th March, 2020 organised jointly by One voice Wales and Carmarthenshire County Council. The aim of the day is to share information, network and discuss some of the key issues for the county in the coming year.

688.

Imposition of new speed limits

Carmarthenshire County Council propose to introduce a 30mph speed limit at Heol Ddu on the U4304 from its junction with the C2210 for a distance of 765 metres in a general north easterly direction.

Also, 40mph speed limits are proposed for :-

C2137 at Llandyfan – from a point 120m north of its junction with the C2142 for a distance of 335 metres

U4304 Heol Ddu – from a point 520m southwest of its junction with the C2141 for 1.16km

C2142 Llandyfan – from its junction with the C2137 for a distance of 2.53km

Members **resolved** not to object to the proposals.

689.

Waiting restrictions on the A483 at Penybanc

A letter had been received from Welsh Government informing Members that they intend to prohibit waiting on both sides of the A483 extending from a point 147 metres south east of its junction with Parklands Road to a point 350 metres south east of that junction. There will be exemptions including for disabled person's badge holders.

Members **resolved** not to object to the proposals.

690.

IPRW – Principles relating to the reimbursement of Care Costs for Councillors

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had opened a consultation to find ways of increasing the take up of financial support specifically for those Councillors with care costs or personal needs.

Members were asked to complete the document before the 9th April, 2020 for inclusion in the Final Report and ultimately adopted by all relevant authorities.

691.

GILFACH IAGO

The Clerk had been informed that a joint letter from Jonathan Edwards AM and Adam Price MP, had been sent to UK Government, Welsh Government and the Coal Authority highlighting the issues.

The Clerk had also written a further letter to Carmarthenshire County Council for an update on costings, and Celtic Energy's commitment to progress with the work. No

response had been received, but he had been made aware that a meeting with Celtic Energy was scheduled for March 4th, 2020.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk should write to Ruth Mullen reminding them that the issue of a monetary payment for the benefit of the community needs to be discussed with Celtic Energy and should be formally added to the meeting's agenda. It was further **resolved** that the County Councillors would also approach Ruth Mullen to establish the current situation.

CLERK'S REPORT

692.

a) Public Rights of Way

Large fallen branches on FP 51/36 at Caerbryn and FP 51/52 at Penygroes had blocked both footpaths during the recent storms. The Clerk had asked Dynevor Tree Services to clear the paths and an invoice of £180 had been received for the work undertaken.

It was **resolved** that the invoice should be paid.

b) Shed at Llandybie Bowls and Tennis pavilion

The recent stormy weather had resulted in the roof being blown off the shed which houses the electrical system for the sprinkler system. The Clerk had asked the emergency team at Carmarthenshire County Council to attend with a carpenter and electrician to protect the electric cables, pumps and sockets housed in the shed. The roof had subsequently been replaced on the following day by a local contractor M McLelland at a cost of £84.62 with no VAT charged.

Due to the electrical fixings being exposed to the weather prior to the emergency work being done, it was recommended that an overhaul of the entire system be undertaken by a qualified electrician before any further use. The Clerk had arranged for this work to be done by D J Electrical at a cost of £200 plus VAT with any residual work sanctioned for safety purposes .

It was **resolved** that the invoiced should be paid

c) Penybanc Park

Councillor Mrs K.D.L Davies thanked Councillors Mrs C Thomas and Mrs A. Evans for organising a questionnaire for local residents to establish current usage, and what play equipment they would like at the park if the Council were to consider making improvements. Feedback had been excellent and it was resolved that the Parks and Play Area committee should now consider the project, obtain suitable costings and report back to Full Council with their proposals.

d) Park inspection improvements

A schedule of completed work was presented to the Members. An invoice for £500 excluding VAT had been received from P Bishop and paid with the agreement of the Chair.

693.**FINANCIAL MATTERS****(i) Payment of accounts**

The following invoices had been received in February 2020 and been paid after discussion with the Chair

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| 5080 | Morgan and Morgan | Printer ink | £43.19 |
| 5102 | P Bishop | Work on park equipment to remove inspection risk issues | £500.00 |
| 5109 | M McClelland | Repair of storm damaged roof at Llandybie pavilion | £84.62 |

The following invoices and payment requests had also been received:

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| 5081 | S Griffith | February salary and use of home as office allowance | £2182.80 |
| 5082 | R Thomas | February salary and use of home as office allowance | £627.40 |
| 5083 | HMRC | February 2020 | £885.83 |
| 5084 | Llanelli Centre for the Deaf | Community Council Grant | £100.00 |
| 5086 | Llandybie Twinning Association | Community Council Grant | £200.00 |
| 5087 | Ammanford and District Choral Association | Community Council Grant | £200.00 |
| 5088 | Urdd National Eisteddfod 2021 | Community Council Grant | £100.00 |
| 5089 | Friends of Tenovus Llandybie | Community Council Grant | £200.00 |
| 5090 | Cancer Information and Support Service | Community Council Grant | £150.00 |
| 5091 | Healthy Allsorts | Community Council Grant | £100.00 |
| 5092 | Blaenau School Council | Community Council Grant | £400.00 |
| 5093 | Cylch Meithrin Penygroes | Community Council Grant | £300.00 |
| 5094 | Cylch Meithrin Blaenau | Community Council Grant | £300.00 |
| 5095 | Llandybie W I | Community Council Grant | £200.00 |
| 5096 | Ammanford Talking News | Community Council Grant | £100.00 |

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| 5097 | Penygroes OAP Association | Community Council Grant | £300.00 |
| 5098 | Caerbryn Welfare Community Association | Community Council Grant | £625.00 |
| 5099 | Penygroes Welfare Hall | Community Council Grant | £825.00 |
| 5101 | Apostolic Temple Penygroes | Community Council Grant | £250.00 |
| 5103 | Wales Audit office | Audit of 2018/19 accounts | £516.75 |
| 5104 | Calfaria, Penygroes Independent Chapel | Community Council Grant | £250.00 |
| 5105 | Martin Davies | Translation of February meetings and new Water Hygiene policy | £204.15 |
| 5106 | One Voice Wales | Annual membership renewal 2020/21 | £1740.00 |
| 5107 | hsl Compliance | Water hygiene Llandybie pavilion | £62.54 |
| 5108 | hsl Compliance | Water hygiene Saron pavilion | £58.20 |
| 5110 | Jeff's Tipper Hire | Opening and Closing public conveniences during February 2020 | £812.00 |
| 5111 | Dynevor Tree Services | Clearance of fallen trees on FP 51/52 and FP 51/36 | £180.00 |
| 5112 | Morgan and Morgan | Printer ink | £66.00 |
| 5113 | Morgan and Morgan | Annual domain hosting for e-mail accounts | £88.80 |
| 5114 | EDF | Llandybie pavilion – Feb 2020 | £33.58 |
| 5115 | EDF | Saron pavilion – Feb 2020 | £71.41 |
| 5116 | hsl Compliance | Risk assessments for water hygiene in public conveniences and pavilions | £816.00 |

Members **resolved** that the accounts should be paid.

(ii) Monthly monitoring of the budget

| | 2018/19 Profit and loss £ | 2019/20 Estimate £ | Actual Income and expenditure 1.4.19- 31.01.20 £ |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Precept | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 |
| Maintenance Grant | 46,640 | 31,617 | 3,841 |
| Interest: Lloyds | 184 | 250 | 114 |
| Interest: investment accounts | 306 | 400 | 532 |
| Refund EDF | 166 | 0 | 1206 |

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| Rights of way | 3000 | 3,000 | 3000 |
| Hire of Facilities | 0 | 4,200 | 4,700 |
| CCC – VAS signs refund | | 1800 | |
| | 230,296 | 189,650 | 193,393 |
| General administration | 50,722 | 56,575 | 19,037 |
| Staffing | 41,226 | | 38,760 |
| Parks and Play Areas | 50,062 | 30,000 | 106,253 |
| Section 137 payments | 7,348 | | 3,759 |
| Payments under other powers | 1,850 | | 1,550 |
| Public Open Spaces | 1,663 | | 4,450 |
| Village halls | 4,545 | | 2,470 |
| Burial grounds | 3,250 | 18000 | 2,250 |
| Rights of way – maintenance | 4,745 | 10000 | 5,696 |
| Rights of way – improvement | | | |
| Public lighting - energy | 7,877 | | |
| Public lighting - improvement | 0 | 8,500 | |
| Community development | 68,555 | 25,000 | 30,363 |
| Llandybie public conveniences | 4,572 | | 4,845 |
| Penygroes public conveniences | 3,704 | 10,000 | 5,662 |
| Chairman's Allowance | 300 | 300 | |
| Total | 250,419 | 202,031 | 225,095 |
| Balance for the year (period) | -20,123 | | -31,702 |
| b/f | 438,102 | | 417,979 |
| c/f | 417,979 | | 386,277 |
| Cash and investments | 402,723 | | 377,984 |
| Debtors | 15,256 | | 8,293 |
| Creditors | 0 | | 0 |
| | 417,979 | | 386,277 |

The Chair invited questions or comments. Members **resolved** to approve the accounts as above.

(iii) **Commentary where actual spend is greater than 15% of YTD budget.**

Parks and Play areas are over budget due to payment for Llandybie, Penygroes and Saron park improvements. Community Development is over due to £25k payment to Penybank RFC for the development project.

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The Chair thanked the Clerk for his report.

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Request for information from County Councillors on Section 106 agreements

There were none.

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Reports on seminars / joint meetings

Councillors D.Hopkins, W.D Evans and R. A Davies had attended a ‘Community Conversations’ event at Llandybie Memorial Hall run by the Heart of Wales Line Community Rail Partnership. The purpose of the event was to see how the local community and CRP could work collaboratively.

Councillor D Hopkins had also attended a Heart of Wales Association meeting where concern had been expressed at the lack of volunteers, and the very real possibility that the committee would be unable to continue without more support.

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Date of next meeting

Members **resolved** that the next Ordinary meeting of Council be held on the 25th March, 2020.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.