

14th January 2026

Minutes of a meeting of the Green Spaces Committee of Llandybie Community Council held on Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 14th, January 2026 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors	Mrs A.J. Evans	L. Wilkins,	N. C. Davies
	J.W. Tandy	D. W. Hopkins	

Attending online; None

Apologies: Cllr G. J Davies, S. Roberts

Absent; R. Barnes, H. Davies

Note taker: S. Taylor **Clerk:** D. Nicholas

857.

To receive apologies of Absence.

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

Declarations of Interest

There were none.

858.

Discussion and updates on Banc Y Ddraenen and 106 monies.

The Clerk explained that he has met with Carmarthenshire County Council and the Planning Application to offer 106 money against the cost of the ‘Nature Reserve Aspiration’ is being challenged, there also an embargo on developments in the Llanelli Area on soil nutrients and leakage to water courses being damaged by building developments, the Clerk will be discussing alternative ways to get the Nature Reserve project started.

859.

Saron Park Zip Wire Project

The project will start at the end of January to council has now been offered 106 monies to cover 100% the cost of £18,443 plus vat (vat not claimable).

860.

Penygroes Park Zip Wire Project

Chair

The Clerk is waiting for the County Council to confirm eligibility of the same 106 monies for the Saron area for Penygroes Park, the project will however start at the end of March.

861.

Blaenau Park Zip Wire Project

The Clerk is also waiting for 106 confirmations from the Saron 106 monies towards the cost, however this project will start at the beginning of April. This will be part paid by the 106 funds of £37,226 for all three projects.

862.

Gates at Penygroes Park

The project is due to be completed on the 13th of January. The delay was due to weather and Christmas.

863.

Update on lease to Saron Juniors Football Club

A request to take over the lease agreement which has been agreed by our Full Council to be explored, Carmarthenshire County Council emailed the Clerk to say they have no objections. 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 and the present to Full Council.

864.

Morgan Marine Tree Planting project at our parks

The Clerk is waiting for Morgan Marine to agree a site visit to agree dates and locations for planting and ask for volunteers to help with the tree planting at 5 parks.

865.

Clerk will introduce Coed Lleol scheme at Banc Y Ddraenen

As per item 1 the Clerk explained that he was in discussion with Coaed Lleol and Carmarthenshire County Council for a fully funded scheme that has been offered with 6 days of Community Activity to do works on the Nature Reserve Area, the Clerk will use this opportunity to 'kick starting' the Nature Reserve project.

866.

General update on Rights of Way.

The Clerk led discussion on how to promote and use the footpaths as per our Section 6 Biodiversity Report which was presented at the meeting, ideas discussed included flyers on walks and an interactive online map that links to phone apps for walkers and hikers.

867.

Discussion on solar on toilets, parks and motion sensor lighting

The Clerk explained that he has arranged to meet our electrical contractor on site next week to get a formal brief in place.

868.

Update on the green heating solutions for Llandybie Pavilion.

The Clerk explained that despite many requests the Clerk is still waiting for the energy report promised before Christmas on guidance to write a brief to supply to contractors. He explained that he would update all Councillors on progress at the next Ordinary Meeting.

869.

Floodlights strategy at Llandybie and Capel Hendre

The explained that specialist company have advised the Clerk on how to address a long-term solution to floodlights, the Clerk is researching grants to be applied for and a tender brief and will look at the project in the coming year.

870.

Adoption parcels of land for tree planting/Penygroes.

The Clerk explained that he is waiting for a formal reply from Carmarthenshire County Council as there is a bit of confusion on ownership of the land at Norton Road Penygroes.

871.

Section 6 Biodiversity Report (Circulated)

The Clerk discussed the action points to be overseen by the Green Spaces committee and explained that he had been offered consultancy and training through the One Voice Wales Biodiversity Team to take the report to the next stage and put an action plan in place, he will report on progress at the next Green Spaces Committee.

872.

Storage of digital files.

The Clerk explained that all files from the old office have now been scanned and digitised and are now available on One Drive, this was in line with our paperless office policy.

873.

Net Zero Training.

The Chair explained that he had attended Net Zero training and the Clerk would like discussion on gauging commitment from committee members on future training needs. It was agreed that the Clerk circulate training opportunities as a matter of course.

874.

Newsletter and stories on Green Spaces

The Clerk asked for green stories and other Social Media stories to be emailed if members felt they had newsworthy items. The Vice Chair Cllr A. J. Evans asked that the Clerk publicise the RSPB Bird Count Initiative between the 23rd and 25th of January on our Facebook Page.

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Next meeting was discussed and diarised for 15th April 2026.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.15 pm.