

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Llandybie Community Council held at The Pavilion, Llandybie and online via Teams on Wednesday, 25th of February 2026 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors	Cllr A.J. Evans	Cllr R. Barnes	Cllr J. Tandy
	Cllr D. W. Hopkins	Cllr G. J. Davies	Cllr N. C. Davies
	Cllr E. W. Nicholas	Cllr C. R. Thomas	Cllr H. Davies
	Cllr S. Roberts		

Attending online	Cllr K. D. L. Davies	Cllr A. L. Thomas	Cllr A. W. Jones
	Cllr L. Jones		

Apologies	D. Thomas	P. H. Roberts	Cllr L. Wilkins
	E. J. Davies	Cllr R.A. Davies	

Absent.	None
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Note taker:	S. Taylor
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Clerk:	D. S. Nicholas
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To Receive apologies for absence.

There were five, Cllr P. H. Roberts, Cllr R. A. Davies, Cllr L. Wilkins, Cllr E. J. Davies, Cllr D. Thomas.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There was one, Cllr R. Barnes again expressed an interest in two items in the Clerks Report on Caerbryn Junior Football Club, and the item on Saron Juniors lease agreement.

901.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the following meetings as circulated were considered:

- Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 21st of January 2026

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

- Minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 11th of February 2026

25th of February 2026

The minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr C. R. Thomas and seconded by Cllr D. W. Hopkins.

Acceptance of the minutes.

The Chair asked for a proposal to accept all the minutes, and this was **Proposed** by Cllr R. Barnes and **Seconded** by Cllr N. C. Davies.

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Matters arising from the minutes.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the 11th of February 2026.

The Clerk advised members that all information from clubs and groups receiving financial assistance had now been received except for one which had promised the information required by Friday 27th of February.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

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CORRESPONDENCE

(i)

Police reports as 1st of January 2026

Llandybie Area	
Violence and sexual offences	11
Criminal Damage & Arson	2
Burglary	1
Drugs	1

Penygroes including Blaenau and Caerbryn;	
Violence and sexual offences	4
Other Crime	1
Public Order	3
Criminal Damage & Arson	3

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Saron and Capel Hendre	
Violence and sexual offences	8
Criminal Damage & Arson	3
Anti-Social Behaviour	2
Public Order	2

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

(ii) Gilfach Iago Update

The Clerk confirmed that he had no further response.

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

905.

Clerk’s Report 18/02/2026

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.

- 106 Monies for Saron Park £37,226
- 106 Monies Ddol Y Derwen £25k (first of 3 payments)

(b) Footpaths. Outstanding items.

51/23 Cwmfferws: 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 and road users.

Update: The Clerk is still monitoring.

51/17 Capel Hendre: Overgrown path, the contractor is clearing from April as part of the first cut of the season.

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Update: The Clerk has tried to walk the path from both ends with the contractor to survey works for the new budget year but was unable to navigate the path, the Carmarthenshire Rights of Way Team have sked that we leave the works until they can properly survey the route to map a new route after the land fell away on the original route making it unpassable.

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.

Update: The Clerk has written to the landowner.

51/67D/1 Entrance RoW at Parc Pencae, Chippings will now be laid.

Five Footpath enquiries around Wern Ddu and Heol Ddu: The County Council have now issued summonses to landowners concerned to unblock and clear necessary obstacles; the Clerk will monitor the progress.

51/77 Pentregwenlais, Llandybie, this footpath has now been reopened by the RoW Team at Carmarthenshire.

Non-Rights of Way matters.

Land and hedge at Bonllwyn, there is land at Bonllwyn on Aberlash Road that we as a Community Council have traditionally cleared and a hedge, we have a legacy of cutting.

Update: A letter was written to the landowner Mr Finton McDonald who replied positively and the Clerk met him on site on Thursday 12th of February with a resident and he, with his brother who was in attendance, has now agreed to cut the hedge once a year and maintain overgrowth on the land behind the hedge when required. The Clerk has passed on details of the local contractor who has traditionally undertaken the work after Mr McDonald expressed an interest in using a local contractor.

(c) Banc Y Ddraenen Park Project.

Coed Lleol and Carmarthenshire County Council have started 6 days of Community Activity to do works on the Nature Reserve Area with three days having taken place on Sunday 6th of February, Monday 16th and Friday 20th of February with 3 more days planned.

(d) Heating System at Bowls and Tennis Pavilion and other grants for greener energy solutions.

The Clerk has met an Energy Champion Duncan Edwards from Egin at the Pavilion and a formal report, which is a stipulation of the Welsh Government

grant application process, is due within 5 weeks which will offer recommendations for heating and lighting at the Pavilion and will also reference the floodlights. It has been confirmed that we are eligible to apply for £15,000 of funding.

There is a further £25,000 grant that Egin has advised the Clerk we are eligible for and the Clerk is in the process of exploring an application for this fund.

(e) Betws Wind Farm fund from April 2026

The Clerk is now preparing applications for projects identified in our asset budget spend for community led initiatives and will be bringing a list to the March Ordinary Meeting, he would welcome discussion on 'other projects' as we will have reserves available due to the fact that a budget ear mark of circa £30k before vat has been secured from the 2026-27 budget to cover the cost of the Cableway/Zipwires at Penygroes and Blaenau Parks.

(f) Park Upgrades: Subject to confirmation these will be part paid by the 106 funds of £37,226 towards the cost all three projects.

- **Saron Park Zip Wire Project**

The project is to be completed at the end of February and 100% the cost of £18,443 before vat will now be claimed in this financial year.

Update:

Cllr N. C. Davies asked that more visible Dog Fouling CCTV signs be erected at the park, the Clerk noted this and said he will arrange for this to be completed, and also, he had asked the CCTV Contractor to re angle a camera towards a Dog Fouling Hotspot.

- **Penygroes Park Zip Wire Project and Blaenau Zip Wire Projects**

Council have confirmed eligibility of the same 106 pot for both Saron and Blaenau; both projects will start at the end of March at a cost circa £14k plus vat and £12k plus vat respectively.

(g) Chamber and office move update:

- Locks both internal and externally for the front door have now been fitted along with the alarm system.
- Chairmans board has also been fitted.
- Painting the men's and ladies' toilets will be undertaken before the end of March.

- A noticeboard to be used by the Bowls, Tennis and as a Community Council at the front of the building will be put in place during February.

(h) Update on lease to Saron Juniors Football Club

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.

(i) Saron Park area Flooding.

The Clerk has had numerous complaints about flooded gardens at the lane along Saron Juniors Football Pitch and Siddels Environmental Services were engaged by the Clerk in January to clear blocked drains, this only proved the problem was a sump and culvert at the bottom of land under our lease at the bottom of the lane and football pitch. This cost £174.00.

The Clerk further engaged Siddels on February 18th to clear the sump and the drainage, at a cost of £300.00, it was further discovered that the culvert along the bottom of the football pitch was preventing water draining away, the Clerk is currently investigating costs to clear the culvert.

(j) Dog Fouling Bins at Cwmfferws and Dog Fouling at Saron Park.

- 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 2 more bins can be provided. The Clerk is now arranging for the bins to be put in place.

Update:

Cllr C. R. Thomas asked that the Clerk chase the County Council for a firm date, he agreed to do this.

- The Clerk has received complaints of dog fouling in one specific area of Saron Park and has instructed our CCTV Operators to realign the angle of one camera to cover this area; this should be completed before the end of February.

(k) Penygroes and Llandybie Toilets upgrade and vandalism

There have been two cases of vandalism at the Ladies initially then the Men's Toilets, these have now been repaired at a cost of over £800, the Clerk has

created two crime numbers and met with the Police at Penygroes, the cost is too small to initiate a claim on our insurance and given that there was a budget for toilets upgrades from April for new doors and other items the cost have been paid as an emergency measure as there were no working locks to control access.

The Clerk now has an option to employ a mobile camera off site that can zoom in to monitor the area and as a longer-term solution has requested quotes for a camera as a permanent fixture.

The Clerk is further meeting police on Thursday 19th of February and will report progress at the next meeting.

Update:

Discussion was had re the grade of toilet doors that had been fitted, the Clerk explained he had replaced with similar doors that were damaged, it asked that he consider steel doors for future reference.

(l) Grant presentation evening.

The Clerk is suggesting Friday 20th of March at Llandybie Pavilion with buffet to be provided.

Update:

It was agreed to hold the evening on Saturday Night the 21st of March.

(m) Quarterly Newsletter.

The Clerk will compile the newsletter during March to include the Saron Zip Wire project and Rights of Way Updates and the Banc Y Ddraenen events, any other stories that Councillors have for consideration will be welcome.

(n) Notice of increase to speed limit on Llandeilo Road, Llandybie.

The Clerk has circulated a notice to Llandybie Ward Community Council from the Trunk Road Agency to increase the speed limit from 20mph to 30mph between the Old Vicarage on Llandeilo Road and the start of the Industrial Estate at Cilyrychen.

Update:

The Clerk stated that he had circulated the email from the Trunk Road Agencies and wanted discussion on a response, all members were in agreement that keeping it 20mph until well after the approach to the school and then moving to 30mph thereafter was a common-sense approach.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk reply accordingly.

Dai Nicholas – Clerk
February 18th, 2026

It was **resolved** to accept the Clerks Report and the resolutions within it.

906. Financial Matters

Finance Report as at 18th of February 2026

INCOME

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL INCOME	DIFFERENCE
Precept	193860.00	193860.00	0.00
Vat Return (Rebate)	24000.00	16118.40	-7881.60
Administration	3000.00	10975.73	7975.73
Bank interest	4300.00	5385.70	1085.70
Hire Agreement/Grants/106	20000.00	23050.00	3050.00
Total	245160.00	249389.83	4229.83

EXPENDITURE

HEADING	BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	DIFFERENCE
Grass Cutting	£31,500.00	£27,447.76	£4,052.24
Staff Salary and PAYE	£57,252.00	£62,385.41	-£5,133.41
Office Services	£7,500.00	£9,154.05	-£1,654.05
Insurance	£3,240.00	£3,295.22	-£55.22
Financial Grants (Open Spaces, Hall, Cemetery)	£20,000.00	£11,299.00	£8,701.00
Asset Maintenance (Public conveniences, premises, parks, rights of way, burial grounds)	£47,495.00	£73,040.86	-£25,545.86
Services & Subscriptions	£6,050.00	£5,446.70	£603.30
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	£4,475.00	£15,525.00
Lighting	£4,000.00	£6,207.42	£292.58

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25th of February 2026

Community Development	£61,000.00	£62,951.14	-£1,951.14
Total	£280,037.00	£273,929.83	-£6,107.17

Payments made in January until 18th of February 2026

23/01/2026	YPG Public Convenience Penygroes Inv 1219089	39.19
23/01/2026	HMRC Payment Nov/Dec/Jan 2025/26	6223.82
27/01/2026	Morgan & Morgan Technical Support Inv 101372	270.00
27/01/2026	BT Monthly Cloud Voice Phone M041 AG	59.94
27/01/2026	Connor Thomas Internal and External Locks Inv 191	239.06
27/01/2026	Mike Voyle Electric Saron Juniors Elec Fault Inv 283	84.00
27/01/2026	Martin Davies Translation Services Nov x 3 meetings	354.12
27/01/2026	JJ Property Serv Repairs of Penygroes and Llandybie Toilets	1520.98
27/01/2026	KD Gardening Services January Toilet Cleaning Inv 252	891.25
27/01/2026	Martin Davies Translation of Green Spaces January Inv	67.08
05/02/2026	Martin Davies Translation Ordinary Minutes Translation January	183.75
05/02/2026	Morgan & Morgan Monthly Fibre Broadband Inv 102906	96.00
05/02/2026	Dynevor Tree Serv Fallen Tree at Capel Hendre Inv 18.01.2026	180.00
05/02/2026	Plexus Services Annual CCTV Router Software saron CCTV	422.28
05/02/2026	J & D Water Consultants Saron Quarterly Risk Assessment	540.00
05/02/2026	J & D Water Consultants Llandybie Pavilion Risk Ass Inv 017585	435.00
05/02/2026	Dyfed Alarms Alarm System at Llandybie Pavilion Inv No. 182320	1806.00
05/02/2026	Cabinet Office Scanning of final documents Inv 4957	558.00
13/02/2026	Next Gen Plumbing	535.00
13/02/2026	Connor Thomas Locks and chairs board	156.00
13/02/2026	Conner Thomas Doors Toilet Doors Hinges and Locks	473.94
13/02/2026	Expenses D. S. Nicholas Vodafone 8 months	210.89
13/02/2026	Expenses D. S. Nicholas Travel 6 months	331.43
16/02/2026	Salary D. S. Nicholas February 2026	2457.72
16/02/2026	Salary S. Taylor February 2026	920.04
18/02/2026	SLCC Annual Membership Inv 256965-1	379.00
18/02/2026	BT Jan / Feb 2026 Inv M042 E0	61.02
18/02/2026	Mike Pugh Signs for Zipwire Saron, Penygroes and Blaenau	588.00

Payments for invoices received at 18th of February.

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- Carmarthenshire County Council Grounds Maintenance quarterly contract payment: £9,134.18 inc vat
- Wicksteed Cableway/Zipwire, Roundabout Saron Park £24,330 inc vat
- Conner Thomas £604.04 new internal door and repairs at Penygroes Toilet.

Update on VAT claim:

The end of February Vat claim will be claimed this financial year will be, subject to invoices in hand and to be presented, circa:
£12,800

This will be received in this accounting year.

Cyngor Cymuned Llandybie Community Council				
Mantolen 2025-2026 Accounts from April 1st				
Prepared by - D Nicholas				
Financial year ending 31/04/2026				
BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS				
				£
Brought Forward (opening balance at Bank)				£244,691.25
Add Income in the year				£249,389.83
Total				£494,081.08
Less outgoings				£274,005.30
Closing Balance Finance Spreadsheet				£220,075.78
(receipts - payments)				
Unpresented payments/cheques				£0.00
TRUE STATEMENT BALANCE				£220,075.78

The Clerk wanted the final larger payments of the Financial Year acknowledged and agreed to be aid in lieu of a grant payment of £18,443 for 106 monies to be applied for and the Vat claim of circa £12,800, both to be claimed in March.

It was **resolved** to accept the Financial Report and agree the payments to be made.

(ii) Update on Internal and External Audit 2025/26

The Clerk confirmed that the Internal and External Audit preparation had already begun for the year 2025-26 and that only the months end of march reconciliation is left to complete the accounts and he would be contacting the Internal Auditor in the coming week to arrange a timetable of completion.

Chair

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Section 106 funding.

There was no update from County Councillors present.

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Request on Seminars / Joint meetings

The Chair Cllr Julian Tandy updated Councillors that he had attended one of the Coed Lleol Events and the Vice Chair A. J. Evans had attended the Dawnsyr Penrhyd 50th Celebration evening at Ysgol Dyffryn Aman and it had been a very enjoyable experience. Both the Chair and Vice Chair confirmed that had attended the Net Zero Training and found it worthwhile.

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Date of next meeting

Members **resolved** that the date of the next Ordinary meeting be the 25th of March 2026 with a Policy & Employment Committee on the 11th of March 2026.

910.

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