

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of Llandybie Community Council on Teams on Wednesday, 27th May 2026 at 6.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors	P.H. Roberts	R.W. Barnes	C. R. Thomas
	D. Thomas	Mrs A.J. Evans	G. J. Davies
	E. J. Davies	J.W. Tandy	L. Wilkins
	D. W. Hopkins	E. W. Nicholas	
	N. C. Davies	Mrs K.D.L. Davies	

Attending online

Apologies

A. L. Thomas		
R.A. Davies	A. W. Jones	S. Roberts
L. Jones	H. Davies	

Not Present

There were none.

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Current Chairs leaving office speech.

Current Chair Cllr J. W. Tandy gave a final speech contained in the Annual Report as and he had signed the Annual Return 2025-2027 which will be available for councillors and the public to view, the Clerk went through the final accounts and Annual Return with the Chair and Vice Chair.

Current Chair, Cllr J. W. Tandy delivered the following leaving office speech.

It has been another productive and ambitious year for Llandybie Community Council as we continued to invest in our communities, strengthen local partnerships, and improve facilities across our wards.

The Council remains committed to delivering practical improvements that enhance quality of life for residents while ensuring that our decisions align with the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. During 2025/2026 we have continued to focus on maintaining and enhancing parks, improving sporting and recreational facilities, supporting village halls and community groups, and preserving the unique heritage and culture of our area.

Significant achievements this year have included the refurbishment of the Llandybie Tennis Courts, continued investment in playgrounds and outdoor recreation facilities, improvements to community parks, enhanced accessibility measures, and continued support for local sporting clubs and voluntary organisations.

The Council is proud of its strong financial stewardship, having continued to deliver improvements while maintaining one of the lowest Band D precepts among neighbouring larger community councils. Through partnership funding and grant

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support, we have ensured that local taxpayers' contributions continue to achieve maximum value for money.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank all councillors, staff, volunteers, partner organisations and residents who continue to contribute to making our communities vibrant, inclusive and resilient places to live.

Councillor Julian Tandy
Chairperson 2025/2026

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Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

The Chair Cllr J. W. Tandy explained that it was a tradition of the council that the Vice Chair on occasions such as this be asked, they wished to be considered to take the Chair, the current Vice Chair Cllr A. J. Evans said that she was happy to be considered.

The Chair asked if there were any other nominations for Chair, there were none and then asked for a proposer and seconder for Cllr A. J. Evans be considered as Chair. Cllr J.W. Tandy proposed, and Cllr D. W. Hopkins seconded.

A vote was taken, and Cllr A. J. Evans was voted unanimously as the Chair of Llandybie Community Council for 2026/27.

Newly elected Chair Cllr A. J. Evans took the Chair and duly thanked Cllr J. W. Tandy for a successful year in office.

Chair Cllr A. J. Evans proceeded to ask for nominations for Vice Chair and Cllr D. Thomas proposed Cllr E. J. Davies, this was duly seconded by Cllr K. D. L. Davies.

A vote was taken, and Cllr E. J. Davies was unanimously voted in as Vice Chair for 2026/27.

It was **resolved** that Councillor Cllr A. J. Evans be appointed as Chair and Councillor Cllr E. J. Davies as Vice Chair. They were then sworn into Office.

Chair, Cllr A. J. Evans gave the following inauguration speech.

It is a great honour to represent you as Chair for 2026/27. I will be following in my mother's footsteps, as she was Chair of Llandybie Council in 2007/08. I had hoped she would be able to be here this evening, but her health has deteriorated and, with the current heat, it is better for her to remain at home.

I would like to thank David Hopkins for his three years of service as Deputy Chair, Chair and Past Chair, and for his tremendous contribution to the community.

Thank you, Julian, for your service as last year's Chair of the Council and for your continued support as this year's Past Chair. There were some wonderful photographs of you and Carys at Buckingham Palace earlier this month, which crowned a very successful year as Chair. Thank you also for the training and mentoring you provided during my time as Deputy Chair.

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I would like to congratulate Leila on the birth of her daughter. I understand that she has not yet been given a name, but I am pleased to hear that both mother and baby are healthy and that everything went smoothly.

Warm congratulations to you, Dai, on completing the CILCA course. It has been a huge project that has required a great deal of time and energy to achieve. I hope you will hear from the moderators soon that you have been successful.

It was sad to hear this week of the death of Lisa Jane Worth, sister of our fellow councillor Simon Roberts. I am sure the Council joins me in extending our sympathies to the family on the loss of someone so young. My thoughts will be with the family during this difficult time.

We have reached another election year – doesn't time fly when we're enjoying ourselves? There is one small matter I would like to raise that has caused me some concern. We have just come through an election period where the campaign was, at times, rather scrappy. It is understandable that frustrations can run high, especially when you are passionate about your work and genuinely want the best for your ward and community.

I will be the first to say that every one of us has the right to express our views. Freedom of speech is a cornerstone of every democratic nation that believes in the rights of its people. However, when posting on social media, can we please choose our words carefully and always be kind. Every individual is entitled to their vote, and our job is to convince them that our party is the one they should trust. But please respect their point of view and ensure that the language in your messages reflects positively on us and does not damage the reputation of the Council. Please ensure that you do not bring our Council's good reputation into disrepute.

Thank you once again for placing your trust in me to represent you as your Chair. I will do my very best to do a good job.

I look forward to launching a year focused on wellbeing and enjoyment.

Budgetary plans for 2026/27.

Bowls Club Centenary Year.

Chair, Cllr A. J. Evans

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Discussion on Rationalisation of Committees and Appointment of Committees

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Chair Cllr A. J. Evans asked for any objections to continue with the new rationalised committees, there were none.

It was **resolved** to continue with the new committee structure by unanimous vote.

The Chair went through each committee in detail and asked councillors for observations and changes to councillor representation, the following committee's representation were agreed.

ORDINARY MEETING

All Councillors to attend last Wednesday of every month except August and December 2026 and the Statutory Meeting on May 26th, 2027.

PLANNING

Cllr E. J. Davies (Chair) Cllr Mrs A J Evans, Cllr J. W. Tandy (Past Chair), Cllr L Wilkins, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr E W Nicholas, Cllr D Thomas, Cllr Mrs K D L Davies, Cllr L. Thomas, Cllr R. Barnes

FINANCE

Cllr A. J Evans (Chair), Cllr J. W. Tandy (Past Chair), Cllr L Wilkins, Cllr R A Davies, Cllr E J Davies, Cllr Mrs K D L Davies, Cllr C R Thomas, Cllr D Thomas, Cllr P H Roberts, Cllr J. E. Davies (V. Chair)

GREEN SPACES

Cllr A. J Evans (Chair), Cllr J. E. Davies (V. Chair), Cllr J. W. Tandy (Past Chair) Cllr L Wilkins, Cllr P H Roberts, Cllr R W Barnes, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr H Davies, Cllr N C Davies, Cllr G J Davies

POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT

Cllr A. J Evans (Chair), Cllr J. E. Davies (V. Chair), Cllr J. W. Tandy (Past Chair), Cllr L Wilkins, Cllr A W Jones, Cllr R A Davies, Cllr A L Thomas, Cllr R Barnes, Cllr C R Thomas, Cllr D Thomas

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Cllr A J Evans (Chair), Cllr J. W. Tandy (Past Chair) Cllr J. W. Tandy, Cllr L Wilkins, Cllr A L Thomas Cllr J. E. Davies (V. Chair) , Cllr H Davies, Cllr P H Roberts, Cllr N C Davies

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Representatives on External Bodies

It was **resolved** that the following Members would represent the Council on external bodies:

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Carmarthenshire One Voice Wales: J. E. Davies and Mrs C. Thomas

One Voice Wales Larger Councils Committee: Cllr A. J. Evans

Heart of Wales Line Travellers' Association: Cllr A. J. Evans Chair

Governing Body of Saron Primary School: Mrs C. R. Thomas

Governing Body of Penygroes Primary School: P. H. Roberts

Governing Body of Blaenau Primary School: P. H. Roberts

Governing Body of Llandybie Primary School: It was decided to ask Cllr J E. Davies

It was decided not to offer a councillor for governor roles at Gorslas Primary School and Parcyrhun Primary School to Cllr N. C. Davies

It was **resolved** to adopt the above councillors in the above roles on the above outside bodies for 2026/27.

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Council and Statutory meeting dates for 2025/26

Members **resolved** that meetings would continue to be held on the last Wednesday of each month except for August and December when there would be no meetings. It was further **resolved** that additional meetings in January and September on the first Wednesday of the month would also be held but left to the discretion of the Chair and Clerk to decide if a meeting was warranted. The Statutory meeting would be held prior to the May 2027 Ordinary meeting. Any new committee arrangements as per the June Ordinary Meeting on rationalisation of Committees be held on the second Wednesday of every month except August and December.

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Signatories

The Clerk explained that Cllr K. D. L. Davies, Cllr S. Roberts and Cllr E. Davies were currently undertaking the role of authorising payments.

It was **resolved** that Councillors S. Roberts, K. D. L. Davies and J. E. Davies be retained as signatories.

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As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.59 p.m.

Chair