

Cyngor Cymuned
Llanddowror & Llanmiloe
Community Council



**Minutes of the normal meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council
Held Monday 9th December 2024.**

Present: Cllrs Phill Pickersgill (chair), David Howells, Sandra Hewens, Leigh Clarkson, Andrew Sims, County Councillor Jane Tremlett, plus 4 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies.** There were apologies received from Cllr Terence Langdon.
- 2. Declarations of personal interests.** No interests were declared.
- 3. Questions from members of the public** regarding agenda items and matters raised with Cllr Tremlett and the Council. A letter received that day was read out to those present concerning the current PEDW appeal case for a property in Llanddowror, which was discussed with input from both Councillors and members of the public who were present. An issue about hedges on private property was then raised by another member of the public present. Further information indicated that this was a matter for Llanddowror Village Association not this Council to consider – there had been no involvement of LLCC in the matter.

When this item finished the four members of the public left the meeting.

- 4. County Councillor report.** Cllr Tremlett stated that she had received no direct reports of damage cause by Storm Darragh over the weekend. CCC had that day reported over 300 trees had been cleared in the County, most A and B roads were now cleared and crews were working on the C and unclassified roads.

She stated the tree on the Tavernspite road had been trimmed – Cllrs responded that it was still at risk of falling into and blocking the river. Another tree near to the Picton was lying above and parallel to the river, again at risk of falling in and blocking the watercourse. Both apparently are on unregistered land, and the watercourse was CCC's responsibility.

She had not had a full response as regards the 20mph sign for the road to Tavernspite, so was continuing to pursue that. It was reported that some landlines were still down in Llanmiloe after Storm Darragh.

County Cllr Tremlett then left the meeting.

- 5. Adoption of previous minutes** for the meetings held on 11th November 2024. These were agreed by all, and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 6. Clerk's report.** The Clerk had previously circulated her report. She highlighted the various planning enforcement cases for the area, one of which had been discussed earlier in the meeting. Cllr Pickersgill stated he was still seeking access to the Qinetiq site to survey the various watercourses and ascertain their maintenance level and how well the network was working.

7. **Matters ongoing** from previous minutes

Council vacancies. There were still vacancies on the Council. Should anyone wish to be considered for them, they should contact any Councillor or the Clerk for more information.

8. **New business**

- **Audit 2023-24.** This had now been completed, with Audit Wales giving an unqualified opinion meaning there were no issues of concern to them. Two minor administrative matters had been highlighted: the asset register had not fully included the Meeting Room value (this had been corrected) and the fidelity insurance levels should be checked - the Clerk/RFO would do this.
- **Council budget for 2025-26.** A draft budget had been circulated and the Clerk talked the meeting through it. It was agreed to establish a community-focussed reserve from next year so that the Council had specific funds to support the local community where it could.
- **Precept 2025-26.** As a result of the budget discussions, and concern about the ongoing cost of living, it was agreed to keep the precept request the same as this year - £19,800.00

9. **Financial Report**

The current financial situation was provided to all Cllrs.

Income received since the last meeting: £0.00

Invoices/payments to pay/acknowledge:

Clerk monthly salary and expenses – December.

HMRC monthly payments – December.

BLC – toilet cleaning December - £64.00.

Dwr Cymru - £10.50 (direct debit) monthly

British Gas Lite – variable direct debit each month - £34.31 in December (for November use)

10. **Significant correspondence.**

One Voice Wales training opportunities. These were noted.

Letter received from local resident, as referred to earlier in the meeting. This was noted.

11. **Planning matters.**

PL/07862. Nutrient store and associated works. Land west of Middle Newton, St Clears. SA33 4HZ.
Application validated 09-07-2024. **Application fully granted** 19-11-2024

12. **Councillors' reports for information or items for next meeting.**

It was stated that various streetlights were not working in Llanmiloe. The Clerk would report these to CCC.

Unfortunately Storm Darragh had damaged the Christmas tree Llanddowror Village Association had erected outside the Meeting Room. This would be remedied if it could.

The Clerk was thanked for all her work during the year.

13. **Date of next meeting** – 13th January 2025 in Llanddowror Meeting Room.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.00pm