

Cyngor Cymuned
Llanddowror & Llanmiloe
Community Council



**Minutes of the normal meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council
Held Monday 13th November 2023.**

Present: Cllrs Eric Haines (meeting Chairman), David Howells, Sandra Hewens, Leigh Clarkson, Nigel Hodson, Phill Pickersgill, County Councillor Jane Tremlett and one member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, and expressed thanks to Cllr Clarkson for representing the Council at the wreath-laying ceremony in St Clears, and Cllr Hewens for the same at the one in Pendine.

- 1. Apologies.** These were received from Terence Langdon and accepted.
- 2. Declarations of personal interests.** Cllr Haines declared an interest in the topic of the recent flooding in Llanmiloe, which was within item 6.
- 3. Questions from members of the public** regarding agenda items. It was asked whether there was any update on the Llanddowror planning matter – there was not.
- 4. Adoption of previous minutes** for the normal meeting on 9th October 2023. These were agreed by all, and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 5. County Councillor's report:** County Cllr Tremlett provided an update on various matters:

She passed on some information as to how planning matters worked in Carmarthenshire. She had also been informed that properties on the Dan y Bryn development were freehold so individually contracted, rather than being one single development from one contractor. The lack of physical oversight by the Planning Department once an application was agreed was discussed – the Clerk would write passing on a suggestion as to how this issue could be resolved for the future.

Cllr Tremlett reported that the Agricultural Tribunal had been suggested as a next step for getting the pills cleared.

The roadside trees near the A4066 bend have had smaller branches trimmed, but Officers admitted the light is still physically encased in trees, so ineffective. The safe routes footpath trees had been trimmed back.

Councillors informed Cllr Tremlett that the sandbag bin in Pocket Park Llanddowror had now been emptied, so she would request its removal.

A request was made that Cllr Tremlett urgently request a temporary bus shelter be put in place at the bottom of Westmead Close. The blockwork bus shelter that had been damaged was unusable, and the bus stop was used by a lot of elderly residents.

More issues with large numbers of slurry lorries travelling through Llanddowror and into New Mill were reported, included potential damage to the structure of the bridge. The responses received from the police and CCC were provided to the meeting and discussed.

Signed _____ (Chair) as a true record of the meeting. Date: _____

Cllr Tremlett then left the room..

6. **Clerk's report.** The Clerk had previously circulated her report and provided verbal updates on the various matters. The topic of flooding in Llanmiloe included a letter received by the Clerk at the start of the meeting. This was discussed at length. The Clerk would write a letter in response to the resident.

Cllr Haines left the meeting at this point, as did the member of the public. In order to continue the meeting Cllr Pickersgill was elected to the role of meeting Chairman from this point.

7. **Matters ongoing** from previous minutes:

- **Progress report on Meeting Room.** The painting work had not yet started – this would be done as soon as possible. There was no update from the Village Association on the project to update the Meeting Room.

8. **New business:**

- **Verge cutting.** It was agreed this would not be taken on by this Council.
- **Llanmiloe matters report.** Feedback had been given during the County Councillor's report.
- **Proposed closure of Laugharne Surgery.** Information received from Laugharne Township Community Council had been passed on to all Councillors. It was agreed that this Council should respond stating their opposition to the proposed closure, pointing out this would considerably inconvenience a large number of residents in Llanmiloe who might lack car transport and / or require treatments or tests.

9. **Financial Report**

The current financial situation was provided to all Cllrs.

- a. **Income received.** £100.00 cheque from Llanddowror Village Association for Meeting Room use. This would be paid in as soon as possible.
- b. **Invoices to pay:**
- Clerk monthly salary and expenses – November This included the delayed annual nationally agreed pay increase from April 2023.
 - BLC – toilet cleaning November - £80.00.
 - HMRC monthly payments – November.
 - Dwr Cymru - £50.00 (direct debit) October.
 - British Gas Lite – variable direct debit each month £25.64 in November.

10. **Significant correspondence.**

- One Voice Wales training opportunities. These were noted.
- OPCC invitation to Councillors. This was noted and Cllr Hodson would attend.
- Carmarthenshire Enlightenment Project information. This was noted.
- Ombudsman list of advice agencies published. This was noted - <https://www.ombudsman.wales/making-a-complaint/advice-and-advocacy-bodies-2/>
- Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service consultation for 2040. The information provided was noted.
- Police budget consultation. This was noted.

11. **Planning matters.**

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PL/06799. Change of use from a disused chapel into a one bedroomed home. Demolition of the existing substandard porch which will be rebuilt to the same design but will be extended to the rear to accommodate a small bathroom. Elim Chapel, St Clears, SA33 4JA. This was discussed and the Council were in favour of this development, in view of the intention of preserving the building and its character.

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

Thanks were expressed to the Council for their donations towards both the Llanmiloe and Llanddowror firework displays – the latter had been described as the best ever. Thanks also would be passed to Pendine for their donation to the Llanmiloe display.

13. Date of next meeting – 11th December 2023.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.35pm

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