

Cyngor Cymuned  
Llanddowror & Llanmiloe  
Community Council



**Minutes of the normal meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council  
Held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Present: Cllrs David Howells, Sandra Hewens, Leigh Clarkson, Nigel Hodson, Phill Pickersgill, Terence Langdon, County Councillor Jane Tremlett and 11 members of the public.

- 1. Apologies.** There were apologies received and accepted from Cllr Gwyn Owen.
- 2. Declarations of personal interests.** No interests were declared.
- 3. Questions from members of the public** regarding agenda items. The Chairman stated that the local residents present were welcome to raise their concerns and queries at this point including on the recent flooding in the Llanddowror area. Various individuals described their experiences, and expressed concern that the periodic logging further up the valley was exacerbating the issue, as was the way maize was being produced as a primary crop. The last flooding on this scale had been 2013. It was emphasised that whilst the Taf levels also were very high, the sheer speed the Hydfron rose was a significant problem (half a metre in perhaps two minutes) and resources from Carmarthen or further afield simply would not arrive in time.

The Chairman explained that the Village Association had held a meeting last week which also received significant input, and as a result would be having a meeting in the next couple of weeks specifically to consider flooding and how to manage it locally in the future, as well as how individual household requirements to mitigate flooding might be managed.

Measures Cllr Tremlett agreed to pass on to CCC included:

Ensuring there was regular drain clearance right up to Elim Chapel House at a minimum, not just in the village itself;

Ask that work be undertaken to scrape down with a digger the overgrown verges e.g. from Old Mill to down beyond the forestry layby so the water can run off the road back into the watercourse and floodplain as it should;

Ask for work to be done to clear the fallen trees from the watercourse, and any others that are blocking it;

Ensure the full length of the road from the junction through Llanddowror and on through Red Roses was on a regular gritting route;

Undertake work to resolve the worn down anti-skid road surface near Oernant to prevent further accidents;

Find out whether the road through Llanddowror can be temporarily closed at short notice to prevent vehicles washing floodwater into properties.

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Concern about the ongoing planning situation in Llanddowror was also raised with Cllr Tremlett, and whether the Head of Planning would act to get the situation resolved. The recent traffic collision at the bypass Llanddowror junction was also raised, and Cllr Tremlett asked to request Highways liaise with SWTRA to get the much needed lighting there for safety reasons. It was also raised that there are five streetlights not working on the road parallel to the A4066 in Llanmiloe Estate.

At this point most of the members of the public left, as did Cllr Tremlett.

4. **Adoption of previous minutes** for the normal meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023. These were agreed by all, and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **County Councillor's report:** This had been included in the above public session, with queries directed to County Cllr Tremlett.
6. **Clerk's report.** The Clerk had previously circulated her report and provided verbal updates on the various matters including the intended Laugharne surgery closure. It was agreed that Llanddowror Village Association should use the grey Meeting Room noticeboard. There was ongoing concern about the lack of resolution to a couple of planning matters, and it was unanimously resolved that the Chairman would write to the Head of Planning on the issues, and potentially then also raise the Council's concerns with the Welsh Office.
7. **Matters ongoing** from previous minutes:
  - There were no updates beyond those provided in the Clerk's report and Cllr Tremlett's information.
8. **New business:**
  - It was highlighted that there were currently three Councillor vacancies. One potential candidate had been approached. Potential candidates were very welcome to come and observe meetings.

#### 9. **Financial Report**

The current financial situation was provided to all Cllrs.

- a. **Income received since the last meeting:** £4500 precept third tranche
- b. **Invoices to pay:**
  - Clerk monthly salary and expenses – January .
  - BLC – toilet cleaning January - £64.00.
  - HMRC monthly payments – January
  - Audit Wales – 2021-22 external audit - £225.00.
  - CCC – streetlight loan repayment for 2023-24 - £1251.00
  - Dwr Cymru - £50.00 (direct debit) January .
  - British Gas Lite – variable direct debit each month - £28.46 in January

#### 10. **Significant correspondence.**

- One Voice Wales training opportunities. These were noted.

#### 11. **Planning matters.**

**PL/06927.** Certificate of Lawful Development - use of 22 caravans for residential accommodation and holiday let for people on a long term and short term. Castell Toch Caravan Site, Pendine, Carmarthen, SA33 4PX. Application registered 20-12-2023.

**PL/06799.** Change of use from a disused chapel into a one bedroom home. Demolition of the existing substandard porch which will be rebuilt to the same design but extended to the rear to accommodate a

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small bathroom - Elim Chapel House, St Clears, Carmarthen, SA33 4JA . Application received 30-10-2023. **Application full granted 21-12-2023**

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

Cllrs were reminded of the Parc Cynog Windfarm application funding opportunity.

Cllrs Howells and Hodson raised again their concern about the state of side roads locally, with the combination of the weather and increased agricultural traffic seriously damaging road surfaces and creating dangerous road-edge drops. The Clerk would follow up on the bridge safety inspection because no response had been received yet.

**13. Date of next meeting** – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 in Llanmiloe Resource Centre.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.00pm

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