

Cyngor Cymuned
Llanddowror & Llanmiloe
Community Council



**Minutes of the normal meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council
Held Monday 11th March 2024.**

Present: Cllrs David Howells, Sandra Hewens, Leigh Clarkson, Phill Pickersgill, Terence Langdon, Andrew Sims, County Councillor Jane Tremlett and 2 members of the public.

Before the formal meeting opened representatives from Openreach and CCC who were present spoke about the current project to provide fibre to the premises for those linked to the Pendine exchange. Background was given to the project, including that it was using Government funds under their aim to get 85% of properties fibre connected. The pledge rate of just over 50% currently meant the project was likely to go ahead with limited connectivity – only if the pledges reached 200 would all of the exchange area be included. Once a property was physically linked, then commissioning work would take approximately 10-15 days, then all potential providers would have updated information available and be able to offer fibre broadband to the household or business. The representatives answered a variety of questions, and provided some publicity material to be passed on. The Chairman thanked them for attending, and they left the meeting.

1. **Apologies.** There were no apologies received.
2. **Declarations of personal interests.** No interests were declared.
3. **Questions from members of the public** regarding agenda items and matters to raise with Cllr Tremlett - summarised.

The ongoing planning issues were raised – a summary of the recent meeting between the Chairman, Clerk and Head of Place and Sustainability and others had previously been circulated. The Chairman provided verbal feedback expanding on what was said, and answered questions. The lack of action was still a serious concern to local residents, and the lack of communication. It was agreed that one local resident present would email Cllr Tremlett with some specific queries to raise with the Head of Place and Sustainability and feed back the responses. Information provided by email from the planning officer on timelines for the Llanddowror issue would be passed on.

It was also noted that the current road improvements (creation of traffic islands) in Llanddowror had resulted in the long-parked vehicles being moved, so the road had been swept of debris.

The members of the public then left the meeting.

4. **County Councillor report.** Cllr Tremlett updated the meeting on various matters: there had been an internal Carmarthenshire meeting to consider updated flood planning procedures in the light of the impact climate change was having. This included agreement that sand bags were no longer fit for purpose, more modern alternatives such as gel-filled tubes would be recommended to householders. There would be meetings around Carmarthenshire to pass on the information.

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Cllr Tremlett would check whether the verge and gully clearance along the old road had been done – it was reported that in at least one recent high rain episode, water had been observed flowing onto the road, but properly then flowing off into the road side gully, which was good.

Concern was raised about some elderly residents in Hydfron Close being practically trapped in their homes because access was purely by steps, not a slope. Cllr Tremlett would request a social care assessment to investigate this.

A query was raised on Carmarthenshire spending decisions in the light of the council tax rise. Cllr Tremlett clarified that council tax was spent on required and core areas such as education, social care etc. Projects such as the large metal ‘Carmarthen’ roadside sign were funded from external grants and other such sources (including European funding when that existed) not from local residents’ council tax.

Cllr Tremlett acknowledged the recent query raised by the Clerk on the Llanmiloe bus stop and its accessibility, and also the continued Llanmiloe lighting problem – both she would chase up on internally.

There being no further questions, Cllr Tremlett was thanked for attending, and left the meeting.

5. **Adoption of previous minutes** for the normal meeting on 12th February 2024. These were agreed by all, and duly signed by the Chairman.

County Councillor’s report: County Cllr Tremlett had responded to residents’ queries at item 3, and reported to the meeting as detailed at item 4

6. **Clerk’s report.** The Clerk had previously circulated her report and provided verbal updates on the various matters, including the Bro Myrddin damaged wall in Llanmiloe, the overflowing waste bin on Llanmiloe, the layby tarmac and debris near the MoD entrance, and the bridge inspections in Llanddowror area..

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

- The current Council vacancies were considered, and Councillors would continue to seek suitable candidates.
- Planning correspondence – this had been discussed earlier in the evening. There was no further action this Council can take at this time.

8. **New business:**

- CCC Rights of Way project. This was noted.
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales report for 2024-25. The Clerk had provided a summary of the determinations that applied to this Council and gave a fuller verbal explanation, plus answered questions. It was agreed to continue the re-imburement of printing costs as now, upon receipt of invoices/receipts.

9. **Financial Report**

The current financial situation was provided to all Cllrs.

- a. **Income received since the last meeting:** £0.00 since the last meeting.
- b. **Invoices to pay:**
 - Clerk monthly salary and expenses – March.
 - BLC – toilet cleaning March - £64.00.
 - HMRC monthly payments – March

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- Dwr Cymru - £50.00 (direct debit) March.
- British Gas Lite – variable direct debit each month - £26.96 in March

10. Significant correspondence.

- One Voice Wales training opportunities. These were noted.

11. Planning matters.

PL/07070 Discharge of Condition 3 (on PL/06799)(Photographic Survey). Elim Chapel House, Llanddowror. SA33 4JA. Application registered 8-1-24. **Application granted 16-2-2024**

PL/06120. Change of use of part of café car park to residential curtilage together with the erection of a kennel and siting of a storage container. In addition, the erection of a 1.8m timber fence to the boundary of the car park and 0.9m gated vehicular access together with the siting of a storage container within the café parking area - Dan y Pound Cottage, Llanddowror, Carmarthen, SA33 4HJ Application accepted 21-9-2023. **Application full refusal 16-2-2024.**

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

It was reported that the two bus shelters in Llanmiloe west of the newly installed one were both cracked and damaged. This would be reported to CCC.

13. Date of next meeting – 8th April 2024 in Llanmiloe Resource Centre.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.00pm

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