

Cyngor Cymuned  
**Llanddowror & Llanmiloe**  
Community Council



**Minutes of the normal meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council  
Held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

Present Cllrs Eric Haines (meeting Chairman), David Howells, Sandra Hewens, Gwyn Owen, Leigh Clarkson, County Councillor Jane Tremlett and five members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, and then suggested that item 3 (concerning planning item 11) was brought forward so that members of the public could express their views immediately. This was agreed. The members of the public left after that agenda item was concluded. Cllr Haines left the room during the Council discussion on the item, Cllr Hewens was elected as Chairman for that single item.

1. **Apologies.** These were received from Terence Langdon and Nigel Hodson, and accepted.
2. **Declarations of personal interests.** Cllr Haines declared an interest in the planning item.
3. **Questions from members of the public** regarding agenda items. All the local members of the public present expressed their concern regarding the length of time involved in the planning process for this particular location, as well as detailing their concerns on the application that had been submitted and the impact it was having on local residents and the village as a whole. The concerns were noted and understood by the Council. Individuals were encouraged to send in their comments to the planning department.
4. **Adoption of previous minutes** for the normal meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023. These were agreed by all, and duly signed by the Chairman.
5. **County Councillor's report:** County Cllr Tremlett provided an update on the containers in Llanddowror. She had been seeking updates from the various departments. She reminded the Council that the grit bin at Pocket Park had originally been placed to counter problems with ice in that area. The provision of sandbags and those containers had predated the issuing of floodgate barriers to vulnerable properties. After discussion it was agreed that use of the gates was preferable to reliance on sandbags, and so efforts would be made to remind local residents about the use of the gates. In addition it was mentioned that in an extreme situation temporary closure of the main road through the village would prevent properties flooding as a result of traffic creating significant bow waves.
6. **Clerk's report.** The Clerk had previously circulated her report and provided verbal updates on the various matters.
7. **Matters ongoing** from previous minutes:
  - **Progress report on Meeting Room.** The redecoration had not yet started. The Clerk had previously circulated a report giving the background to the Meeting Room. Contact with the National Lottery had been made to explore possible funding for an improved facility on the site, and it was agreed that the Council would support this in principle, and work with Llanddowror Village Association to progress this.

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

## 8. New business:

- **Verge cutting.** This would be considered again in the November meeting after queries had been made to CCC on their verge cutting programme.
- **External audit 2022-23.** The audit cycle for that year was now complete – Audit Wales gave an unqualified verdict, not finding any matters of concern to raise at all. This was noted by the Council.

## 9. Financial Report

The current financial situation was provided to all Cllrs.

- a. **Income received.** No new income received.
- b. **Invoices to pay:**
  - Clerk monthly salary and expenses – October.
  - BLC – toilet cleaning October - £64.00.
  - HMRC monthly payments – October.
  - Dwr Cymru - £50.00 (direct debit) October.
  - British Gas Lite – variable direct debit each month between £25 and £30.

## 10. Significant correspondence.

- One Voice Wales training opportunities. These were noted.

## 11. Planning matters.

Cllr Haines left the room at this point, and took no part in the discussion or decision on the following item. Cllr Hewens took the chair for this single item.

**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 verified 21-9-23. Consultation window closes 11-10-23. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting. The Clerk would submit a letter of objection on behalf of the Council.

Cllr Haines came back into the room and resumed chairing the meeting.

PL/06667. Variation of Condition No. 2 (Approved plans) to allow the addition of an Air Source Heat Pump and Variation of Condition No. 9 on PL/03026 (obscure glazing) to remove requirement for obscure glazing to balcony - 3 Dan Y Bryn, Pendine, Carmarthen, SA33 4EZ 9-10-23. There were no objections to this application, but queries were raised about the variable boundary heights and locations for the development- the Clerk would investigate and raise a query with CCC.

PL/06393. Discharge of Condition 3 on PL/04456 (Fence Height). 23 Dan Y Bryn, Pendine SA33 4EZ. Received 14-8-23. Granted 20-09-2023.

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

No matters were raised.

## 13. Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 9.20pm

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