

Cyngor Cymuned
Llanddowror & Llanmiloe
Community Council



**Minutes of the normal meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council
Held Monday 10th June 2024.**

Present: Cllrs Phill Pickersgill (chair), David Howells, Sandra Hewens, Leigh Clarkson, Andrew Sims, Terence Langdon, County Councillor Jane Tremlett, and 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies.

There were no apologies received. The Clerk informed those present that Cllr Owen had contacted her that day to resign his position on the Council. The news was greeted with surprise and sadness, and those present expressed their appreciation for the many many years of service he had given to the community.

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 - summarised.

Cllr Tremlett stated that all County Councillors had been advised by the CCC legal department to not provide new reports to community council meetings during the pre-election period in case they inadvertently influenced individuals' voting intentions.

A local residents from Llanddowror asked for an update on the planning enforcement case in the village. Cllr Tremlett had provided an update by email two weeks previously, which she read out for all to hear.

Concern was raised about road subsidence outside Picton Cottage close to a manhole. The growing dip was a real safety hazard now for any cyclist or bike rider. The resident would report it with photos to Welsh Water in case it was connected to sewerage works in the last three years, and Cllr Tremlett would raise it within CCC as a hazard.

It was again stated that traffic taking the road to Tavernspite was often speeding, significantly exceeding 20mph. The Clerk would ask whether GoSafe perhaps as part of Operation Ugain could monitor that area – two potential off-road parking areas for the van were identified.

4. County Councillor report. As stated above no updates were provided, but Cllr Tremlett noted the newly raised issues. She stated she had observed minor trimming of the branches around the A4066 streetlight herself, but it remained largely obscured. Concern was also raised with her that only having the single annual utility grass cut meant verge grass was now obscuring safety and directional signs, and creating a risk to pedestrians wanting to cross the road.

5. Adoption of previous minutes for the meetings held on 13th May 2024. These were agreed by all, and duly signed by the Chairman.

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:

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Meeting Room. A new microwave had been bought to replace the defective one. In addition Llanddowror Village Association had generously provided a new fridge to replace the defective one. The Council expressed their thanks to the Village Association.

Llanmiloe noticeboard - The Clerk had prepared a report detailing various options for the replacement noticeboard. The options were again reviewed, and it was agreed to go for the previously preferred option.

Llanddowror traffic / speed monitoring. This had been referenced above. Monitoring had been carried out as part of Operation Ugain aimed at highlighting the 20mph limit in the last couple of weeks.

Llanmiloe issues. It was stated that after the recent tree fall that blocked the A4066, the MoD was undertaking limited tree felling close to the road over a period of time. The Head of Place and Infrastructure had responded to the detailed report on the A4066 streetlight, a new streetlight for the footpath to the school, and the pillars. The Council agreed to formal minute their ongoing concerns that issues they raised, and the safety risks that clearly existed, were not being resolved or managed for various reasons.

Llanddowror planning situation. This had been discussed earlier in the meeting. With it now moving to CCC's legal department there was nothing that could be done by this Council or councillors.

8. Review of Clerk salary and hours.

It was agreed to exclude the press and public from this item on the grounds of confidentiality in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960. Cllr Tremlett and the local resident in attendance left the meeting.

The Clerk had provided a report on the background and advice from SLCC on appropriate levels for pay and hours. This was extensively discussed. It was agreed to increase the pay scale point to scp26, to retain the current number of hours, and to review again in a year's time.

9. Financial Report

The current financial situation was provided to all Cllrs.

Income received since the last meeting: £684.52 which was the VAT reclaim for 2023-24

Invoices to pay:

Clerk monthly salary and expenses – June.

HMRC monthly payments – June

BLC – toilet cleaning June - £64.00.

Dwr Cymru - £50.00 (direct debit) June.

British Gas Lite – variable direct debit each month - £31.27 in June (for May)

All the above were agreed for payment. It was agreed that all contractual payments should be made during the summer and reported on in the September meeting.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should seek a new electricity contract for the Meeting Room ready for the expiry of the current one at the end of June.

10. Significant correspondence.

One Voice Wales training opportunities. These were noted.

11. Planning matters.

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PL/07716 Approval of details reserved by a condition. Discharge of Condition 3 on PL/06393 (Fully discharge condition 3 now the fence has been built). 23 Dan Y Bryn, Pendine, SA33 4EZ. Application received 16-05-2024. There were no objections.

PL/07771. Certificate of lawful development of 17 Caravans in residential and/or holiday use. Castell Toch Caravan Site, Pendine, SA33 4PX. Application received 31-5-2024. It was noted that an earlier application for 22 caravans had been refused in January this year by CCC. There were no objections to this application.

PL/07667 Non-material amendment to W/38489 (Amendment submitted to reflect the as built, levels and location of the front boundary and vehicular access point). 2 Dan Y Bryn, Pendine, SA33 4EZ. Application received 7-5-2024.. Application granted 28-5-24. There were no objections.

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

It was stated that the resignation received today meant there were three vacancies on the Council. The Clerk would produce some publicity to encourage local resident to become Councillors, and individuals would be approached to see if they might be interested.

Thanks were expressed to the Village Association for the D-Day 80 years flag displayed from the church tower in Llanddowror.

Those present were updated on the latest information about LDCA's development of the building adjacent to the Resource Centre in Llanmiloe. Grant applications were being submitted and quotes being obtained for the work required.

13. Date of next meeting – 9th September 2024 in Llanddowror Meeting Room.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.35pm

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