

Cyngor Cymuned  
Llanddowror & Llanmiloe  
Community Council



**Minutes of the meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council**

**Held in the Llanmiloe Resource Centre, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

Present: Cllrs Phill Pickersgill, David Howells, Sandra Hewens, Angela Crewes, Tony Paradise, Gwyn Owen, Terrence Langdon, County Cllr Jane Tremlett. Cllr Chris Holt arrived at the start of item 4 and took the chair from Cllr Pickersgill.

Cllr Pickersgill welcomed everyone to the meeting. He stated he was taking the Chair temporarily until the Chairman Cllr Holt arrived.

**1. Apologies for absence.** None were received.

**2. Declaration of personal interests.** Cllrs Howells and Pickersgill declared an interest in planning item W/36568.

**3. Adoption of previous minutes.** The minutes for 11<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> August were reviewed, and accepted by all as a true record of the discussions, with the addition that Cllr Owen had provided his apologies for absence in the 11<sup>th</sup> June meeting. These were duly signed by the Chair at the end of the meeting.

**4. Matters arising from previous meeting:**

- Flytipping. This was still happening, and approaches to CCC regarding clearing had failed: they had stated that if it was not blocking the public right of way it was not their concern. The notice stating flytippers could be fined £1000 had been erected. It was agreed to approach Llanmiloe Community Association about working together to clear what was there currently, and report back at the next meeting.
- Llanmiloe footpath – cutting back trees and undergrowth. It was agreed that the responsibility was CCC's, and so the Clerk should again contact the officers who attended the site meeting and request that it be done.
- Llanmiloe to Brook footpath – including mud issues. Cllr Tremlett reported that this had been discussed in a regional meeting where it was agreed it could be improved as a multi-user route. Ideas for that would be discussed with the relevant landowners. Cllr Hewens reported that currently the route was not too bad, but that there were some issues with non-closing gates with rusted or broken springs.
- Llanddowror Pumping station. Cllr Pickersgill reported that this was still a work in progress - he would report back as soon as possible.
- Rights of Way. The Clerk informed the meeting that CCC could not provide information on the most popular rights of way, but could provide definitive maps of particular route for advertisement purposes. The Clerk has also been provided with a contact to report any issues.
- Electricity contract. The variable direct debit had been confirmed as in place.

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- Meeting Room patio concreting. This had been largely completed, but making the good of the channel end was still outstanding. The Council would also await the assessment of whether an additional channel was needed to drain water from the area outside the toilets. Payment would be made upon completion of the work.
- School donation. This had been suggested in the June meeting, and the School Governing body consulted about a suitable purpose for this. It was agreed that the Council should donate £100 towards the cost of the windows in the building. In addition the Chair stated that he wished to match that donation from the Chair's budget. All were agreed to the above.
- Planning application W/37655. This had been the topic of the two meetings in August. No decision had been made by PCC – the Clerk stated that she would update the Council when there were any developments.

## 5. New business:

- Co-option. The Clerk reminded the Council that there were currently two vacancies - one for the South Ward and one for the North, and that due advertisement having been done, the Council could now move to co-opt to fill these vacancies.
- GDPR final documentation. The Clerk took the meeting briefly through the documentation, describing the purposes for each item. It was agreed by all that they should be adopted.
- Updated Standing Orders. The Clerk took the meeting briefly through the reasons for the changes – primarily GDPR and associated recent legislation. It was agreed by all to adopt the new Standing Orders.
- Chair allowance. The Clerk stated that the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had stated that a Chair of a Council could be provided a sum by the Council. This was judged a round sum allowance by HMRC, and therefore taxable before receipt. The Council debated the best way to make use of the allowance going forward, and agreed that it should remain in the Council's bank account, and each year it shall be up to the relevant Chair to provide receipts or evidence for justifiable reimbursement, and state in meetings their choice of a recipient if a donation was to be made from that budget.
- Website invoice. This had been received for the hosting costs for 2018-19. It was agreed it should be paid.
- External audit report. This was received, and the Clerk stated that the only comment had been upon the lack of Chair initialling of changes on the annual return. The Council were pleased to have such a positive audit result.

## 6. Financial report.

The Clerk had previously circulated a document stating the current expenditure matched against the agreed budget headings for the year. This was discussed and agreed as acceptable, with reasons provided for some amounts being out of line with expectations. It was agreed the Clerk should provide such reports quarterly, including year-end predicted expenditure for the Precept setting meeting.

The following payments were agreed:

- Clerk salary payments for July and August.
- Clerk salary and expenses for September, and associated HMRC payment.
- Website hosting payment - £129.00
- Payment to Llanmiloe Community Association for room hire in 2017-18 - £50.00 (replacement for previously issued lost cheque).
- Donation to Llanmiloe School (£200.00 total) to be made in October meeting.
- Payment to contractor for Meeting Room concreting to be made on completion of work.

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## **7. Correspondence.**

The following correspondence was received and noted.

- Local Development Plan workshop 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- Remembrance Day installation grant.
- Rural affairs conference 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- OVW Carmarthenshire area committee meeting.
- Simon Hart letter re A477/Llanddowror junction safety. The Clerk was requested to reply asking to be kept updated on any developments.
- Carmarthenshire YFC donation request.
- Carmarthenshire consultation on supplementary planning guidance wind and solar energy.
- Postponement of planning appeal hearing for Old Mill. Potential revised date - 7-11-18.
- Hywel Dda Big change consultation response email.
- Shopmobility Carmarthen thank you letter.

## **8. Planning matters.**

- Planning Application: W/37517. Land north of Four Wheels, St Clears: land use change to allow siting of 28 touring caravan pitches, associated infrastructure, and the erection of site office and facilities buildings.
- Planning Application: W/37538. Conversion of garage as an extension to the dwelling. Danycoed, St Clears, Carmarthen. SA33 4HS.
- Planning Application: W/37574. Plot 4, former MoD land, (Danycoed), Llanmiloe. Reserved matters – i.e. the detailed planning application, outline granted February 2016.
- Planning hearing – Old Mill, Llanddowror - 4<sup>th</sup> September, Carmarthen. However update received and noted in correspondence.
- Planning application: W/37655. Change of use farmland to two Gypsy/Traveller pitches. This topic was discussed in separate meetings and a response sent to CCC.
- Planning Appeal – refused. W/36568. Outline planning for 3 bedroomed 2 storey dwelling adjacent to Ashgrove, Llanddowror.

## **9. Councillors reports for next meeting.**

Cllr Crewes reported that there was a broken plastic pipe sticking out below the bridge in Llanddowror Pocket Park. It was stated this is an issue for Openreach, which has previously been reported

Cllr Crewes also stated she had been asked about provision of help for a local resident who would be unable to put up his flood defences should they be needed, for health reasons. Cllrs Pickersgill and Howells agreed that they would make arrangements to provide help when necessary.

Cllr Hewens reported that there were overflowing bins on the Bro Myrddin estate. The Clerk was requested to contact Bro Myrddin to request they be emptied more frequently.

Cllr Paradise reported that inconsiderate parking in Llanddowror was causing problems. It was stated that this would be a matter for the police – the Council had no powers to intervene in this situation.

Cllr Tremlett stated that she had recently taken on additional duties and workload as County Councillor, so queried whether the order of business could be revised to enable her to attend,

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respond and take note of matters needing her attention during a shorter period. It was agreed to have County Councillor's report as an item just after the previous minutes were adopted for future meetings.

Cllr Holt suggested that boards be provided that list each Chair to raise the profile of the Council in the two communities it served. The introduction of each Councillor in the open meeting had been positively received, and this would be another public-facing action. It was agreed Cllr Holt should investigate and report back to the meeting.

Cllr Holt also requested the Clerk confirm that the chain of office was covered by the insurance.

#### **10. Next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October in Llanddowror Meeting Room, starting at 7.0pm.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

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