

Cyngor Cymuned
Llanddowror & Llanmiloe
Community Council



Minutes of the meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council

Held in the Llanmiloe Resource Centre, Monday 13th May 2019.

Present Cllr Chris Holt in the chair, Cllrs Sandra Hewens, Tony Paradise, Gwyn Owen, Terence Langdon, David Howells.

Annual Meeting

Cllr Chris Holt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Angela Crewes and Phill Pickersgill and County Cllr Jane Tremlett.

Declarations of personal interests. There were none received.

Address by outgoing Chairman. Cllr Holt stated that he had been very grateful for the support of his fellow Cllrs during the year, to the Clerk for her support, and especially to Cllr Pickersgill for covering so many meetings when he had been absent. He admitted that he felt he had not done the job justice, but it had been a learning experience, and he would look forward to being the Chairman again – when he was retired. He stated that he felt the Council was a very valuable forum for the community and that it was important that it continues to work together, and works with the other organisations in the communities it served. Finally, he thanked everyone for their contributions throughout the year.

Election and installation of new Chairman and vice-Chairman for 2019-20. After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Pickersgill as the Chairman for the year. It was also agreed that Cllr Holt should remain in the Chair for this and the following meeting, in the absence of Cllr Pickersgill, and that he would sign his declaration of office in the next meeting. Proposed by Cllr Langdon, seconded by Cllr Holt and agreed by all. The position of Vice-Chairman was then considered, and after discussion Cllr Langdon was proposed by Cllr Hewens, seconded by Cllr Howells, and agreed by all. Cllr Langdon signed his declaration of office.

Adoption of policies of the Council. The various policies and documents that regulated the Council's work were considered and adopted for another year: Code of Conduct; Standing Orders; Financial Regulations; Financial Risk Assessment; Welsh language policy; Complaints policy; Reserves policy; Equal opportunities policy; Dignity bullying and harassment policy; Election and co-option policy.

Dates and locations for normal Council meetings for the coming year. A sheet listing these was provided to all Cllrs present, reviewed and agreed. It would also be placed on the Council noticeboards.

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There being no other business, this meeting closed.

Normal business meeting.

Cllr Holt remained in the Chair for this meeting, as agreed earlier.

Adoption of previous minutes. These had been previously circulated. They were accepted as a true record and duly signed – proposed Cllr Howells, seconded Cllr Paradise and agreed by all.

County Cllr’s report. In the absence of County Cllr Tremlett there was no report provided. It was agreed the Clerk would contact her for updates on the various matters raised. Cllr Howells took this opportunity to express his views on how he felt that this Council was not wholly supported in its endeavours, and despite being part of local government, and being subject to public scrutiny and criticism, was not allowed to have the influence, impact and resources that it needed to make a positive effect upon the community it served. All present agreed, and it was unanimous that those views should be passed on to County Cllr Tremlett for her response. The Clerk was also requested to consult other community councils to see if they felt the same way.

Matters ongoing from previous minutes:

- Meeting Room water channel. The contractor was being reminded of this outstanding work.
- A477 junctions – joint Councils action update. The Clerk had previously circulated correspondence received. She summarised that lighting was not considered feasible for environmental, light pollution, and sustainability reasons as well as cost. The stage four audit had held a site visit, did not intend to consult the community, and would be provided with the relevant correspondence for their considerations. No indication of when the audit would be published was provided.
- Chair Plaque. Cllr Holt would continue to investigate sources for this and report back.
- Concerns raised with the County Cllr in last meeting: School new parking area; Llanmiloe litter especially in Bro Myrddin area; Llanddowror speed check and traffic calming. No update had been provided. The Clerk was requested to contact Cllr Tremlett for updates. Cllr Hewens stated at this point that although it had been reported that CCC had cleaned the gully in Llanmiloe in the last meeting, in fact what had actually happened was only a surface clean, not actual removal of the blockages, which had not resolved the problem. As a result the resident had had to get the issue resolved privately to prevent flooding when it next rained. The Clerk was requested to highlight this to County Cllr Tremlett.

New business:

- Clerk – SLCC membership. It was agreed that this was a valuable resource for Clerk and Council and should be paid.
- ICO – annual data protection fee. It was agreed that the Clerk should set up an annual direct debit for this as best value.
- MUGA – The Clerk had approached Pendine and Laugharne Councils as requested to suggest a joint meeting for this since it would be a resource used by residents from both of these areas. It was agreed that a June meeting be arranged, with the LCA taking the lead as the owners of the land, and with this Council’s support coming partially in the form of administrative support from the Clerk. The Council specifically requested that public thanks

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be recorded for all the hard work that Jamie Rugg and others in the LCA have put into the ongoing work to get funding, and to improve the community.

Financial report:

The accounts from 2018-19 had been audited, and the Clerk circulated the report of the auditor. One issue had been highlighted which was being dealt with. The Council were happy with the accounts and the accounting and governance statements and so Cllr Holt duly signed acceptance of them – proposed by Cllr Howells and seconded by Cllr Langdon, agreed by all present.

The latest accounts for 2019-20 were then reviewed, and the receipt of the precept portion of £6033.34 was noted.

The following invoices were noted, and agreed for payment – proposed by Cllr Hewens, seconded by Cllr Paradice and agreed by all:

- Clerk salary and expenses for May.
- Clerk tax due for May.
- Dwr Cymru direct debit £14.00
- SLCC membership as referenced earlier - £64.50
- ICO data protection fee as referenced earlier - £35.00 direct debit annually.

Correspondence

Invitation to the Mayor civic ceremony for Whitland Town Council 2nd June. This would be passed to Cllr Pickersgill

One Voice Wales request for motions for their AGM. The Clerk would draft a motion based upon Cllrs Howells' expressed views earlier and circulate for consideration.

Sandy Fear. The Council expressed their condolences to ex-Cllr Fear on the death of his wife and the Clerk was requested to send a card accordingly.

Police and Crime Commissioner panel news. This was noted.

Donation request from Pendine and District Senior Citizens Association – after discussion it was agreed to donate £50.00.

Donation request from Llanmiloe School towards swimming lessons – it was agreed to donate £120.00 from the previous year's chair fund.

Planning matters:

Planning application W38723. Change of use of land for the siting of 28 touring caravans, pitches, associated infrastructure and the erection of a site office and facilities buildings. Land north of four Wheels, St Clears. SA33 4HD. The Council objected to this on the grounds of it being obtrusive on the landscape, loss of amenity and unsuitable development. The Clerk would convey those objections to CCC.

Planning application W/38763. Erection of agricultural machinery storage shed. Field adjacent to Lower Cresswell Farm, Laugharne. There were no objections to this.

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Planning application granted: W/38489. Reserve matters for one dwelling to outline planning permission for W/38336 – appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Plot 2, land at Llanmiloe, Marsh Road. SA33 4UG.

Councillors’ reports for next meeting.

Cllr Hewens raised a request that the Llanmiloe noticeboard be cleaned / have a coat of varnish in order to make it look smarter and lengthen its life. She also suggested that a notice be drafted regarding the current vacancies to highlight these to the local community. The Clerk would do this.

It was also stated that yet again the verges had been cut for the Pendine section of land adjacent to the MoD fencing, but not in the Llanmiloe section, despite the agreement between the MoD and CCC. The Clerk would contact CCC and Cllr Tremlett about this to resolve the issue. In addition the Clerk was requested to make a formal appointment for the Council to meet with the MoD DIO to review the plans for the boundary.

Cllr Owen stated that there was potential for the placement of solar panels on the Llanddowror Meeting Room. He would pass on a contact regarding this.

Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting would be in Llanddowror Meeting Room on 10th June, starting at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

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