

Cyngor Cymuned
Llanddowror & Llanmiloe
Community Council



Minutes of the meeting of Llanddowror and Llanmiloe Community Council

Held in the Llanmiloe Resource Centre, Monday 9th September 2019.

Present: Cllr Phill Pickerskill (Chair), Cllrs Angela Crewes, Terence Langdon, Sandra Hewens, David Howells, Glyn Owens, Chris Holt.

The meeting started with officers from Carmarthenshire County Council in attendance to discuss the grass-cutting and maintenance of the Coastal Path through Llanmiloe.

After a lengthy discussion of the various issues, the following was agreed:

- 1) The balance between work carried out at the Pendine end and work carried out in the main part of Llanmiloe would be re-balanced - up until now for various reasons the Pendine end has had more attention.
- 2) The whole area the full length of the Coastal Path would be cut back right down once a year at the end of the growing season. This would prevent it looking as unsightly as it does now for much of the year.
- 3) the CCC team would cut back and maintain the areas to the sides of the path throughout the year to at least one metre each side where that existed, but more usually two metres or more, in the same manner (some of) it is done now.
- 4) The agreement with the MoD when the Coastal Path started was that the grass etc. would be cut back to the fence so that the 'keep out' signs were clearly visible (health and safety, legal liability on CCC/MoD for intrusion). The team would keep the grass etc. managed as described here, and then the MoD could manage any additional cutting to keep the signs on the fence visible.
- 5) The biodiversity team and any others as relevant be approached regarding the potential filling in of the scrapes that are outside the MoD boundary which are CCC's responsibility, and levelling off the area. The Council has serious concerns that these remain and are partially hidden in an area where there are large numbers of children, both local and visiting, The removal of the scrapes the Council feel would be advantageous not only for removing a significant health and safety hazard from CCC land, but also to reduce workload, make the cutting and management of the area clearer, more cost effective and to a higher standard, and the presence of near identical scrapes and other similar habitats within a few feet within the MoD land mean that there would be negligible reduction in the biodiversity provision in the area. The Clerk would contact the biodiversity team directly to support this proposal if it was requested.

The officers then left the meeting.

1. **Apologies for absence.** These were received from County Cllr Jane Tremlett and Cllr Tony Paradise. Cllr Paradise had also tendered his resignation, which was discussed and accepted. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to him thanking him for his work for the Council over many years.
2. **Declaration of personal interests.** No personal interests were declared..

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3. **Adoption of previous minutes** for 10th June 2019 and 8th July 2019. These had been previously circulated. They were briefly reviewed, and agreed as a true record, therefore signed – proposed by Cllr Howells, seconded by Cllr Pickersgill.

4. County Councillor’s report.

In her absence there was no report from Cllr Tremlett. The previously reported flytipping had been cleared but a concern was raised over broken glass left on the roadside in the same area. This would be reported to Cllr Tremlett and CCC.

5. Matters on going from previous meeting:

- a. Llanddowror water channel. There was no update on this – the Clerk was continuing to contact the contractor to get it done.
- b. Chair plaque. Cllr Holt stated he was continuing to seek value for money suppliers for this.
- c. Welsh Water rising main feedback. None had been received – Cllr Pickersgill would continue to chase this.
- d. Llanmiloe grass cutting – the discussion at the start of this meeting had hopefully resolved this.
- e. A477 stage 4 audit. This had been received prior to the meeting and circulated. It was agreed to seek a meeting with Angela Burns AM on this matter, because the Council felt neither their concerns nor those of the community had been taken into consideration. A letter would also be send directly to Ken Skates AM about this.
- f. Waste bins in Llanmiloe. These had beee replaced as requested with larger capacity bins.
- g. Noticeboards in Llanmiloe and Llanddowror. These would be checked again for any maintenance issues.
- h. Concerns raised with County Cllr in previous meeting. Flytipping, as mentioned above.

6. New business:

- a. Angela Burns AM meeting. This would be arranged.
- b. Llanmiloe waste soil dumping. Cllr Pickersgill was pursuing the matter and would report to Council as soon as possible.
- c. External audit report. This had been received prior to the meeting. The Clerk reported that the Council had received an unqualified audit, with just one error of a mis-ticked box to be noted.
- d. Code of Conduct. The training materials provided by CCC had been circulated to all prior to the meeting. They were discussed, and the Council accepted they should always work within the Code of Conduct.
- e. Community Streetlights. The listing had been previously circulated. The Council requested that the Clerk ask for a map showing both community and CCC lights so that they could be better informed of the whole provision within the community.
- f. Llanddowror toilets. Closure over winter was considered, and would be agreed at the next meeting.

7. **Financial report.** This had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was reviewed and considered acceptable. It was agreed to update the bank mandate regarding signatories. It was noted that £6033.34 of the precept had been received

Invoices for agreement

- Clerk salary and expenses for July, August and September.
- Clerk tax due for July, August and September
- Dwr Cymru - £9.50 (direct debit) (July, August, September)
- Swalec direct debit - expected this month.
- W3Webdesigns – annual invoice - £129.00

Invoice issued - £20.00 to Llanddowror Village Association - electricity.

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8. Correspondence:

- Welsh Govt written statement – public toilets zero rates from 1-4-2020 email 1-7-19
- CCC – polling staff recruitment.
- Welsh Govt – proposed national planning framework.
- One Voice Wales training calendar.
- Local Govt Boundary Review – Carmarthenshire final recommendations.

9. Planning matters:

- **Application** W/39286. Submission of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, scale) for outline planning permission W/38336 on plots 24 and 25. 24 Dan y Bryn, Pendine. **No objections raised.**
- Full granted: W/38569. Change of use of existing barns into holiday let accommodation, tea rooms, offices, and showering facilities for neighbouring campsite. Brook House Farm, Laugharne. Granted 25-6-19
- Full refusal: W/38723. Change of use of land for siting of 28 touring caravan pitches, associated infrastructure and erection of site offices and facilities buildings. Land north of Four Wheels, St Clears. Refused 25-6-19
- Full refusal. W/38924. Change of use of a redundant stone barn to a holiday let and retention of a part reconstructed barn for domestic storage purposes. Maesoland Farm, St Clears. Refused 30-7-19.
- Granted: W/38887 discharge of conditions: parking, lighting, boundary treatments, lodges scheme details) of W/31503 – change of use from vacant land to area for holiday let static caravans. Land at Llanmiloe House, Llanmiloe. Granted 8-7-19
- Granted. W/37065. Discharge of conditions: surface water drainage strategy and pollution prevention management plan of W/30932: land at Millside Caravan, St Clears. Discharge of planning condition granted 17-7-19

10. Councillors reports and matters for next meeting:

There were concerns raised about vehicles being parked on the pavement in Llanmiloe, preventing children and those with pushchairs being able to stay safely on the pavement when walking. The Clerk would write to Bro Myrddin expressing these concerns.

There was ongoing concern over the very tall trees in Llanmiloe. The MoD had now sourced maps showing land ownership, so the Clerk was asked to write to request a site meeting.

There was also concern over the Japanese Knotweed in the area. The Clerk would write to the MoD head groundsman to request a site meeting.

Cllr Owen raised concerns about the hedge height on the road coming out of St Clears. The growth of bamboo etc. was six foot high, and impeding visibility. The Clerk would contact CCC accordingly.

11. Date and venue of next meeting.

This was agreed to be on 14th October, in Llanddowror Meeting Room, starting at 7.00pm

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

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