

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the April 2024 Meeting of Llanarthne Community Council held at Llanarthne Village Hall on 09/04/2024 at 19.00.

Cllr G Jones expressed his condolences to the family of Mr Eric Evans, Cwmforgan, Llanarthne and out of respect and for reflection asked council members to observe a minute silence.

237/2023-2024 Present.

Councillors: G Jones (Chair), R Pole, A Isaac, E Jenkins, M Jones, C Pugh-Jones.

Clerk.

Translator – Helen Mainwaring.

238/2023-2024 To receive apologies.

Councillors: County Cllr A Davies, County Cllr H Jones.

239/2023-2024 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr G Jones – Minute **242/2023-2024** Policing and road safety matters.

240/2023-2024 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

Potential new community council member in attendance.

241/2023-2024 Mrs Catrin Lloyd Davies – Proposed planning application for Pet Crematorium.

Mrs Catrin Lloyd Davies attended the meeting to inform the community council of a proposed planning application for a pet crematorium.

Our application will be for a “partial change of use” of part of the storage shed on our smallholding in order to house and operate a pet crematorium. The Pet Cremation machine is effectively a large oven which efficiently processes the body into ash and it is important to note that the body is decomposed by heat and not directly burnt. Any exhaust gases or smells discharged will be filtered by a multiple stage process and we are assured will be less intrusive than a standard solid fuel chimney. To provide further assurance, before we can carry out any operation, we will require a suitable inspection and license from the Animal & Plant Health Agency.

If successful and when up and trading our target audience will be veterinary practices who we will seek to deliver and collect from twice a week via a small, refrigerated van. We will also, dependent on demand, look to service a small number of private pet cremations that will either be collected and delivered at the same time as vets or delivered and collected by the owners.

We are keen for this new venture to be as carbon neutral as possible. In this regard we hope to operate the first UK electric Pet Crematorium, which we hope will be supplemented by on farm energy generation via a solar array installed on the shed roof linked to a battery storage system”.

Cllr G Jones thanked Mrs. Catrin Lloyd Davies for her presentation and asked all council members present if they had any questions.

Cllr M Jones asked in the context of the narrow road leading to Bigwrn and Paxton's Tower if the public were able to deliver their pets to the crematorium?

Mrs. Lloyd Davies repeated her presentation comments and that whilst some members of the public might deliver and collect, they would more likely deal directly with Veterinary practices as their target audience.

Cllr M Jones asked if the potential business name was Welsh, and would all advertising be bilingual?

Mrs. Lloyd Davies confirmed that the business name would be Welsh, and all advertising would be bilingual.

Cllr G Jones asked if contact has been made with local veterinary practices to gauge demand?

Mrs. Lloyd Davies replied that she had family connections within a local veterinary group to assist with launching the potential business.

Cllr E Jenkins asked what size animal they would be able to cremate and where would the animals be stored until cremated?

Mrs. Lloyd Davies replied that the chamber would be able to cremate any animal from a mouse to a large dog and that animals would be refrigerated until cremated.

Cllr R Pole asked at what time the crematorium would be active.

Mrs. Lloyd Davies replied that due to the carbon neutral specification of the electric chamber and filtration system the cremation of animals would likely be off peak, very discreet with omissions similar to a log burner.

Cllr G Jones asked what timescale were they working towards?

Mrs. Lloyd Davies replied at least 3 months.

Cllr G Jones thanked Mrs. Lloyd Davies again for the presentation and stated that the community council would await the planning application.

Mrs Catrin Lloyd Davies left the meeting at 19.25, not to return.

242/2023-2024 To consider and note any policing and/or road safety concerns.

Cllr G Jones reported the following potholes and asked the Clerk to report the What3words location to Carmarthenshire County Council –

Near Pantwgan Farm - toasters.dandelion.cobble and reinstate.lays.beakers.

Near Penallt Isaf, Llanarthne - Safely.stockpile.voltages and desiring.shorten.pills.

Near Hafen Deg Llanarthne - reckon.widen.aquatic.

Near Dolgwynnon - joked.sweeten.lamp.

Cllr G Jones also asked the Clerk to request that Carmarthenshire County Council bring the specialist pothole repair machine equipment to properly patch and repair the Swansea Road from Pantwgan Farm to Llwyn Melyn as the road is in a very poor condition causing drivers to drive on the wrong side of the road and particularly dangerous for motor cyclists, cyclists and regular walkers who use the road.

The Clerk stated that Cllr. Hefin Jones had also brought this to his attention. The Clerk agreed to send the request to County Cllr A Davies. **Resolved** to note.

Cllr R Pole reported that some of the cobbles at the roundabout located near the NBGW required securing. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.

Cllr E Jenkins reported an unstable stone wall near Pont Felin Gat. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the NBGW.

243/2023-2024 County Council Matters - County Cllr A Davies.

None.

244/2023-2024 To Receive Chairman's Reports.

Cllr G Jones reported that he attended the Bute Energy consultation meeting at Llanarthne Village Hall on 21/03/2024 where there was an excellent community presence, with the preference for cable ploughing clearly conveyed to the company. Green Gen continue to provide dated costs and negative views regarding undergrounding but have stated that they will look at cable ploughing. The pylon group are determined to continue to lobby against their plans. Congratulations were extended to the pylon group for their efforts on behalf of the Llanarthne area.

Cllr G Jones thanked Cllr E Jenkins for attending the Eisteddfod Fach in Capel Dewi on 15/03/2024 on behalf of the community council. Congratulations to Mrs. Catrin Curry on the success of the event.

Cllr G Jones reported that he had been busy with numerous sub-committee meetings regarding the interpretation panel. Cllr G Jones thanked the sub-committee members for their time, input and hard work and expressed his gratitude to the Clerk for arranging the formatting, printing and installation of the panel and bench.

Cllr G Jones congratulated Barry Liles, The Old Fulling Mill, and Alison Jackson Erw Hir as the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Llanarthne Village Hall committee.

245/2023-2024 Confirmation and Signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 12/03/2024.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 12/03/2024. Proposed by Cllr A Isaac and seconded by Cllr E Jenkins.

Cllr M Jones reported the following errors in the Welsh version of the minutes –

Minute 221/2023-2024 – Change “dyweddiad” to “ymrwymiad”.

Minute 224/2023-2024 – Change “ei wneud” to “fynychu”.

246/2023-2024 Matters arising from the above minutes.

The Clerk informed Council members that all matters to **resolve** had been actioned and if correspondence had been received, a copy of the Email had been sent to each member for information.

247/2023-2024 To note correspondence or to list for consideration at a forthcoming Council meeting.

(All relevant correspondence is emailed to council members at the time of receipt and only brought before the meeting if necessary or specifically requested by members or the Clerk).

248/2023-2024 Planning.

No objections to the following planning applications. Proposed by Cllr M Jones and seconded by Cllr A Isaac.

PL/07405 - Removal of existing roof and erection of attic trussed roof to provide additional loft accommodation - Bigwrn, Llanarthne, Carmarthen, SA32 8HX.

249/2023-2024 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the March meeting and **ratified** in the April meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for approval. **Proposed** by Cllr R Pole and seconded by Cllr M Jones.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	25/03/2024	West Wales Dahlia Society - Donation	50.00
Online	25/03/2024	Wales Air Ambulance - Donation	50.00
Online	25/03/2024	Macmillan Cancer - Donation	50.00
Online	25/03/2024	Tenovus Cancer - Donation	50.00
Online	25/03/2024	Carmarthenshire All Wales Ploughing - Donation	50.00
Online	25/03/2024	Eisteddfod Fach - Donation	100.00
Online	25/03/2024	T R Carruthers – Payroll Jan, Feb, March	241.78
Online	25/03/2024	Llanarthne Village Hall – Discover Llanarthne	300.00
Online	25/03/2024	Roman Solutions - 12765	562.00
Online	25/03/2024	Dyfed Pension	618.29
Online	25/03/2024	HMRC PAYE – Period 10, 11, 12	673.31
Online	25/03/2024	Wales Audit Office - 010400	320.00
Online	25/03/2024	Wales Audit Office - 010444	719.00
Online	25/03/2024	Moilin - 62	1125.00
Online	25/03/2024	J G Evans – Jan, Feb, March Payroll	1733.59
Online	25/03/2024	Carmarthenshire County Council - 97551905	3366.86
Online	28/03/2024	Catrin Llwyd – Cclarth22	201.00
Online	28/03/2024	Shaun Pinney - 08016	250.00
Online	28/03/2024	Optimwm - 1338	1536.00

250/2023-2024 To note receipts.

None.

251/2023-2024 To receive the Internal Financial Examiners report 01/01/2024 – 31/03/2024.

Each member had been provided with a written report prior to the meeting. A full verbal report was provided by Cllr A Isaac. The report confirmed the accuracy of the bank reconciliation and statement of accounts provided to the Council. It also confirmed the accuracy of the final budget report provided. It was proposed by Cllr R Pole and seconded by Cllr M Jones to accept the report. Members thanked Cllr A Isaac and the Clerk for their work.

Each member had been provided with a copy of the 2023 – 2024 accounts prior to the meeting. The Clerk updated all council members with regards to income, expenditure and a complete budget report. The Clerk showed that certain topics of the budget had an overspend and others an underspend and an explanation was given to each topic.

252/2023-2024 To discuss the Audit Wales report 2022 – 2023.

The following Email was received from Audit Wales on 18/03/2024 and forwarded to all council members.

Audit opinion: Qualified.

Except for the matters reported below in my Basis for Qualification, on the basis of my audit, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Basis of Qualification

Annual Governance Statement

In my opinion, the Annual Governance Statement is not consistent with the Council's internal controls and governance arrangements for the year:

- Assertion 1: Arrangements for the approval of accounts The Council did not make proper arrangements for the approval of the Annual accounts. The Council did not approve the accounts by 30 June as required by the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.
- Assertion 3: Compliance with relevant laws and regulations. The Council has not published information it is required to publish electronically by the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act.
- Assertion 4: The Council did not make proper arrangements for the public inspection of accounts as required by the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014.
- Assertion 8: Response to audit recommendations. The Council was unable to demonstrate it has responded to all recommendations and findings of the 2021-22 audit.

Other matters and recommendations

There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council's attention.

The Clerk presented the Audit Wales completion documents at the meeting. Council members discussed the Audit Wales decision for 2022 – 2023 and decided on the following outcome -

Assertion 1 – Agree. (Late report from Internal Financial Auditor)

Assertion 3 – Clerk to investigate with One Voice Wales.

Assertion 4 - To the contrary, notice was placed on website and in community noticeboards. Evidence sent to Audit Wales.

Assertion 8 – Clerk to investigate 2021 – 2022 audit results despite clarifying improvements.

Proposed by Cllr R Pole and seconded by Cllr M Jones. A unanimous decision by all council members present. **Resolved** to note.

253/2023-2024 To discuss Community Awards.

Cllr G Jones presented all council members present with a format for the Community Awards selection process. All council members to review and report back in the May meeting on 14/05/2024. **Resolved** to note.

254/2023-2024 To discuss "Yr Hen a Wyr" project.

The Clerk reported that all matters relating to the project had been completed and the panel and seating bench had been installed prior to 29/03/2024. Cllr G Jones reported that the Discover Llanarthne/Yr Hen A Wyr Launch event had been organized for 25/05/2024 from 09.30 – 12.30 at Llanarthne Village Hall. Further details to be shared at the May meeting. **Resolved** to note.

LLANARTHNE

PAXTON A PEYS
O gapwr byn iwan Tŷr Nelson (Tŷr Nelson) wedd edrydd allan iŷr Llanarthne am Yr Hen A Wyr (The Invisible Commander), ymgyffwrŷŷr Yr Arghwylld Nelson "The Invisible Commander". Cefndd i gwynwyrŷŷr gan William Paxton a'i gwynwylld gan Samuel Peys Cockeard.

PAXTON AND PEYS
From its hills, Nelson's Tower (Paxton's Tower) has overlooked Llanarthne for more than 200 years, dedicated to the remarkable Commander Lord Nelson. It was commissioned by William Paxton and designed by Samuel Peys Cockeard.

GARDD BOTANEG CENEDLAETHOL CYMRU
Mae Gardd Botaneg Cenedlaethol Cymru'n ganolfan fawr i gyflwynu, cadw, a tyfu planhigion a ffwrŷŷr (dewyntwrŷŷr) ym Nghymru. Y Tŷr (Tŷr) Mawr yw'r Tŷr gwynwylld mwyaf mwyaf yn y byd ac mae'n gartref i ddwy gwynwylld mwyaf mwyaf yn y byd. Mae'r safle hwn yn cynnwys hwy am ym 1000 o ffwrŷŷr a ffwrŷŷr mwyaf mwyaf yn y byd. Mae'r safle hwn yn cynnwys hwy am ym 1000 o ffwrŷŷr a ffwrŷŷr mwyaf mwyaf yn y byd.

NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDEN OF WALES
The National Botanic Garden of Wales is a leading centre of excellence for biodiversity conservation, plant research and a major Welsh tourist attraction. The Great Glasshouse is the largest single-span glasshouse in the world and houses some of the most endangered plants on the planet. The 588-acre site occupies the former park land of Sir William Paxton's 18th century mansion that retains and includes the recently restored original landscape. The Garden hosts a range of events throughout the year and activities for all ages 10+.

CYFEIRNOB REFERENCE
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WYMP Y PENFREIF
Mae'r wymp y penfreif yn cael ei gyswgu'n ddiogel gan ym 1000 o ffwrŷŷr a ffwrŷŷr mwyaf mwyaf yn y byd.

VILLAGE PUMP
The village and school children used to have to visit the pump daily to carry water home. It was especially busy with babies on the way.

BYD NATUR YN LLANARTHNE
• Dyffwrdd Cymru
• Eiddo Gwynwylld
• Ffwrŷŷr
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GORSAF LLANARTHNE c1910
Cae'rŷŷr iŷrffwrŷŷr yn 1910 ac mae bellach wedd'i ddyddiŷŷr ffwrŷŷr beirŷŷr beirŷŷr mwyaf mwyaf yn y byd.

LLANARTHNE STATION HOUSE c1910
The house was built in 1910 and is now designated as a Grade II listed building.

NEUADD LLANARTHNE
Neuadd Llanarthne 2000 glyn Chappell y Ddŷr 1815 yn y cefn. Y neuadd yw canolfan ffwrŷŷr cymuned glyn amrywiol a wneirŷŷr iŷrffwrŷŷr a ddyddiŷŷr mwyaf mwyaf yn y byd.

CASTELL DRYSLWYN
Safle y castell er ffwrŷŷr cefn yn y dyffwrdd. Mae'r castell yn cael ei adeiladu'n ddiogel yn y dyffwrdd. O'i gartref iŷrffwrŷŷr a ddyddiŷŷr mwyaf mwyaf yn y byd.

DRYSLWYN CASTLE
The castle perches on a natural outcrop overlooking the valley. The earliest building probably dates back to the 13th century. The castle was destroyed and reconstructed during the 16th century. In 1403 the castle was destroyed by English troops and despite its size and strength fell in three weeks in 1403. The castle was the seat of a Welsh lord when Owen Glyndwr occupied it, however, when the reliable English troops arrived it could never again be used in battle by holding the whole building, even the stone tower, from the stairs and the hinges from the doors were taken.

255/2023-2024 To discuss the co-optation of new council members.

A community member attended the April meeting to familiarize herself with the format of community council meetings before making a final decision. **Resolved** to note.

256/2023-2024 To hold a forum in order for members to raise reports/questions through the Chair.

The Clerk sent available dates to all council members regarding the annual dinner at the Emlyn Arms, Llanarthne. All members decided to hold the event on 15/05/2024. **Resolved** for the Clerk to organize.

257/2023-2024 In Camera 20.58.

Those who were not Community Council members, or the Clerk departed the meeting – not to return. The exclusion is due to personnel / staffing matters being discussed.

258/2023-2024 Next Meeting.

Date of the next meeting to be held at Capel Dewi Village Hall – 14/05/2024 at 19.00.

259/2023-2024 The Meeting Finished at 21.00.

Chairman

Date
