

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANARTHNE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the July 2024 Meeting of Llanarthne Community Council held at Capel Dewi Village Hall on 09/07/2024 at 19.00.

70/2024-2025 Present.

Councillors: A Isaac (Chair), County Cllr H Jones, G Jones, E Jenkins, N Thomas, R Pole.

Clerk.

Translator – H Glenister.

71/2024-2025 To receive apologies.

Councillors: C Pugh-Jones

72/2024-2025 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

73/2024-2025 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

74/2024-2025 To consider and note any policing and/or road safety concerns.

Cllr R Pole and Cllr E Jenkins reported that grass verges and hedgerows required cutting within the community especially at road junctions. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.

Cllr N Thomas reported that the lane towards Paxton's Tower was almost inaccessible due to extremely overgrown hedgerows. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.

Cllr A Isaac reported that the hedgerows in Penrhiwgoch required cutting. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.

75/2024-2025 County Council Matters - County Cllr A Davies.

None.

76/2024-2025 To Receive Chairman's Reports.

The Chair expressed her congratulations to County and Community Cllr A Davies for being elected as the Member of Parliament for the Carmarthen constituency.

The Chair announced that the Llanarthne Village Show was being held at Llanarthne Village Hall on 24/08/2024.

77/2024-2025 Confirmation and Signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 11/06/2024.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 11/06/2024. Proposed by Cllr N Thomas and seconded by Cllr R Pole.

78/2024-2025 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.

The Clerk reported that PACH had been contacted regarding all issues with the website and confirmation had been received that the “Our Village” plugin was working. Most issues have been resolved and 1 hour of training has been received. Current information and documents are being uploaded onto the website and obsolete information is being deleted.

The 2023 – 2024 External Audit Report was sent via special delivery on 27/06/2024. Dynefor Tree Services were contacted regarding the overgrown grass around the seating benches within the community and all work had been completed.

The Clerk reminded council members that if they were unable to attend the Code of Conduct training on 28/06/2024, a link had been sent to all council members to complete the course.

79/2024-2025 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).

Event at Bremenda Isaf, County Farm, Llanarthne, SA32 8JX – Cllr R Pole suggested attending the event prior to the September meeting on 10/09/2024 at 18.00. **Resolved** for the Clerk to inform all council members.

Briefing on the new Southwest Wales Regional Transport Plan – Cllr N Thomas and Cllr A Isaac to attend and report at the September meeting on 10/09/2024.

Proposed Introduction of 40 M.P.H Speed Limits at Various Locations, Carmarthenshire – Cllr A Isaac to respond in relation to Penrhiwgoch.

80/2024-2025 Planning.

No objections to the following planning application. Proposed by Cllr R Pole and seconded by Cllr N Thomas.

PL/07974 – Standard commercial polytunnel - Land adjacent Ffosyffin Fawr, Capel Dewi, Carmarthen, SA32 8AG.

81/2024-2025 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the June meeting and **ratified** in the July meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorization. Proposed by Cllr A Isaac and seconded by Cllr G Jones.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	27/06/2024	J G Evans – Payroll April - June	1294.21
Online	27/06/2024	T R Carruthers – Payroll April - June	242.96
Online	27/06/2024	HMRC	485.42
Online	27/06/2024	Dyfed Pensions	406.91
Online	27/06/2024	Roman Solutions - 13369	487.33
Online	27/06/2024	Screwfix - A17988418180	3.59
Online	27/06/2024	Capel Dewi Community Association – May 2024	40.00
Online	27/06/2024	Wales Audit Office – ARINV/010929	200.00

Online	27/06/2024	Currys - 910515	469.00
Online	27/06/2024	Dynefor Tree Services - 002	125.00
Online	27/06/2024	Llandybie Community Council – Rynat BC4270	468.00

82/2024-2025 To note receipts.

None.

83/2024-2025 To receive the Internal Financial Examiners report 01/04/2024 – 30/06/2024.

Each member had been provided with a written report prior to the meeting. A full verbal report was provided by Cllr A Isaac.

“During a meeting with Mr. Gary Evans (Clerk) and myself on the 07/07/2024, I undertook a review of the following items -

- 1) An examination of the bank statements for the latest period under review (01/04/2024 – 30/06/2024. The meeting took place via zoom. The balance at Barclays Bank on 30/06/2024 is £18,062.28 and it corresponds with the account balance in the Cyngor Llanarthne accounts recorded by the clerk. There were no uncleared cheques.
- 2) I can confirm the accuracy of the ongoing accounts that will be presented to council members at the meeting on the 09/07/2024.
- 3) All payments made by the council are supported by invoices or by signed receipts. I have undertaken a review of invoices received and paid (all payments are either paid by cheque or by online transactions) for the period 01/04/2024 – 30/06/2024.
- 4) That VAT has been correctly accounted for and can be reclaimed when appropriate.
- 5) The income has been recorded and banked correctly. (£8821.23 has been received this financial year to date)
- 6) Payments to staff and members have been examined and the figures, including tax due to HMRC agreed.
- 7) Budget review – After 3 months of activity we undertook a review of the various expenditure undertaken to date compared to actuals.
- 8) Following this meeting I can confirm that in my opinion there are no matters that give rise to concern in the accounts for the period 01/04/2024 – 30/06/2024”.

It was proposed by Cllr N Thomas and seconded by Cllr G Jones to accept the report. Members thanked Cllr A Isaac and the Clerk for their work.

84/2024-2025 To hold a forum in order for members to raise reports/questions through the Chair.

Cllr G Jones congratulated Cllr A Isaac and Cllr N Thomas on the success of the Llanddarog Village Show.

Cllr G Jones stated that he was unable to attend the Carmarthenshire Area Committee meeting on 17/07/2024. The Clerk to attend as representative of Llanarthne Community Council.

Cllr G Jones enquired about the protocol if County Cllr A Davies was to resign as Ward Member for the area. County Cllr H Jones stated that County Cllr A Davies had the option to remain but if she decided to step down there would be a by-election.

Cllr R Pole reported the excess litter being strewn along the slip road entering and exiting the A48 dual carriageway. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report to the relevant department.

Cllr N Thomas asked if plans were underway to celebrate County and Community Cllr A Davies being elected as the Member of Parliament for the Carmarthen constituency. Cllr G Jones stated that a Plaid Cymru celebratory evening was being arranged and facilitated by the committee members of Llanarthne Village Hall. This is a ticket only event which is available on Eventbrite and whilst there will be community members in attendance, it is a Plaid Cymru event. Cllr N Thomas suggested that, if possible, could Llanarthne Community Council in collaboration with Llanddarog Community Council plan an event for the entire community to attend. **Resolved** for the Clerk to enquire.

85/2024-2025 In Camera 20.18.

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.

86/2024-2025 Next Meeting.

Date of the next meeting to be held at Llanarthne Village Hall – 10/09/2024 at 19.00.

87/2024-2025 The Meeting Finished at 20.20.

Chairman

Date
