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Minutes of the January 2025 Meeting of Llanarthne Community Council held online on 14/01/2025 at 19.00.

169/2024-2025 Present.

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

Clerk.

Translator – C Llwyd.

170/2024-2025 To receive apologies.

Councillors: County Cllr A Davies, C Pugh-Jones, N Thomas.

171/2024-2025 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

172/2024-2025 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

173/2024-2025 To consider and note any policing and/or road safety concerns.

174/2024-2025 County Council Matters - County Cllr A Davies.

None.

175/2024-2025 To Receive Chairman's Reports.

176/2024-2025 Confirmation and Signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 10/12/2024.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 10/12/2024. Proposed by Cllr R Pole and seconded by Cllr E Jenkins.

177/2024-2025 Matters arising from the above minutes.

None.

178/2024-2025 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).

The following email was received from a community member on 20/12/2024 –

“I am writing to express my continued frustration and dissatisfaction regarding the persistent noise disturbance caused by the waste treatment plant located opposite our property, The Old Smithy. Despite my earlier communication (please refer to the email below), this issue remains unresolved.

Since my initial report, I have made multiple attempts to have this matter addressed, speaking to several departments. However, no concrete action has been taken, and the situation is ongoing.

- On **Monday**, I raised this issue with Housing Repair and was informed that the case would be allocated to an officer.

- On **Wednesday**, I contacted Public Protection, but they stated they could not take action as the facility is council-run, but it would be dealt with by the housing repair team.

- As of today, nothing has been done to resolve the matter. When I spoke to the Help Desk again, they kindly escalated my query to Housing Repair. However, I was subsequently informed that Housing Repair had failed to contact the correct contractor, IVEC, who is responsible for the necessary repairs.

Adding to the urgency of this issue, I have now learned that IVEC is closed for a two-week holiday period. Despite my repeated emails and requests, we are now facing weeks of further disturbance and distress, which is unacceptable.

I fully expect this situation to be resolved within the next few days. It is not reasonable or sustainable for us to continue enduring this level of disruption and discomfort in our home.

Please confirm receipt of this email and provide an immediate update on the steps being taken to rectify the problem without further delay.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this matter”.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with the community member on 20/12/2024 and gave contact details for the relevant companies and departments.

The following email was received from Carmarthenshire County Council on 30/12/2024 –

“Thank you for your email(s) below, the content of which is noted and I’m sorry that you continue to have noise disturbance that’s affecting your peaceful enjoyment of your home.

Osian’s explained that as a Council we cannot take enforcement action against ourselves, however, this doesn’t mean that we are not taking your complaint seriously and our intention is to get this resolved as a matter of priority.

Unfortunately, contractors have stopped over the Christmas and new year period and will resume on Monday 6th January 2024 and the likelihood of getting this work done before then is doubtful. However, my colleagues are trying to contact IVEC to see if they can do the work sooner, providing that they are able to get parts to do the necessary work.

Please be assured that I do not plan to leave this matter go several weeks into the new year unresolved.

I trust that this is acceptable and will get back in touch with you either today or tomorrow with an update. Thank you for your patience and again my sincerest apology for any inconvenience that this has caused”

The Clerk reported that he had spoken with the community resident and all issues have now been resolved.

179/2024-2025 Planning.

No objections to the following planning application Proposed by Cllr E Jenkins and seconded by County Cllr H Jones.

PL/08543 – Implement and fodder storage building - Cefnbryn, Llanarthne, Carmarthen, SA32 8LH.

Cllr E Jenkins stated that the address on the above planning application does not correspond with the location of the proposed structure. County Cllr H Jones asked the Clerk to inform the planning department at Carmarthenshire County Council. **Resolved** for the Clerk to report.

160/2024-2025 Payments.

The payments below were certified in the October meeting and **ratified** in the November meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorisation. **Proposed** by Cllr A Isaac and seconded by Cllr R Pole.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	04/11/2024	Royal British Legion – 31292736	40.00
Online	04/11/2024	Carmarthenshire County Council - 97770071	355.85
Online	04/11/2024	Dynefor Tree Services - 005	360.00

161/2024-2025 To note receipts.

None.

162/2024-2025 To discuss Budget Proposal 2025-2026.

Community Council members discussed the budget proposal in preparation for the January precept application. The Clerk shared the 2024-2025 budget format with members and discussed each heading individually. Each member had the opportunity to propose specific requirements needed for the 2025-2026 expenditure. The Clerk suggested that the community council cancel the Zoom subscription as Microsoft Teams offer the same facilities free of charge. The saving would be approx. £265.00. Council members agreed. All council members present discussed the financial assistance revenue grants given on an annual basis. It was decided to increase the grant funding to the following amounts –

Llanarthne Village Hall – £1000.00

Capel Dewi Village Hall – £1000.00

Llanarthne Village Show – £250.00

Eisteddfod Fach Capel Dewi - £250.00

Council members stated that it was important for the community council to assist the community where possible and decided to keep the precept demand figure the same as 2024-2025 and increase the figure for special projects and reserves to fund any unforeseen issues in the future. **Resolved** to note.

The following table shows the proposed budget requirements for 2025-2026, which will be finalised by the Internal Financial Examiner Cllr A Isaac and the Clerk prior to the January 2025 meeting for approval.

HEADING	PREVIOUS BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	REASON

Ground Maintenance	900.00	1200.00	Shelter Cleaning
Staff Salary & PAYE	10,200.00	10,500.00	Inflation and salary increase in line with NALC
Admin, Inc Audit Fees	2300.00	2500.00	Cancel Zoom
Insurance	680.00	750.00	Inflation
Financial Assistance – Inc Standing Revenue Grants	2100.00	2500.00	-
Seating & Asset Maintenance	1500.00	1500.00	Shelter Relocation?
Street Lighting Estimate	9750.00	7000.00	-
Misc – Inc Subscriptions	320.00	320.00	-
Members Allowance	156.00	156.00	-
Election Cost	0.00	0.00	-
Section 137	800.00	800.00	-
Allocation to Special Projects & Reserve from Precept	1000.00	2480.00	-
TOTAL	29,706.00	29,706.00	

Council members thanked the Clerk for formatting the budget proposal.

163/2024-2025 To consider the Co-Option of additional members.

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received from community members despite advertising the position in the community noticeboards, website and social media. No update received from Cllr N Thomas. The Clerk reported that he had spoken with a member of Capel-Arthne YFC and that the matter would be discussed in their next meeting. **Resolved** to note.

164/2024-2025 To hold a forum in order for members to raise reports/questions through the Chair.

Cllr G Jones reminded the Clerk that the Community Awards application form should be made available to Community Members on 01/01/2025. **Resolved** for the Clerk to finalise the application form and forward to Llanarthne Village Hall, Capel Dewi Village Hall and place on the community council website.

165/2024-2025 In Camera 19.54.

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.

166/2024-2024 To note payroll October, November, December 2024.

The Clerk reported the payroll amounts verbally to all council members. It was **resolved** to accept the report and ratify the payment of the sums as presented. **Proposed** by County Cllr H Jones and seconded by Cllr E Jenkins.

167/2024-2025 Next Meeting.

Date of the next meeting to be held online – 14/01/2025 at 19.00.

168/2024-2025 The Meeting Finished at 19.58.

Chairman

Date
