

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH 2023 AT 7.30 PM IN LLANBOIDY MARKET
HALL

PRESENT: Owain Young (OY), Susan Evans (SE), Eleri Jones (EJ), Rhiannon Davies (RD), Rodney Williams (RW), Dorian Phillips (DP), Nigel Thomas (NT), Delyth Dent, Julie Thomas (JT).

APOLOGIES: None.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD), Clerk.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETINGS: Minutes were APPROVED. RW nominated and DP seconded. Amend typographical error in agenda item 3- Section 6 report and the spelling of Cefn Brafle.

Matters Arising:

Electric charging point. OY fed back that Rod Bowen will be applying for a grant on our behalf later in the year when they become available.

Toilets. NT reported back that 4 are now open but there is still some work to be done as 2 are without water. Thanks for offered to NT for repairing them. He explained that they have been closed since before Christmas so the bills from Danfo need to be queried. CD explaiend the January bil had been paid but she will not pay February or March until the January bill has beern queried. **ACTION: CD to query Danfo bills.**

Clerk access to bank account: CD reported her thanks for EJ in particular for getting this agreed but that it is not yet effective.

ACTION: EJ to phone bank tomorrow.

Footpaths – DP reported that the landowner has done the work required between Frowen and Maesgwynne so no meeting was arranged to clear the paths. However some work is still needed from Frowen to Maesgwynne – so It was AGREED that all would meet on 19th April at 6.00 p.m. at Maesgwynne junction at the top of the hill to walk the path to check what work is outstanding.

ACTION: All to meet on 19th April to walk the path.

Training Needs Survey. CD reported that she and OY met to do this and it has been completed and submitted.

Biodiversity Action Plan. CD reported that she had not yet been able to obtain a model plan. OY to ask Erica Vernon if she is able to help with this.

ACTION: OY to contact Erica Vernon.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

As previously noted. There were no new declarations of interest.

1. Highways Update:

DP outlined the areas of road he had reported to CCC. Cefn Brafle done and dip in road done. Patching done - Cilhengroes. DP has sent in ten other patches of road. Including road down to Glandwr. Lan to Bronyscawen. Wernoleu. Glyntaf to Penrallt – DP to send list to Clerk.

Fferm Bach – boulders and log in the road have been reported o Highways but it is private land. DP reported that the boulders have been moved back. There have been complaints from local residents and members feel it's dangerous but concerned that there is not much we can do now. Signpost has been knocked down by Maesgwynne junction – was it done by the rally? Needs reporting to highways. DP to report to CCC. Dip past Penrallt is coming back again. Railings by Bont. Individually to report to CCC.

ACTION: DP to send list to CD and individual members to also report any damaged bits of road.

2. Planning:

The following applications were discussed.

PL05548	Full planning permission. Demolition of thermally inefficient Cottages and Construction of a Replacement thermally efficient Cottages. Llain Cottage, Whitland, SA34 0LS. Under consultation.
PL05574	Prior notification: Development by telecoms operators. The erection of a new 25m high lattice mast to facilitate enhanced network coverage for the Mobile Network Operators. This multi user structure with secure compound and upgraded power supply will enable a consolidation of equipment and in time lead to the removal of unused infrastructure from the wider site and cell area. Radio Mast, Land at Dewi Henry, Whitland, SA34 0LS. Registered. Awaiting consultation.
PL05333	Full planning permission granted. Log cabin as a form of replacement ancillary accommodation to the dwelling known as Penpontbren. Penpontbren, Login, Whitland, SA34 0TU.
Informal consultation	Penback Farm – Consultation on proposed afforestation scheme by Tilhill. Have emailed doe clarification and new map.

PL05548. No objection.

PL05574. No objection.

Penback Farm. Proposed afforestation. Clerk has emailed asking for more information – a late response was received just prior to the meeting. There will be the minimum requirement for broadleaved trees - 25% only and 75% coniferous. A long discussion ensued. It was AGREED that we need to organise a meeting about this with Jack Griffiths of Tilhill or someone more senior and it was discussed whether this be a public meeting or not. The Clerk was asked to contact him to say we are holding a public meeting and we want a representative there – 14th April preferably or 21st at 7.00p.m. in the Market Hall. It was also AGREED to invite Samuel Kurtz, Simon Hart and Cefin Campbell and to aim for Friday 14th April or if not 21st April. Clerk to write to Simon Hart, Lee Waters, Samuel Kurtz and Cefin Campbell. Once confirmed this will be advertised on the website and the Llanboidy Group Facebook page.

ACTION: CD to invite Tilhill and the politicians to a meeting.

3. **Shared Prosperity Fund: Play Area for Park. Funding application submitted to CCC.**

CD outlined the application plus the 29 attachments she had submitted to this Fund for the play area in the village. DP reported that the Fund was way oversubscribed and that scoring will be on 17th April with a panel meeting on 26th April to make decisions so

we should know the outcome by mid May. The Clerk was thanked for her hard work on this.

4. Section 137 Grant Applications:

It was AGREED to delay making any decisions to the May meeting.

5. Council Policies to be approved: Equality and Diversity, Environmental Policy, ICT and Digital Inclusion Policy:

All policies were ACCEPTED and APPROVED. Thanks were given to the Clerk for writing these.

6. Council Tax – discussion on level of Tax for Llanboidy area:

SE brought to the attention of members that the rateable values for the Llanboidy ward are very high compared with other wards in Carmarthenshire. It was AGREED to write to CCC re this.

ACTION: CD to write to CCC and query this.

7. Council Purpose: Survey of Local Needs including Housing Needs:

Chair explained that we need to have evidence of what people want including who might want housing. There was a discussion about how you decide what housing need there is. DP outlined the current discussions at CCC about changes to the LDP.

8. Common Land – Lleunau:

The Clerk asked members to clarify where the piece of common land which she believed the Community Council was responsible for was. It was AGREED to do a site visit soon and that this could perhaps be included with the walk on 19th April with the footpath at Maesgwynne first.

ACTION: Site visit to Lleunau on 19th April.

9. Community Council Representative on School Governing

Body:

JT explained that she was standing down as she cannot get to meetings which are held during working hours. It was AGREED that OY will replace her.

ACTION: OY to contact school Governing Body.

10. Tender for Grass Cutting:

The Clerk drew the attention of members of the need to advertise a tender again as the previous one had come to an end. It was AGREED to place an advert on the website, on the notice board and on the Llanboidy Facebook page.

11. Correspondence:

OY fed back that he had attended a meeting with the OPCC (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner).

Name	Correspondence
One Voice Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancy – Senior IT Service Manager – Welsh Government • New Grants for Coedtiroedd Bach • Training dates for April • Written Statement on Electoral Reform White Paper • Vacancy -- Public Appointments • Consultation - Penn Review response (Local Authority Ethical Standards Framework and Code of Conduct) • Vacancy - Disabled People's Employment Champion
Carmarthenshire CC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed review of Town and Community Councils – to be formally informed on 10th March and consultation to run from 13th to 24th April – forwarded to members: proposal for Llanboidy ward as shown in appended copy email. • Consultation on Reviewed Local Development Plan 2018-33. Consultation ends 14th April 2023 – comments to be received before then. • Temporary road closure Friday 5th May for one day • Special Constable recruitment opens on 5th April 2023 • Latest news bulletin • Crime Prevention Handbook forwarded from police
SLCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CiLCA – ILCA for Clerk • News Bulletin - 31 March 2023
ONS	Statistics on Sexual orientation and gender identity Census 2021 release Creating a custom dataset
20s Plenty	20mph Newyddion/News
Dwr Cymru	Welsh Water Campaigns
Public Sector Executive	Newsletter

In relation to the email from CCC re the review of the ward boundaries, the Clerk was asked to ask for clarification from CCC. LDP consultation – there was a short discussion about proposed future sites for housing in the village. It was AGREED to consider meeting once members have had a look at the proposals in the draft LDP.

SLCC : The Clerk explained that she had been advised by SLCC to do the ILCA before doing the CiLCA so she has applied for a bursary of 50% to do this.

12. Accounts for Payment:

Payment	Details	Amount
Danfo	Toilet cleaning (February and March)	£162 £144
Llanboidy Market Hall	Hall Hire	£45.50
Audit Wales	Invoice for Audit 2020/21	£270
McAfee	Security for laptop – half invoice to be paid	£42.49
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (March)	
HMRC	Tax on clerk's wages	
Admin. Expenses	Quickbooks, printer ink.	£48.15

HMRC: payment was authorised to be made in advance of meetings in the future in order to avoid possible fines for late payment of income tax. 2 additional accounts were presented and authorised at the meeting – one to OY for hospitality expenses at the Annual Dinner and one to NT for equipment for repairs to the toilets of £126.36.

13. Super-fast broadband – updates

Voneus beginning to install. 6 months projected timescale.

14. Quickbooks – requirement for digital VAT returns

The Clerk explained that although Quickbooks was costing £20 per month that it was now a legal requirement that VAT returns be made digitally so this is a necessary expense. This was AGREED.

15. Electricity contract with Utility Aid (SSE) – request to renew early (due November/ December)

It was AGREED that the Clerk can ask for quotes for early renewal to avoid possible future price rises.

16. AGM

This will be held in May on the same day as the ordinary meeting i.e. 3rd May. The AGM at 7.00 p.m. then the ordinary meeting 7.30 p.m.

17. AOB (if required)

It was reported that the cover for the electricity meter in the toilets has come off.

ACTION: Clerk to contact National Grid.

Next meeting date & time: AGM at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday May 3rd. Ordinary meeting @ 7.30pm, Market Hall, Llanboidy.

Cathy Davies – Clerk (clerccllanboidy@gmail.com)

18. AOB:

Community Car. OY reported that he has spoken to Rod Bowen and that he is applying for a grant to be available in June or July. It would be helpful for LCC to get a charging point in Llanboidy. Rod Bowen will supply the charging point.

DP will speak to Tom Evans from CCC re permission for a charging point.

ACTION: DP to speak to Tom Evans.

Footpaths. DP has held a meeting in Efailwen re clearing footpaths. People from Login have gone as far as possible but need support from the Llanboidy end to link up and go further. It was AGREED to advertise a date for volunteers to meet and do this and 18th March was suggested. DP to speak to landowners first before advertising for volunteers. Could meet up at Frowen to then clear through to Maesgwynne.

ACTION: DP to speak to landowners.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023, 7.30 P.M. LLANBOIDY MARKET HALL.