

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM IN LLANBOIDY
MARKET HALL

PRESENT: Owain Young (OY), Rhiannon Davies (RD, Chairperson), Delyth Dent (DD), Ben Anthony (BA), Dorian Phillips (DP), Nigel Thomas (NT), Susan Evans (SE).

APOLOGIES: Julie Thomas (JT), Eleri Jones (EJ), Rodney Williams (RW).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD), Clerk.

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 6th September.

Minutes of the meeting were ACCEPTED as a true record. Proposed by OY, seconded by DD.

Matters arising from September Minutes:

- a. Drive round the parish boundary. A number of members stated that it was very interesting and thanked DP for taking those members who could come round.
- b. Parking restrictions in village. No progress as yet. There was a discussion about the 20 mph speed limit and it was accepted that there would be teething problems.
- c. Shared Prosperity Fund and play area. CD gave an update that she is meeting with Jayne Pritchard of CCC next week prior to submitting the order for the play equipment. CD outlined a proposal that she apply to the Lottery Fund's Awards for All for access paths and fencing around the play area. This proposal was Approved.
- d. Skills Audit – CD had circulated a draft skills audit form with a deadline for completion by the end of month.
ACTION: Members to complete and return this form to CD.
- e. Declaration of interest form – CD has circulated a draft form which was Approved.

ACTION: Members to complete the form and send to CD by the end of October.

f. Seats for the Gazebo in the Parc. CD reported that she had received a written quote of £450 from Pete Gregor. DP reported that Pete has the seats all ready for installation. OY expressed the need to publicise the gazebo once the seats were in place as this was a condition of the Lottery funding.

ACTION: Council to put out some publicity about the gazebo once completed.

g. DANFO invoices/ cheques. CD updated members that DANFO had now agreed which of the invoices was outstanding which included ones for July and August and that she hoped to be able to pay these by BACS shortly once she has one of the signatories who are able to authorise the payment online. DP said he did not have access to do this.

Declarations of Interest.

There are no new declarations to date. Declaration of interest forms to be completed and sent to CD.

1. Highways Update.

DP reported that potholes were being repaired quickly and that despite the issues there have been most of the hedge cutting in the parish has been done now. OY reported that the potholes near Sarnau have been done.

2. Planning.

PL/06513	Full planning permission – Under Consultation. The installation of 1 no 225kw wind turbine. Land at Blaenpant, Blaenwaun, Whitland, SA34 0DU.
PL/06196	Decision made. Householder Permission Granted. Erection of Oak Framed Garden Room to the side, following demolition of existing stables. Trehir Isaf, Cefny pant, Whitland, SA34 0TT.

PL/06026	Decision made. Householder permission Granted. Proposed kitchen and utility extension and the construction of a detached garage and workshop - Lan Farm, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EY
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There was a discussion about the Wind turbine application PL/06513 about whether this was on land that is registered as common land and if so the Council objected to it. It was pointed out that there are objections on the website. DP stated that we should ask for a community contribution from it if permission is granted as a condition of planning. It was AGREED that if approved we would like a condition that there is a community financial benefit.

3. Penback Farm and Planned Forestry Creation – meeting with Goddards on 5th October.(Minutes of last meeting attached).

OY reported that there will be a meeting at Jabajak's on 5th October at 1.00 p.m. for small lunch and there had been a pre meeting today before this Council meeting. OY will Chair tomorrow's meeting. A series of specific questions are to be asked by those present at the pre-meeting: the general concerns in the community about the planting will be expressed plus questions about carbon offset, shading by trees, killing off 10-12 miles of hedges, what will be the benefits to the community and loss of bio-diversity. Our aim is to get them not to plant up the farm at all or if not possible then not to plant sitka spruce.

4. Audit Wales – Audit Report for 22-23 - all documents submitted.

CD reported that all the documents have been submitted but she has not heard anything back from Audit Wales yet.

5. SSE Smart Meter installation in toilets – proposed 2nd October 2023 – date cancelled.

CD to contact SSE again to stress that others in the village have not been able to have smart meters installed as there is no mobile phone coverage.

6. Christmas lights – information needed for unmetered supply with National Grid (email sent to DP, NT and RW).

NT informed CD that RW usually responds to the request from the National Grid.

ACTION: CD to contact Eiry Williams to ask her to ask RW once he is out of hospital.

7. Footpaths. Email from Footpaths Officer.

CD updated members about the email from Jason Lawday informing the Council that the National Grid wished to close the footpath by the school for a few days to lay new infrastructure.

8. Grant request from Urdd – see email circulated.

CD updated members on the grant request from the Urdd and said she had responded to suggest they apply in time for the next round of Section 137 grants next spring.

9. Correspondence.

CD outlined all the correspondence received during the month. It was AGREED that CD can attend the SLC/One Voice Wales training in November.

10. Accounts for Payment.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (September)	
HMRC	Tax on clerk's wages – already paid to HMRC as agreed at previous meeting	
Admin. Expenses	Quickbooks (October), printer ink (September)	£34.74
Matthew Rogers	Grass cutting – September.	£554.00
DANFO	July invoice – to be paid by BACS hopefully	£144.00
DANFO	August invoice – to be paid by BACS hopefully.	£162.00
Llanboidy Market Hall	Hall hire April to September	£106.20
Rosemarie Davies	Internal Audit and accounts help	£120.00

All accounts were APPROVED for payment – proposed by DD and seconded by NT. CD to remind Matthew re grass removal and tidying up after cutting.

11. Super-fast broadband – updates.

No update. DP is expecting an update tomorrow.

12. AOB

DP reported the following:

Fferm bach - someone has thrown the stones in the hedge and there are ongoing issues with this.

Cardi Bach – engineers have walked the path to Rhydowen and done a survey.

Footpaths. Julie Sweet wants to open more footpaths in our area. CD suggest members consider looking at a footpath map to see which ones would be sensible to open. It was AGREED to meet at 7.00 p.m. next time before the Council meeting in November to look at the footpath map.

ACTION: Council to meet at 7.00 pm on 1st November to consider footpath re-opening and clearing.

Dolwilym Bridge should be open and repaired by the end of November.

Recycling by CCC has increased in percentage. Members reported that the reduced opening hours at the Recycling centre in Whitland were proving difficult with much queueing to go in.

ACTION: DP to report the difficulties in Whitland re recycling back to CCC.

It was AGREED that another street light outside the Hall was needed. NT and DP will look at where to put one. This is a Community Council responsibility.

ACTION: NT and DP to consider placing of new street light outside the Hall.

NT will report the street light he had forgotten to report from the previous meeting.

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday 1st November 2023 @
7.00pm, Market Hall, Llanboidy. Cathy Davies – Clerk
(clerccllanboidy@gmail.com)**