

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM IN LLANBOIDY
MARKET HALL

PRESENT: Owain Young (OY), Rhiannon Davies (RD, Chairperson), Delyth Dent (DD), Ben Anthony (BA), Dorian Phillips (DP), Eleri Jones (EJ).

APOLOGIES: Rodney Williams (RW) Julie Thomas (JT), Nigel Thomas (NT), Susan Evans.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD), Clerk.

Discussion on footpaths in the village.

It was AGREED to postpone this item until there are fewer apologies and more members present.

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 4th October.

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

Matters arising from September Minutes:

- a. Drive round the parish boundary. CD to send out a message to members proposing a date on 11th November at 9.00 am. DP suggested we look at ash dieback on the route. CD to put a message on the WhatsApp group re the 11th. Notes to be taken of any ash dieback trees.
- b. Parking restrictions in village. DP - No updates. No notes up as yet so this won't happen for some time.
- c. Shared Prosperity Fund and play area. See agenda item below.
- d. Skills Audit – No forms have yet been returned.

ACTION: Members to complete and return this form to CD asap. CD to send out again.

e. Seats for the Gazebo in the Parc. CD reported that as this has now been completed and the seats have been paid for, there was a need for publicity in order to satisfy the funders – TNL Wales. It was AGREED to take photos and publicise on the Llanboidy Facebook Group, Cardi Bach and any other relevant local newspapers and to move one of the benches into the gazebo. Take photo of Councillors by the gazebo on the 11th before we travel the boundaries.

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

g. Christmas lights – information provided by RW with thanks. Christmas Lights being turned on on the 2nd December. The Clerk informed members that the school PTA have arranged for a Christmas party for the school children on that day.

h. Placing of new street light in the village outside the Hall. Research into solar lights was suggested or possibly siting a light outside the public toilets or painting the pavement with white paint to show where the pavement ends. Further research is needed into what is the best and most cost effective solution.

i. SSE Smart Meter installation in toilets – still to be arranged.

Declarations of Interest.

There are no new declarations to date.

Only one Declaration of interest form has been completed and sent to CD.

ACTION: all members to complete and return this form ASAP. CD to resend the form.

1. Highways Update.

It was AGREED that ash die back would be looked at during the boundary drive and any low hanging branches would be noted at this time.

DP gave a report. There is a problem at Pontyfenni which was not included in the speed limit area though this was requested previously. CD to write to Highways to express the Council's disappointment that it has not been included. There is also a problem with flooding at Pontyfenni and with big bales being stored

in the layby opposite Penygraig. They have been asked to move them.

Cardi Bach: there was a meeting 2 weeks ago – the Llanfyrnach to Crymych stretch will be developed first and there will be a meeting in Crymych school to discuss this.

It was reported that some grit bins have gone missing e.g. by Bronysgawen.

2. Planning.

PL/06701	Full planning permission – Under Consultation. Proposed erection of extension to side of dwelling, to include the proposed extension of domestic curtilage and all associated works - Pantyrhas, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0ED
PL/06443	Full planning permission – Under Consultation. Retrospective application for the change of use of part of a field to a commercial dog park together with siting of mobile rain shelter and associated fencing and equipment. - Plas Y Dderwen, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0ED
PL/06444	Full planning permission – Under Consultation. Change of use of land for the siting of a static caravan on derelict shed site to be used for holiday accommodation together with drainage tank and associated parking spaces - Plas Y Dderwen, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0ED

These were all noted – there were no comments.

3. Shared Prosperity Fund – Opening of Tenders for Play Equipment and Matting.

CD informed members that at her meeting with Jayne Pritchard of CCC last month it had become clear that we were going to have to undertake a new tender process in order to ensure compliance with the funding conditions. Following contact with a number of companies to assess their interest, she had sent out tender documents to four companies for the play equipment – Proludic, Adventure Playgrounds Wales, HAGS and Dragon Play - and to four companies for the safety matting – PlaySmart, Matta, Adventure Playgrounds Wales and Dragon Play. She explained that the small sub group of herself, DP, SE, Chris Jones and Cyril Thompson which has been meeting regularly to take this project

forward had met and Chris had offered to help as the play expert with assessing the tenders prior to the sub group making a decision. She requested that the Council delegate the assessment and decision making process to this sub group and that she be given the authority to proceed with ordering the equipment once this process has completed, with a report back to the next meeting on the decision. This was unanimously AGREED.

The Chair opened the tenders.

Play Smart UK - £6,700. Safety matting.

Matta Products - £30,360. Safety matting.

Dragon Play - £63,957. Play equipment.

Dragon Play £8,746.80. Safety matting.

HAGS - £49,400. Play equipment.

ACTION: CD to take tenders to the sub group for assessment and a decision.

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

Andrew Goddard email had been forwarded to all members saying that there is no further action to be taken. OY expressed his view that it was not worth while to hold a public meeting but that we should approach Goddards for some community payback/benefit. Suggested we contact them to ask what financial benefit they can provide to the community mentioning the possibility of a public meeting. Members expressed their disappointment that the Goddards have not made any further changes since our meeting. AGREED to hold a further meeting with the Action Group before we take any further action – OY and SE to organise. Write to Andrew and thank him – explain we're holding an Action Group meeting and we will contact him after the meeting. CD outlined to members that she had received an email from Jabajak's asking to invoice the Council for the refreshments at the meeting. – CD to discuss with internal auditor. Chair expressed her concerns. CD to send a holding email to Steve explaining the concern.

ACTION:CD to contact internal auditor and send a holding email to Steve.

5. Defibrillator – formal agreement for Community Council to take future responsibility.

CD reported that she had today received a request for replacement of the battery and pads for the defibrillator. Jeff Kedward of the Sports and Social Club is happy to continue to oversee the defibrillator and undertake the actual replacement if the Council will order and pay for them. This was unanimously AGREED. DP proposed and DD seconded.

6. Tree Survey of 2022 – outstanding action.

Members confirmed that all actions have been undertaken.

7. Welsh Air Ambulance – request for grant aid.

Cd informed members that she had responded to the request to inform them that the Council had already made a grant to them.

8. Support for Climate and Ecology Bill.

Members had been informed of this and AGREED to support it.

9. D Day Activities 6th June 2024 – Beacons in remembrance.

Members decided not to take part. The British Legion might do something.

10. Correspondence.

CD outlined all the correspondence received during the month. She reminded members of the need to have a Training Plan and that their Skills Audits needed to be completed so she could prepare a draft Plan.

11. Accounts for Payment.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (October) – to be paid by BACS.	
HMRC	Tax on clerk's wages – to be paid by BACS.	
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (October), Quickbooks (November) by BACS.	£25.79
DANFO	September invoice – to be paid by BACS.	£162.00
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SLCC Membership	Membership fee due 1st December – paid late this year. To be paid by BACS.	£112
Aadefib.com		
Defibrillator	Battery and pad replacement – November and January.	£245 +VAT

All accounts were APPROVED for payment – proposed by EJ and seconded by BA.

12. Super-fast broadband – updates.

DP reported that Voneus seem to have disappeared with no progress – The County Council is putting pressure on them for answers.

13.AOB

DP asked CD if she had had a response about the wind turbine – CD to chase for a response.

Grass cutting – concern was expressed that it might be being cut too frequently – CD would inform Matthew Rogers of members' concerns.

Christmas lights – DP asked if the Council were going to buy more? CD informed members that it had been agreed to include a sum of £1000 in the budget but it was suggested that this be carried forward into next year.

DD reminded members that the Ddol Junction bench needs putting up. It was AGREED by some members to do this on November 4th.

Fferm Bach – DP informed members that someone from Llanglydwen had had an accident with the stones.

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday 6th December 2023 @
7.00pm, Market Hall, Llanboidy. Cathy Davies – Clerk
(clerccllanboidy@gmail.com)**