

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6th December 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), Rodney Williams (RW), Nigel Thomas (NT), Susan Evans.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD), Clerk.

Discussion on footpaths in the village.

Following a long discussion on which footpaths to prioritise it was AGREED to start with the one from Fron Eglwys Fair to Llwyn Llwyd. DP to talk to Llwyn Llwyd to gain their agreement to opening up the footpath.

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 1st November.

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

Matters arising from November Minutes:

- a. Drive round the parish boundary. All except CD, NT and EJ has now done this – they will do it soon. OY thanked DP and commented on what a big area it is. Ash die back was seen everywhere. DP explained that removing diseased trees is the responsibility of the landowners.
- b. Parking restrictions in village. Still no action because of the 20 mph roll out.
- c. Shared Prosperity Fund and play area. See agenda item below.
- d. Skills Audit – CD handed out printed copies and members completed them.

e. Publicity for Gazebo in the Parc. Nothing has been done so far.

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

f. Placing of new street light in the village outside the Hall. DP has researched luminous paint for the pavement - £42 per tin. CD to order.

NT – new street lamp in top of village has been damaged so it has been taken down and will be re-established in a few weeks.

Flashing lights by school have also been damaged. This has been reported to CCC and will be replaced in time.

g. SSE Smart Meter installation in toilets – still to be arranged. CD to pursue.

h. Defibrillator – new pads and battery have been purchased and fitted. Jeff Kedward was thanked. Llanglydwen still to contact NT about their defibrillator.

Declarations of Interest.

There are no new declarations to date.

Two Declarations of interest forms have been completed - CD handed out printed forms to those members who still haven't completed one.

1. Highways Update.

DP gave a report. There was a meeting in Pontyfenni last week with flood defence and Highways. No news on speed limit in Pontyfenni but DP has been in touch with them. DP reported there have been cuts to the Highways budget and there is a £63 million backlog on roads budget. CCC have referred the issue to the Senedd.

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 with Sustrans to discuss this in January.

EJ – CD reported on her behalf that there were no grit bins between Blaenwaun and Llanglydwen. DP to report.

2. Planning.

PL/06820	Lawful development: Existing use. Change of use of outbuilding to dwelling. The Loft, Pencwm, Pencwm, Hebron, SA34 0JP. In review. Awaiting decision.
PL/06848	Lawful development: Proposed use. Installation of 4 x Air Source Heat Pumps. Ysgol Bro Brynach, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EL. In review. Awaiting decision.
PL/06701	Delegated Decision – Full Permission granted.. Full planning permission. 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/06266	Lawful development: Existing use. CLEUD: Refusal. Existing timber cabin which provides holiday accommodation facilities. Bwlchmelyn, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0ER.

These were all noted. There was a discussion about the air source heating in the school and the need for PV panels to help cover the increased electricity costs of running the new system. DP to discuss with CCC who are funding the air source system.

3. **Financial Report – expenditure against budget etc.**

Consideration of first draft assumptions.

Members considered and ACCEPTED the Clerk's financial report on expenditure against budget and projected spend to the year end. The final budget/ precept for 2024/25 will be considered further in January.

4. **Clerk's Contract of Employment etc.**

Members had met separately prior to the Clerk arriving to discuss the papers relating to the Clerk's contract, salary award for 2023/24 and salary review for 2024/25. The draft Contract for the Clerk was

AGREED and signed by OY (Chairperson at the time of appointment). The Clerk outlined the agreed national salary award for 2023/24 and members AGREED to pay this immediately.

Salary increase for 2024/25. The proposed salary increase included in the paper previously circulated was AGREED from January 2024 as per the annual review of salary outlined in the Contract of Employment.

All the abover were proposed by DD, seconded OY.

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

CD reported back on current progress. CD had circulated the minutes of the Sub Group which had made the final decision and these decisions on the tenders awards were ratified by the Council. CD will continue to negotiate with CCC for an Advance Payment of grant to enable the equipment to be ordered.

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

A letter had been received from NRW saying that the EIA has been done and Penback has had permission to go ahead with planting, having passed the verification process. Neither Tilhill nor Goddards have sent a copy of the EIA to the Community Council despite having agreed to do so. **CD to write to NRW ASAP** (having consulted with OY) asking how to object as we have not been consulted on the EIA. It was AGREED to circulate the petition as previously drafted and put in the shop for people to sign. There was a discussion about having a presence and/or a stall at the Christmas Fayre in the Hall on Friday 8th December gto explain the situation to members of the public.

Following feedback from Rosemarie Davies, internal auditor, on expenditure on meetings with Goddards and Tilhill, it was AGREED to pay the invoice to Jabajak for room hire and simple refreshments. CD to contact Steve of Jabajak's for an invoice.

7. Short verbal report back by Clerk on SLCC/One Voice Wales day seminar.

The Clerk reported back that this had been a very useful seminar, in particular in relation to Audit Wales and what is acceptable and what not. She had also arranged to meet up with the Clerk for St Dogmaels who acts as a mentor for new Clerks in west Wales.

8. List of meeting dates for 2024 for agreement.

The list of meeting dates was APPROVED with one change – the January meeting will be held on 10th January and not the 3rd.

9. Correspondence.

CD outlined all the correspondence received during the month. She informed the members that she had received an email from Jason Lawday, Footpaths Officer, informing us that the National Grid would be working on the footpath by the school sometime soon. CD to keep members informed of when. OY reported on the Green car scheme – Rod Bowen is waiting for the Welsh Government to come back to him before we can proceed. The Clerk enquired whether the Council had a supply of Dog poo bags and was informed they are under the stage in the Hall.

10. Accounts for Payment.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (November) – to be paid by BACS.	
HMRC	Tax on clerk's wages – to be paid by BACS.	
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (November), Quickbooks (December) to be paid by BACS.	£37.49
Matthew Rogers	Grass cutting final invoice for 23/24 (retrospective approval as paid 15/11/23 by BACS following email authorisation from members)	£592.80
DANFO	Toilet cleaning November	£144
C. Davies	Clerk's salary award for 2023/24 – to be paid by BACS.	

All accounts were APPROVED for payment unanimously with the additional salary award for 2023/24 authorised for payment this month.

11. Super-fast broadband – updates.

DP reported that they finally had a meeting last week. New proposals are under way with CCC and the providers are being chased.

12. Village car and electric charging point

See earlier note. OY to contact Rod Bowen again. Rod says if they put in a car we will also get a charging point.

13. AOB

DP – The Market Hall is going for Shared Prosperity Fund funding – due in by 19th January. It was AGREED to send a letter of support from the CC.

DD – there is no handwashing water in the toilet nearest road. NT to look at this in the new year.

SE – issues with parking blocking the road when chapel service and other events taking place. DP to take up road restrictions with CCC.

NT – lot of trees on Penbanc land boundaries with ash die back and overhanging branches. **CD to write to Tilhill to report this and ask them to take action.**

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday 10th January 2024 @ 7.30pm,
Market Hall, Llanboidy. Cathy Davies – Clerk
(clerccllanboidy@gmail.com)**