

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 10th January 2024 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), Rodney Williams (RW).

APOLOGIES: Eleri Jones (EJ), Susan Evans, Julie Thomas (JT), Nigel Thomas (NT) .

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD), Clerk, Chris Jones (resident).

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 6th December.

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

Matters arising from December Minutes:

- a. Drive round the parish boundary. CD, EJ and NT still to do this. Date to be agreed when more members are present.
- b. Parking restrictions in the village. DP reported that CCC is going to start the work and put notices up for a consultation in the spring.
- c. Shared Prosperity Fund and play area. See agenda item below.
- d. Publicity for Gazebo in the Parc. Nothing has been done so far.
ACTION: Council to put out some publicity about the gazebo. Cardi Bach, Carmarthen Journal etc. CD to write a press release and put it on the website and FB sites.
- e. Placing of new street light in the village outside the Hall. CD has ordered the reflective paint – expenses needing approval of £52.98.
- g. SSE Smart Meter installation in toilets – still to be arranged by CD in dialogue with SSE.

Declarations of Interest.

There are no new declarations to date. OY has yet to translate the Declaration of Interest form into Welsh and he will then complete it.

1. Highways Update.

DP gave a report. There are a huge number of potholes in the parish and problems repairing them because of the hole in the highways budget. He explained that there is now a different basis for reporting to CCC and that he has reported some of the potholes including from Fron Eglwysfair to Rhydowen where the roads are particularly bad. A number of issues with potholes were reported by members to DP for reporting to CCC, along with concerns from the Clerk about the road past her dwelling which will soon become impassable. Ash dieback needs to be reported now so the CCC and landowners can cut back any overhanging branches. In Penback they have cut back the overhanging branches as reported to Tilhill by Clerk. The style in Sunny Hill is to be done and the hedge will be marked shortly.

2. Planning.

PL/06808	Lawful development: Existing use. Change of use of holiday cottage to dwelling. The Loft, Pencwm, Pencwm, Hebron, SA34 0JP. In review. Awaiting decision.
PL/06984	Electricity Notification. Overhead Line. Under Consultation. Frowen, Cefnypant, Whitland, SA34 0TP. Consultation.
PL/05829	Full planning permission. Change of use of existing barn to residential dwelling. Outbuilding in field OS 2829, Opposite Penrallt (Beechwood House), Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EE. Withdrawn.

These were all noted. DP pointed out that there should be Section 106 monies for the parish from PL/06808 if permission is granted. DP will investigate what monies are in the S.106 pot for Llanboidy parish. CD to write to the Community Bureau who administer Section 106 monies re any Section 106 funding available for Llanboidy . OY suggested any Section 106 could be used to put

solar panels on the school roof but DP reported that solar panels will be installed on the school roof in the future. BA declared an interest and reported that the Frowen application is unlikely to go ahead as they have changed their requirements to a solar system and not an overhead line.

ACTION: CD to write to Community Bureau re Section 106 funding and DP to talk to CCC about the same.

3. Financial report – budget and precept for 2024/25 – further consideration and setting of precept for 2024/25.

The Clerk outlined the assumptions and all were AGREED as outlined in the draft budget/ precept with the exception of the following:

Toilet painting: nil budget as it was felt this was not needed this coming year.

All Councillors present stated that they did not wish to take their personal allowances and will be informing the Clerk formally of this, though the Chair will take the modest sum budgetted for Chairs allowance of £150 (the sum allowed can be up to £500). An additional sum was added to the Contingency sum to cover potential cashflow issues because of the VAT needing to be paid by the Council on the play equipment.

With these changes the members voted unanimously to APPROVE the budget/precept figure of £36,722 for the year April 2024 to March 2025 and to APPROVE the signing of the precept form by the Chairperson and Clerk.

4. Shared Prosperity Fund.

The Clerk reported back that she had sent a letter to the Market Hall to support their application to the Fund for improvements to the Hall.

She explained that she had now received 50% of the cost for the play equipment as an advance payment from CCC who administer the Shared Prosperity Fund, along with 100% of the funding for the safety matting. The remaining 50% of the funding for the play equipment will be claimed just prior to delivery. She has ordered both the safety matting and the play equipment and once payment is authorised at this meeting will pay the 50% to HAGS for the play equipment. She has negotiated with Play Smart not to pay for the safety matting until just prior to delivery – likely to be in early

March – but has asked for authorisation of the payment for it now so she can make the payment as soon as delivery is imminent. She pointed out to members that the cashflow will have to be watched closely in the next few months as she cannot claim the VAT on both these items back until the next round of VAT returns (in April).

5. Penback Farm and Planned Forestry Creation – update.

The petition against the afforestation of farm land in Llanboidy is being circulated and has been put online too. 191 signatures are on the online petition and over 103 presently on hard copies at the meeting held by the Chairperson plus there are some in the shop. OY reported that some people have complained that the petition is only in English and not in Welsh. Concern was expressed by a number of members that the petition could have been worded more simply. It was proposed and unanimously AGREED that the petition, both the online and hard copies, be sent to the Senedd and Natural Resources Wales at the end of the month.

ACTION: Clerk to put a message of the Llanboidy FB site to say that the petition period is ending at the end of January and inform SE, who has been leading on the petition, about the deadline.

6. 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 beginning on February 12th. DP informed the Clerk that he had received information from Jason Lawday, Footpaths Officer, of a grant from Ramblers Cymru for repairing footpaths with expressions of interest (EOI) due in by 31st January.

ACTION: Clerk to look at the EOI and if appropriate apply for a grant.

7. Accounts for Payment.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (December) – to be paid by BACS.	
HMRC	Tax on clerk's wages – to be paid by BACS.	
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (December), Quickbooks (January) to be paid by BACS.	£37.49

Other	Reflective paint – ordered by Clerk	£52.98
DANFO	Toilet cleaning December	£162
Jabajak	Hire of meeting room and provision of light refreshments for Penback Meetings – autumn/winter 2023	£285
CCC	Replacement of lanterns with LEDs	£500.40
HAGS	50% payment for play equipment incl VAT (SPF grant received excl. VAT)	£29,640
Play Smart	Full payment for safety matting incl VAT (SPF grant received excl. VAT) – only to be paid when delivery agreed (likely to be early March 2024)	£8040

All accounts were **APPROVED** for payment unanimously.

8. Super-fast broadband – updates.

DP informed the meeting that there will be a meeting in the Market Hall next Weds 17th January at 6.30 pm with the Chief Digital Officer for CCC, Gareth Jones, who is coming to talk to the local digital Co-ordinators. He stated that all would be welcome to attend should they so wish.

9. AOB

DP reminded members that there is to be a meeting about the proposed footpath/cycle path along the former Cardi Bach railway line in Preseli school, Crymych, on Tuesday 16th January with Sustrans. The Clerk stated she will be there.

Re-opening the Footpath from Fron Eglwys Fair to Llwyn Llwyd/ Waungron – DP hasn't spoken yet to Llwyn Llwyd but will get their permission to go through their land to Waungron. DD said there is now a gate at Felin Isaf but it has not yet been put in place.

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday 7th February 2024 @ 7.30pm,
Market Hall, Llanboidy. Cathy Davies – Clerk
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