

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 7th February 2024 AT 7.30 PM IN LLANBOIDY
MARKET HALL

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

APOLOGIES: Owain Young (OY), Ben Anthony (BA).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD).

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 10th January.

The minutes of the meeting were **ACCEPTED** as a true record. One spelling mistake was to be amended - remove the first 'l' in outlined. Proposed by DD, seconded by RW.

Matters arising from January Minutes:

a. a. Drive round the parish boundary – new date to be set for those who have not been able to do this as yet.

ACTION: CD to send message to herself, EJ, RW and NT and to arrange dates with DP.

b. Gazebo in parc – the Clerk apologised that she had not finished writing the press release as yet. The members present **AGREED** that they were happy for CD to draft and publicise this without members seeing in advance.

ACTION: CD to finish drafting press release.

c. Placing of new street light in the village outside the Hall. DP now has the paint for the kerb but the kerb will need to be pressure washed first.

ACTION: DP to pressure wash and paint the kerb by the Hall.

d. SSE Smart Meter installation in toilets – CD still trying to get in touch with SSE.

ACTION: CD to contact SSE re smart meter.

e. Footpaths – update re Dolwilym Bridge and re-opening of footpath from Fron Eglwys Fair to Waungron – see agenda item.

Declarations of Interest.

There are no new declarations to date. Updated Declaration of Interests forms were completed by Eleri, Julie, Susan and Nigel at the meeting. OY has yet to translate the Declaration of Interest form into Welsh and he will then complete it.

ACTION: OY to translate declaration of interests form.

1. Highways Update.

DP gave a report. There are major issues everywhere with the state of the roads, especially in terms of potholes, even in the village. The County are cutting back on surface dressing which helps longevity of the roads so the problems are likely to be exacerbated in the future. It was pointed out that it is the landowners’ responsibility to clear the drains by their property.

ACTION: CD to put something on the village FaceBook page to explain about the responsibility for clearing drains.

2. Planning.

PL/06808	Lawful development: Existing use. CLEUD Approval. Change of use of holiday cottage to dwelling. Pencwm, Pencwm, Hebron, SA34 0JP.
PL/06820	Lawful development. Existing use. CLEUD Approval. Change of use of outbuilding to dwelling. The Loft, Pencwm, Hebron, SA34 0JP.
PL/06984	Electricity Notification. Overhead line Approval. Frowen, Cefnyfant, Whitland, SA34 0TP.
PL/06443	Full Planning Permission Granted. 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/05366	Planning Appeal consultation - PL/05366 - AP-7295. Consultation on the appeal against refusal of planning application PL/04327 - Replacement of lawful caravan & decking with dwelling & integral garage.
PL/06848	Lawful development: Proposed use. CLOPUD – Refusal. Installation of 4 x Air Source Heat Pumps. Ysgol Bro Brynach, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EL.

These were all noted. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of support for PL/05366, expressing disappointment that it had been turned down, explaining that members believe there are extenuating circumstances for giving permission as the caravan residents care for their disabled parents. In relation to the refusal of the air source heat pumps for the school on the grounds of noise pollution, DP pointed out that these have actually been fitted in the school despite the refusal. The Clerk informed members that she has written to the Community Bureau re Section 106 funding and was informed the only monies available for the parish were for affordable housing.

ACTION: CD to write in response to the consultation on PL/05366.

3. Footpaths – update from emails from Footpaths Officer.

CD gave a report back from her email correspondence with Jason Lawday in relation to Dolwilym Bridge and the extended closure of this footpath and in relation to the re-opening of the footpath from Eglwys Fair to Waungron and the information he had provided that the bridge over the Afon Tigen was part of the planned maintenance programme for the County. She informed members also that she had written an Expression of Interest for a grant from Ramblers Cymru to repair the bridge over the Afon Tigen as part of the intention to re-open the footpath from Fron Eglwys Fair to Waungron. DP informed members that he has spoken to Llwyn Llwyd about this footpath. DP brought the attention of the Clerk to a recent email he had received from Richard Leggatt about the possibility of further funding for footpaths and she agreed to speak to Richard about this.

ACTION: CD to talk to Richard Leggatt re footpaths money.

4. Unwarding of Llanboidy Ward and Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – certificate of unwarding received and consultation report on review of polling districts and places - for discussion. (Report attached).

The Clerk brought the attention of members to the unwarding decision which all members were pleased with. Members were also happy with the proposals concerning the review of polling districts and polling places though some concern was expressed

by JT that previous Pontyfenni voters might not be happy to travel to Llanboidy to vote. No formal objections to the proposals were noted.

5. Shared Prosperity Fund – update.

The Clerk gave an update on the current progress. The play equipment has been ordered, to be delivered to DP Builders Merchant's yard, with delivery likely to be between mid and late March. She confirmed that half the grant funding for the play equipment and all the funding for the safety matting had been paid over by the County Council in advance and that she needed to submit the second claim form as requested by Jayne Pritchard of the County Council.

6. Penback Farm and Planned Forestry Creation – update.

548 signatures have been collected so far on the various copies of the petition against the afforestation of Penback and Llechclawdd. SE apologised that it was not bilingual and explained this had been because of the rush to get the petition circulated for signature in the first place. SE stated she still has one petition to copy which CD will collect from her. AllPump also has a petition which DP will get hold of and pass on to CD who was given all the petitions received so far from SE. NT reported on a scheme in the Elan Valley to grub up sitka spruce funded by Welsh Government at the same time as grants are being given to plant conifers and it was agreed there was a mismatch in policy here. In relation to presenting the petition to the Senedd, DP informed members that Cefin Campbell has suggested we could present the petition in person. It was AGREED that the Clerk and DP would liaise over this.

ACTION: CD and DP to liaise over presentation of the petition to the Senedd.

It was reported that contractors have cut back the hedges in Penback and NT pointed out the correspondence the Clerk had copied him in to from Tilhill saying that the strip of land with the overhanging trees previously discussed was not in the ownership of Penback. It was agreed that DP would talk to Peter Morris to see if he owns the strip of land because the overhanging trees need cutting back.

7. Correspondence.

CD outlined all the correspondence received during the month. She passed round a copy of the application which she proposed to send to the One Voice Wales Awards for Best Youth Engagement (ceremony to be held in March). Members AGREED to this being sent in.

ACTION: CD to send in the application for a One Voice Wales Award.

8. Accounts for Payment.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (January) – to be paid by BACS.	£426.84
HMRC	Tax on clerk's wages – to be paid by BACS.	£106.60 – overpaid in error last month so no payment to be made
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (January), Quickbooks (February) to be paid by BACS.	£25.79
DANFO	Toilet cleaning January	£162.00
Pete Gregor	Seats for gazebo for ratification (authorised by email as invoice not presented in error to last meeting)	£450

All accounts were **APPROVED** for payment unanimously. The Clerk explained her error in overpaying HMRC last month and stated she was trying to get hold of them by phone to find out how to claw this back. In the meantime it was AGREED she should withhold this month's payment.

9. Super-fast broadband – updates.

DP gave a report to members. The planned meeting with local Co-ordinators and CCC in Llanboidy had taken place. Voneus are not taking over the rural areas from previous Broadway contracts. Voneus are still planning to come out this way but looking at a different system – not fibre cable but some other system (VGA?). More surveys and feasibility work are to be carried out. DP agreed to forward the report of the meeting to the Clerk for distribution to members.

10. AOB

Cardi Bach. CD and DP gave a report back on the meeting in Crymych with Sustrans about the conversion of the old Cardi Bach line to a cycle track and footpath and explained that the first two sections planned for completion were from Crymych to Llanfyrnach and from Llanglydwen to Rhydowen. There is a survey on the Sustrans website re the Cardi Bach Active Travel route – CD to circulate to members and to find out if this is now closed or not.

Skills audit. CD asked those members who had not yet completed this to do so.

NT – the street light taken down by Susan Davies' property was still not replaced and neither was the school sign. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to find out when these will be replaced. CD asked whether we could turn the street lights off during the night - she will enquire about this also with Highways. It was explained that there are 'tiles' on the CCC website for reporting such things. There was a discussion as to whether 1 or 2 new street lights were needed at the top of the village because of the new houses and whether this was the responsibility of the Community Council or the County Council.

ACTION: CD to contact CCC re all the above.

RW. Alison Wells picks up litter in the community. It was AGREED unanimously to send a letter to her thanking her for doing this.

CD to write a letter of thanks to Alison Wells.

DP. The stile has been marked by Sunny Hill but Jason Lawday, Footpaths Officer, has now been informed that the owner wants it in a different place. The gates in Felin Isaf have been done on the footpath and DP showed photos of them.

JT. Indicated that she wished to resign from the Council for personal reasons and wished to know the procedure for resigning. The Clerk agreed to confirm this and to let her know and said that a letter of resignation would probably be sufficient. JT agreed to stay until the AGM. The Council would then need to advertise the vacancy and the Clerk agreed to investigate the correct procedure.

ACTION: CD to investigate the procedure for electing new members and the procedure for resignation.

RD. Raised the issue of the Annual Dinner and asked members when and where they would like this. It was AGREED to hold it on Friday 5th April probably in the Roadhouse. CD to liaise with RD

over this and to check out the date with BA and OY who were not present.

ACTION: CD and RD to liaise over Annual Dinner.

NT informed members that the Llanboidy Bowls Team were holding a 24 hour sponsored bowls event in the Sports and Social Club on 22/23rd March to raise money for Chris John's family. Both business and individual sponsorship was requested.

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday 6th March 2024 @ 7.30pm,
Market Hall, Llanboidy.**

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