

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6th March 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, Nigel Thomas (NT), Julie Thomas (JT), Owain Young (OY).

APOLOGIES: Ben Anthony (BA).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD).

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 7th February.

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

Matters arising from February Minutes:

a. a. Drive round the parish boundary – new date not yet set as relevant members have not indicated their availability. NT, EJ, CD and DP to be contacted again for convenient dates.

b. Gazebo in parc – the Clerk apologised that she has 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. Street lights. CD updated members about the responses from the County.

d. SSE Smart Meter installation in toilets – CD has not yet got in touch with SSE.

ACTION: CD to contact SSE re smart meter.

e. Footpaths – no current updates – document about the work being done on PROW in Carmarthenshire has been circulated to members with the minutes.

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.

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. Dorian has written to Head of Highways to ask for urgent action. They are sending a patching gang next week first to Abbey Road then Cefn Brafle then from Nolais to Rhydowen.

DP - Trees in bottom of Penback – spoken to Peter Morris who has spoken to Tilhill. Bit of no man’s land – Peter Morris will cut Penback’s and other bits which are dangerous.

2. Planning.

PL/07164	Planning application consultation. Local Needs Dwelling - Land at Blaenpanteg, Cefnyfant, Whitland, SA34 0TR - forwarded to members for comment.
PL/07191	Lawful development: Existing use. Certificate of Lawful Development for the existing use of an existing timber cabin which provides holiday accommodation facilities [Resubmission of PL/06226 Refused on 01/12/2023]. Bwlchmelyn, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0ER. In review awaiting decision.
PL/07226	Lawful development: Proposed use. Installation of 4 x Air Source Heat Pumps (heating equipment to replace existing boilers) as part of the Councils de-carbonisation programme. Ysgol Bro Brynach, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EL. Decision made. CLOPUD Approval.
PL/06444	Full planning permission. 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. Full Granted.
PL/07105 -	Consultation until 23/03/24 - Shed for storage of equipment - The Old Mill, Login, Whitland, SA34 0TL - forwarded to members for comment.

These were all noted. Blaenpanteg – Hugh Evans. Application for building. DP has called it in if recommended for refusal. 07164 – CD to send letter of support.

3. Cleaning of Public Conveniences – following termination of contract by DANFO.

CD updated members on the termination of the cleaning contract for the public conveniences by DANFO which has taken effect from end of February. She had advertised for a local cleaner and has interest from three people. Interviews have been arranged for Monday March 11th with EJ, RD and CD doing the interviews. CD informed members that she had offered £12 per hour as payment for the cleaning and that cleaning would take place twice per week for a maximum of two hours. Members unanimously AGREED this course of action.

4. Remuneration for Members – Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales’s Annual Report, February 2024. – paper attached for noting.

CD had circulated this paper to members which confirms the previously recommended levels of remuneration for Council members. It was noted that all members have indicated they do not wish to take their expenses other than the Chair’s expenses of £150 which has been included in the precept.

5. Training Plan for Members – draft for consideration.

Members had a brief discussion of the proposed plan and AGREED to consider it fully at the next meeting.

6. Shared Prosperity Fund – Update.

CD updated members on current progress and the expectation that the play equipment and safety matting would arrive in mid to late March. She has paid the 50% deposit for the play equipment and the full payment for the safety matting and now awaits the second payment from Carmarthenshire for the remaining 50% payment for the play equipment.

7. Penback Farm and Planned Forestry Creation – update.

DP confirmed that there was no petition to wait for from Haydn Lloyd of All Pump and it was AGREED that CD would contact the Minister to try to get meeting for us to present petition.

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. See earlier note from DP.

8. Grant applications – Llanboidy Market Hall, Llanboidy Tug of War Team and St Brynach’s Church. To be considered at a future meeting.

CD informed members of the grant applications received. Members also asked her to add the letter appeals from Carmarthenshire All Wales Ploughing and Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal. All applications will be considered in the May meeting.

9. Correspondence.

CD outlined all the correspondence received during the month.

10. Accounts for Payment.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk’s wages (February) – to be paid by BACS.	£426.84
C. Davies	Salary owing for Jan. 2023 to Jan 2024 – 12 months @ 8 hours paid (= 48 weeks) but 52 weeks @ 8 hours owed so 4 weeks @ 8 hours owing.	£400 = £320 salary payment and £80 tax
HMRC	Tax on clerk’s wages – to be paid by BACS.	£106.60
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (February) £2.99, Quickbooks (March) to be paid by BACS. £23.16	£26.15
DANFO	Toilet cleaning February	£144

Llanboidy Market Hall	Hire of hall for meetings	£94.40
Wales Audit Office	Audit Fees 2021-22	£394

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

11. Super-fast broadband – updates.

A message had been forwarded from DP with notes of thre meeting between Carmarthenshirre CC and Voneus.

12. AOB

Annual Dinner to be booked in for Friday 5th April at the Roadhouse – CD to arrange this.

Delyth asked what had happened to the Council logo. CD apologised that she had not followed it up recently and that she would contact Tom and Theresa about the design.

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday 3rd April 2024 @ 7.30pm,
Market Hall, Llanboidy.**

Cathy Davies – Clerk (clerccllanboidy@gmail.com)