

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE 2024 AT 7.30 PM IN LLANBOIDY MARKET
HALL

PRESENT: Susan Evans (SE, Chairperson), Rhiannon Davies (RD), Delyth Dent (DD), Dorian Phillips (DP), Rodney Williams (RW), Nigel Thomas (NT), Owain Young (OY).

APOLOGIES: Eleri Jones (EJ), Ben Anthony (BA).

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD).

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 8th May.

The minutes of the meeting were **ACCEPTED** as a true record.
Proposed by RW, seconded by NT. CD to amend to show SE as Chairperson.

Matters arising from April Minutes:

- a. Drive round the parish boundary. AGREED to leave this till later when play area and Hall finished.
- b. Audit of accounts – see agenda.
- c. Defibrillators. CD provided a quote with a cabinet from Calon Hearts of £1209. It was AGREED to proceed with an unlocked cabinet. CD to contact Geraint and thank him.
- d. Street lights. CD to still follow this up with CCC and National Grid still. The one by NT's house is still not working.
- e. SSE Smart Meter installation in toilets. This has been arranged for 13th June.

Declarations of Interest.

OY is a Governor of Beca and Bro Brynach School Federation.
OY has provided a form of words to help CD translate the declaration of interests form.

1. Highways Update.

DP reported that he had no report to give. NT informed members that the BT manhole by Maesgwynne was beginning to collapse – DP will report this along with the dip at the bottom of Rhydyceisiad.

2. Planning.

PL/ 07482	Consultation. Raise roofline by 1.2m, and add 2no. 1st floor windows on south elevation. Removal of existing roof dormers and windows on north elevation and replace with roof windows. Add external door opening and window to ground floor south elevation. Replace UPVC windows and doors for new. Cottage to rear of, Lamb Inn, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EL. Under Consultation.
PL/07784	In review. Awaiting decision. Prior notification: Building (agricultural / forestry). An extension to an agricultural storage building. Frowen, Cefny pant, Whitland, SA34 0TP.

These was noted. DP declared an interest in PL/07482.

3. **Co-option of new Councillor.**

Following the meeting with the two candidates who had put themselves forward and after a secret ballot Tudor Lewis will be co-opted to the Council. OY and RW both said they were happy to stand down to allow for more young blood and suggested it would make sense to have someone to represent the Cefn Brafle area. It was noted that the next CC elections are due in 2027 and members AGREED that the Council needed some younger blood. It was AGREED that if anyone stands down before the next elections Alan Thomas will be automatically co-opted on.

ACTION: CD to contact both Alan Thomas and Tudor Lewis.

4. **End of Year Accounts – Annual Return for approval and submission to Audit Wales. (hard copy received today from internal auditor).**

CD apologised for delay in presenting this. Members were given time to consider the internal audit report. DP proposed and RW

seconded acceptance of the completed annual return and internal audit report. CD reported that she has added the marquee to the asset register which was approved at the last meeting. CD to contact Zurich Insurance to add this to the list of what is covered).

7. Shared Prosperity Fund – update. Decision on date for Launch/ Formal Opening of Play Area. Approval of Volunteer Policy (attached).

DP reported that the volunteers have done very well and there has been lots of progress. This has also been very good for community cohesion as well and there has been lots of interest from community members. Additional matting has already been approved for the large Bolanta piece of equipment. Aiming to do more on the zip wire this week and hoping to have a crowd of people on Saturday to help with putting the matting together. DP raised the issue of the areas between the matting and proposed that the Council purchase turf for these. He has had a quote of £2.50 per square metre/yard and the total cost is likely to be about £300. Following the site visit it was AGREED to purchase the turf for between the matting. There then followed a discussion as to whether we let grass grow through the matting or use preventative liner instead. Approximately 450 square metres would be needed – this would cost £120. Members agreed to make a visit to the play area there and then to view it and discuss all possibilities. It was then AGREED to put taram liner under the matting to stop grass growing through.

DP reported that Chris Jones has offered to do weekly inspections of the site once finished. CD will contact Chris Jones about the safety inspection we need post installation inspection. DP reported that the slide on the Uniplay Bolanta had been damaged on Monday last. The cost of a new slide would be between £2,200 and £2,800 excluding VAT. CD will try to get further grant from CCC towards this and will also contact our insurers Zurich to see if they will cover the cost. Chris Jones and SE have offered to contribute if no grant money or insurance money is forthcoming. Members AGREED to spend the money on a new slide if necessary along with the contributions from those who have offered. The Volunteer Policy was then discussed and

APPROVED with a minor amendment to the wording. CD to post this onto the WhatsApp group and Council group and to send an updated copy to Dorian.

ACTION: CD to contact CCC and Zurich Insurance about the damaged slide and to amend the Volunteer Policy and circulate it. DP to order taram liner and turf.

8. Penback Farm and Llechclawdd and Planned Forestry Creation – update.

CD informed members that she had received the proposed planting scheme for Llechclawdd from Tilhill that afternoon and it was AGREED that this would be circulated. It was also AGREED to delay any further action until after the general election. Members were informed that the house at Llechclawdd has been sold subject to contract.

9. Training – information circulated.

Members were reminded of the training programme which had been circulated, especially that for new members.

10. Section 137 grants. Grant applications received – Llanboidy Market Hall, Llanboidy Tug of War Team, St Brynach's Church, Trinity Chapel, Wales Air Ambulance, Cefn y Pant Chapel, Llanboidy Sports and Social Club, Llanboidy Football Club, Llanglydwen Community Association, Marie Curie Daffodil appeal, Carmarthenshire All Wales Ploughing, Cardi Bach appeal. Plus Twm Carnabwth appeal – letter just received.

NT informed members that there was a need to spend money on the toilets as there are currently issues with the hot water and with other parts of the toilets which could be costly. To replace what we have got like for like i.e. a similar hot water system would cost £3000 for each toilet and for a cold water system £2000 for each toilet. It is possible to buy stainless steel foot operated systems for about £400. Members discussed this and the grant applications

briefly and AGREED to delay any decisions on the Section 137 grants until September when we may know the likely cost of repairs to the toilet and the additional costs of play area.

ACTION: CD to agenda Section 137 grants for discussion in September.

11. 20 mph Consultation. Llanboidy CC response. See also letter from Minister circulated.

It was AGREED that the 20 mph limit should remain in the village but that the speed limit in Cefn Brafle should be 30 mph. It was suggested that a speed limit of 30 mph was needed in Pontyfenni.

ACTION: CD to respond to CCC consultation.

12. Proposal to establish an Employment Sub Group to ensure best practice in employment of Clerk/RFO. (See recently circulated guidance from One Voice Wales).

Delayed till next month.

13. Community Cohesion Grants – up to £2000. See information circulated.

CD informed members of this grant and it was suggested an application be put in for the formal opening of the play area.

14. Correspondence.

CD outlined the correspondence received.

15. Accounts for Payment.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (May) – to be paid by BACS.	£426.64
HMRC	Tax on clerk's wages – to be paid by BACS.	£106.80
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (May) £3.99, Quickbooks £23.16 (June), ICO data protection renewal £40 - DD not completed by them so had to pay immediately to avoid sanctions. All to be paid by BACS.	£67.15
Jeni Dickinson Cleaning Services	Cleaning of toilets – 12 hours @£12 per hour = £144 plus toilet rolls £16.24	£160.24

Rosemarie Davies	Internal audit	£123.75
DP Building Supplies	Cement for play area installation	£485.77
Jerry Williams and Sons	Volunteer refreshment for play area installation	£194.74

All accounts were **APPROVED** for payment unanimously. NT proposed and OY seconded. CD informed members that Llanboidy Market Hall have paid over £1,193.25 to the Council from the Calor Gas grant. It was **AGREED** that this would be spent on the play area.

13. Super-fast broadband – updates.

No further update. DP reported that there was a better broadband page on CCC site.

14. AOB

CD: She had received a request for the use of the Marquee on 17th August for a wedding and on 20th/21st September for Whitland Abbey from Gabriela Poole. This was **AGREED** with a nominal charge of £50 hire for private use but free for community use.

RD: Mess on the road at Penrhiwcoch.

RW: Tree outside SE's house needs taking down. A further tree to be replanted in its place.

SE: The rubbish bins in car park have been taken away – DP to follow up with CCC. The need to put warning signs in the park due to irresponsible dog owners was highlighted and the fact that the Council may have to review the policy of allowing dogs into this field.

ACTION: CD to get a quote for a sign.

NT: Apologies for the next meeting.

Next meeting date & time: Wednesday July 10th @ 7.30pm, Market Hall, Llanboidy.

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