

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30 PM AT FRON FARM
YURT RETREAT

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD).

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 9th and 10th October.

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

Matters arising from October Minutes:

- a. Drive round the parish boundary – date to be organised as EJ is away at the moment.
- b. Defibrillators. See agenda item 6.
- c. Street lights – CD has still had no response as yet to the query about a possible new light at the top of the village despite chasing through the contact centre. DP – provided the contact details for Arwel Price (01554 742288) a Public lighting engineer for CCC.
- d. Update on yellow lines. No update at present.
- e. Tree Inspection – arranged for 2nd December.
- f. Letters sent to Urdd and Radio Glangwili re S 137 grant next year.
- g. Logo for Council –draft designs circulated. There was a discussion re whether or not to use only the Welsh name of the Council. It was **AGREED** that it be bilingual and the bilingual logo was **APPROVED** following a show of hands.

h. Tree Felling – update on any progress. SE has phoned CCC and had no response as yet. DP – the County Council is not sure whose land it is on and CCC is to find out who is the landowner so permission can be obtained for felling the dead tree.

Declarations of Interest.

No new declarations of interest were identified by members.

1. Highways Update.

DP gave an update and informed members that a meeting was held in Pontyfenni a couple of weeks ago with various County Council officers about flooding and speed issues. CCC will be recording the speeds then make a decision as to whether to limit speed there. The bridge at Pont Dan Dre has been repaired. Residents at Cefn Brafle have been asking for a sign giving the name but CCC say there is no such place as Cefn Brafle. Old maps have a different name and it has been known as Cross Hands. However it has been agreed that there will be a sign saying Cefn Brafle. Speeding is being monitored at Cefn Brafle also. Sunny Hill: CCC trying to get their maintenance people to do this. The Clerk fed back on the state of the road past Fron Eglwys Fair and DP agreed to report this to CCC and try to get some remedial work done to improve it.

2. Planning.

PL/04027	Full planning permission. Full Granted. Proposed Local needs 3/4 bed detached dwelling house, with 3 parking spaces, internal road, upgrading of existing field access and accompanying site works. These proposals will require a change use of agricultural land to C3 Dwelling house. Land opposite Sparrows Nest, Whitland, SA34 0LG.
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This was noted.

3. Shared Prosperity Fund – update.

**Celebration/ Formal Opening of Play Area – to be rearranged.
Fencing and grant application to Awards for All.
Recovery of Losses from Zurich – update.**

Awards for All. The Clerk reported that an Application to Awards for All for £19,600 has gone in for fencing around the play area and funds towards an Open Day in the spring and a decision is likely in January.

Celebration of Opening of Play Area. Following correspondence between the grants officer at CCC and the Clerk it was AGREED to include a Celebration of the opening of Parc yr Enfys in the Christmas Fayre being held in Llanboidy Market Hall on December 6th in order to be able to complete all required reports for the Shared Prosperity Fund and to still hold a big Open Day in the Parc in the spring.

Recovery of Losses by Zurich. The Clerk reported that Zurich had requested we repay the funds which has been paid to us in settlement of our claim for the damaged slide as members no longer wished the insurance company to recover the losses. It was unanimously AGREED to repay as soon as the Clerk can obtain authorisation from EJ who is currently away.

4. National Salary Award for Clerk/RFO – see attached agenda item.

The Clerk presented the paper outlining the annual national award for Clerks and the increase of £1.59 per hour taking the Clerk's salary to £18.26 per hour was AGREED. DP proposed acceptance and OY seconded.

5. Accounts For First Seven Months and Projected Spend for 2024/25 with first draft projected budget for 2025/26 – report attached.

***Lloyds bank account – charges to be levied from 14/01/25 of £4.25 per month plus banking charges.**

CD presented the accounts for the first seven months, the projected spend to the end of year taking into account the salary increase for the Clerk plus the first draft budget for 2025/2026. She highlighted the fact that she expected an up to date number of electors for the parish by December 1st and pointed out the increase to the rate per elector for Section 137 grant purposes as circulated to members recently. The financial accounts, projections and draft budget were accepted by members. The Clerk also explained that changes to the Council's bank account terms and conditions were to be made in the new year from 14th January 2025 by Lloyds with a monthly charge being levied of £4.25 per month plus a charge per transaction, including electronic transactions. It was AGREED to accept this and stay with Lloyds for now.

6. Defibrillator Purchase and Training – see attached short report.

The Clerk stated that a new defibrillator has been ordered for Cefn Brafle. DP explained that the property owners have asked for it to be attached to two posts instead of to their house. DP suggested it could go on the other side of the road. It was AGREED that this will be considered once the defibrillator arrives. The Clerk explained that a local resident has agreed to pay for the defibrillator and members gave their grateful thanks for this. Free Defibrillator Training has been organised with Really Pro on the 11th December from 10-1 p.m. in the Market Hall, which has been booked, and 6 members had indicated their availability on this date. It was AGREED to open the training up to others in the community also.

7. Draft Tender for Grass Cutting from April 2025-March 2027.

The wording for the tender was considered and it was AGREED to add Groesffordd and opposite Glan yr Afon into the quote. The Clerk agreed to consider the wording again to check it was as accurate and clear as possible.

8. Model Standing Orders for Approval by Members. Draft Document Attached.

The Clerk presented the model Standing Orders which she had amended for our Council. These were unanimously ACCEPTED. OY proposed and DD seconded.

9. Model Financial Regulations for Approval by Members. Draft Document Attached.

The Clerk presented the model Financial Regulations which she had amended for our Council. These were unanimously ACCEPTED. OY proposed and DD seconded.

10. Electricity Contract with DRAX from 1st October 2025 arranged through Utility Aid – ratification of agreement given by email. Documents already forwarded to members.

This was presented for information and ratification as it had been previously agreed by email. Acceptance of the contract was AGREED unanimously.

11. Training – Information Circulated.

CD reminded the members of the need to do training and drew attention to the information about courses she had circulated.

ACTION: All members to do appropriate training. Bursaries can be claimed.

12. Correspondence.

CD outlined the correspondence received which was noted by members. There was a discussion re celebrating VE day next year. It was AGREED to forward the consultation re dog fouling to the Llanboidy Sports and Social Club.

13. Accounts for Payment. – unpaid invoices.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (October) - additional hours worked on SPF reports.	£533.60

HMRC	Tax on Clerk's wages (October).	£33.20
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (October) £9.98, Quickbooks £21.16 (November), lever arch files (6.57) to be paid by BACS.	£37.71
Jeni Dickinson Cleaning Services	Cleaning of toilets (October) – 14 hours @ £12 per hour = £168 + cleaning materials.	£198.79
Matthew Rogers	Grass cutting October – discounted invoice received as I had informed him he had already completed the contracted number of cuts. 12 cuts = contracted amount.	£148.20
Calon Hearts	Defibrillator and cabinet – to be funded by community member. As agreed at previous meeting.	£1214.

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

14. Super-fast broadband – updates.

DP – a meeting was held in the Sprots and Social Club a couple of weeks ago. Openreach will be taking over the contracts for super fast broadband in this area.

15.AOB

CD: The Clerk explained that she had held an online meeting held with Nia ap Tegwyn of Menter Gorllewin Sir Gar (MGSG) and it had been proposed to hold some community lunches in the village under the auspices of the Community Council in January and February and possibly March 2025. They had also discussed joint working on play sessions for children. MGSG will organise the food for the lunches and there will be no cost to the Council except for the cost for hall hire. Bro Brynach PTA have agreed to be a joint partner too. Thr Clerk was asked to clarify whether there is a limit on numbers for the lunches as the last time these were organised there was a limit. She also highlighted to members that she had received an email from the Clerk for Llangynin which suggested that our internal auditor Rosemarie Davies was stopping doing internal audits. CD is awaiting a response from Rosemarie herself as to whether she is stopping doing the Llanboidy audits and will let members know once hse has heard back.

OY expressed concerns about the website and asked that this be agendad for the next meeting.

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday December
4th @ 7.30pm, Market Hall, Llanboidy.**

Cathy Davies – Clerk (clerccllanboidy@gmail.com)