

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30th JULY 2025 AT 7:30 PM

AT LLANBOIDY MARKET HALL

Present: Ben Anthony (BA, Chairperson), Dorian Phillips (DP), Susan Evans (SE), Delyth Dent (DD), Rhiannon Davies (RD), Nigel Thomas (NT), Owain Young (OY), Eleri Jones (EJ), Tudor Lewis (TL).

Apologies: Rodney Williams (RW), Cathy Davies, Clerk (CD)

The minutes were taken by Susan Evans in the absence of Cathy Davies, (CD, Clerk).

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 18th June.

Amendment: DD said that the potholes were at Soar Hill, not Hafod Hill. Otherwise proposed correct by OY and seconded by DD.

Matters arising from June Minutes:

- a. Drive around the boundary by those who have not yet done this (TL, NT, EJ, RW and CD). RW agreed to organise this. To be arranged.
- b. Abbey Fields transfer. There was a meeting last Wednesday. DP was not there but we may hear back from the Council with recommendations.
- c. Website upgrade – awaiting meeting.
- d. Defibrillator – DP to ask John Davies if he will monitor the one in Cefn Brafle when it has been installed. BA will collect it from CD and store it until its installation. BA has seen the one in Llanglydwen and said it looks good. Social Club secretary (Jeff Kedward) to be contacted to ask if they will accept it.
- e. Street lights – no update as yet.
- f. The fence around the play area has been done. DP thanked everyone who had helped, especially Tudor and Goronwy who did a lot of work. DP said that the weeds growing through the matting looks untidy and suggested either sowing low growing grass seed or using a friendly weedkiller. He will ask County Council Grounds Maintenance for their advice.

Declarations of Interest

No new declarations of interest were identified by members. See below re declarations of interest on planning applications.

1. Highways Update

DP said that the gratings have been raised by Penrallt today.

He is waiting for a structural officer to inspect the dip at Penybont.

The hill into Llanglydwen from Cefnyfant is closed for 6 weeks with diversion signs to Blaendyflin and Canerw. The road to Fron Isaf is used by locals and he has asked for the road to be cleared for ease of use.

Speed monitor lines have been used on the road at Cefn Brafle. If excess speed has been detected then speed cameras will be installed.

Footpath at Sunny Hill – the stile has still not been done. Kirsty, the new footpaths officer, has secured some funding and the paths from Sunny Hill to Felin Isaf and Cilherwydd to Llanboidy will be done by the County Council.

Parked vehicle at Blaenpanteg – the County Council has been out but as it is parked on private land they cannot do anything. The landowner will contact the lorry owner, who is in Cardiff, as he did not give permission to park there. The county council suggested going back to the Police if it causes a nuisance.

2. Planning

PL/09500	Prior Approval: Building (agricultural/forestry). Planning Required. Delegated Decision. Decision Made. Felin Isaf, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EE. Agricultural workshop and machinery store.
PL/09543	Full Planning Permission. Under Consultation. Land at Pencnwc, Llanboidy, Whitland. Earth banked nutrient storage lagoon to comply with The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021.
PL/09397	Electricity Notification. Electricity Approval. Brynawel, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EY. Replace existing pole with an increased height from 9m to 10m.
PL/09625	Consultation. Removal/Variation of Condition 2 on PL/08624 (Bat mitigation) – Frowen, Cefny pant, Whitland, SA34 0TP. Under Consultation.

Members noted the above and noted BA's declaration of interest in PL/09625. He explained that they have decided to install a bat house instead of using part of the barn. PL/09543 Pencnwc – the land in question is near Hafod and Ffoswinau.

3. Resignation of Clerk

A letter of resignation has been received from CD. The councillors expressed their gratitude for all she has done and understand her decision to finish after September. It was decided that we need to advertise the post as soon as possible and to take responsibility for this as CD has other responsibilities.

4. Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26

A pay increase of 3.2% has been awarded to local government employees. This will be back-dated to 1st April 2025.

5. Shared Prosperity Fund – Fun Day/Official Opening of Parc yr Enfys

50 new mats have been ordered.

The date of the official opening is 30th August and it needs to be organised. Anne Davies MP is available to open the park. Posters are needed. Suggested activities included face painting, childrens disco, tea/coffee/cakes in the Hall, ice cream sales, Menter Gorllewin Sir Gar. BA to contact CD to find out if anything has been booked.

SE to put a 'Save the Date' post on Facebook.

A meeting to be held Tuesday 5th August at 7:30pm to make arrangements.

DP said that the car park will need to be cleaned before the park opening.

6. Village Matters

Llanboidy:

Litter in the Park: SE had received a complaint about litter constantly being left in the park with a photograph of some recently picked up. SE is aware of people picking up litter that is being left behind. DP and TL said there has also been dog fouling there. It was suggested that

more signs need to be put up and NT to put the dog fouling signs through the village again. A post also to be put on Facebook.

Pontyfenni: DP said that signs have been pushed over at Pontyfenni and he has reported it to the Police.

Cefn Brafle: DP said that name signs to be put up at Cefn Brafle will state ‘Cefn Brafle’ after some discussion had taken place about its proper name.

Eisteddfod: OY reported that Llanboidy has already raise £2,500 due to the efforts of local people. Bingo will be held at the Social Club on the 9th August to raise more funds.

Llanglydwen: EJ reported that they are spending the £20,000 Shared Prosperity Fund grant they had received on a new gazebo, swing, more play equipment and foundations for a shed.

7. Guidance etc. from One Voice Wales: Members’ Allowances: Annual Timetable of Actions//Lwfansau Aelodau: Amserlen Gamau Flynyddol

CD had forwarded correspondence to councillors.

8. Training – information circulated re training July – September 2025.

9. Correspondence

The clerk had provided a list of items of correspondence which had been forwarded to councillors.

10. Accounts for Payment

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk’s salary (June)	£506.47
HMRC	Tax and NI on Clerk’s wages (June)	£126.60 £32.41
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (April) £9.98, Quickbooks £25.56 (July) to be paid by BACS.	£35.54
Jeni Dickinson Cleaning Services	Cleaning of Toilets (June) – 16 hours @ £12 per hour = £192 + materials £8.68	£200.68
Graham Brookes	Grass cutting	£316.66
Llanboidy Market Hall	Hall hire June	£21.20
W3 Designs	Web hosting for 2024	£169
C Davies	July salary (not adjusted for 2025 pay increase)	£506.47
HMRC	Tax and Employers NI on July salary	£159.01 (£126.60 + £32.41)
DPBS	Bolts for Parc yr Enfys	£18.53

All accounts were approved for payment unanimously. Proposed by NT and seconded by DD.

11. Super-fast broadband

DP – no updates.

12. A.O.B.

NT: The toilets have not been done yet. The one nearest the road is closed due to a water leak and Aled Owen will be asked to repair the light in the second one. NT said that ladies and gents signs need to be on the doors.

Grass cutting – Graham has sent an email to CD in which he says that the new fence is incurring additional time to trim both sides and he therefore would like to increase his payments to £175 per cut instead of £158.33 per cut. This was discussed and proposed by NT and seconded by EJ and agreed by all present that he should be paid for the additional cost, i.e. £175 per cut.

Next meeting date & time:

Tuesday 5th August at 3:70pm, Market Hall, Llanboidy to discuss official opening of the park

Wednesday 3rd September at 7:30pm Llanboidy Market Hall – Council Meeting.