

LLANBOIDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30 PM AT LLANBOIDY
MARKET HALL

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cathy Davies (CD).

Confirmation of minutes of meeting on 4th December.

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

Matters arising from December Minutes:

- a. Drive round the parish boundary – date to be reorganised again at the February meeting.
- b. Update on yellow lines – see under Highways below.
- c. Tree Inspection – see agenda item below.
- d. Defibrillators - see agenda item below.
- e. Tree felling – update on the fallen dead tree post Storm Darragh. The stump needs removing.
- f. Street lights – update. Progress none to date.

Declarations of Interest.

No new declarations of interest were identified by members.

1. Highways Update.

DP gave an update. Yellow lines: the legal department order is to be published on 15th January and markings placed soon after the 15th. Pontyfenni – an inspection of the culvert has taken place and there is a meeting next week. The inspection of U3286 past Fron Eglwys Fair is taking place this coming Friday, also in Ffoswine. TL: The Blaendyflin to Ffynnonwen road is in a bad state. DD: Nant yr eglwys is in a bad state too. Greenacre Manor have asked for a speed limit – DP to meet with the owner and it is likely the decision will be made to reinstate the slow signs. The downgrading of the roads from primary to secondary for gritting: there was a long discussion on this with many complaints about the icy condition of the roads in the whole parish as a result and the dangers it posed to school buses trying to get children to school. It was AGREED to make a formal complaint on behalf of the Community Council to Dan John, Head of Highways. DP stated he was on the case and was working to get the roads reinstated back to primary status for gritting. CD asked for the Llanglydwen to Blaenwaun to be included as a primary gritting route as this is hardly ever gritted but is used by school buses. Various potholes were reported to DP.

ACTION: CD to write to Head of Highways about the lack of gritting on behalf of the Council.

2. Planning.

PL/08596	Listed building consent. Llanboidy Market Hall, Llanboidy, Whitland, SA34 0EJ. Proposed instalment of 100 X 450Watt in roof solar panels to provide 45kW Array - works also include Listed Building Consent to locate internal storage and sound platform to accommodate functions and events. Under Consultation.
PL/08624	Full planning permission. Frowen, Cefny pant, Whitland, SA34 0TP. Conversion and re-use of agricultural building to a four bedroom holiday let. Under consultation.
PL/08514	Prior notification: Building (agricultural / forestry). Land at Glyngarw, Blaenwaun, Whitland. Portal framed agricultural building and 2 x polytunnels. Prior Approval Planning Required.
PL/08572	Non-Material Amendment. Land opposite Sparrows Nest, Whitland, SA34 0LG. Non-Material Amendment to PL/04027 (Alterations to Internal layout, fenestration and landscaping). Non-Material Amendment Granted.
PL/07164	Full planning permission. Land at Blaenpanteg, Cefny pant, Whitland, SA34 0TR. Local Needs Dwelling. Full Granted.

These was noted. DP. NT, RW and SE declared their interest in the consultation permission for the Market Hall as Committee members of the Hall.

3. Shared Prosperity Fund – update.

Celebration/ Formal Opening of Play Area –

Recovery of Losses from Zurich – claim payment repaid to Zurich.

CD informed members that the final report is about to go in to CCC for the Shared Prosperity Fund funding. It was noted that the Parc opening event held at the Hall's Christmas Fayre was successful and CD informed members of the succesful grant award of £19,688 from The National Lottery Wales which will cover the cost of fencing the play area and a Fun Open Day to be held later in the year. Members noted that repayment of the slide claim money had been made to the insurance company and CD reminded members that she had forwarded the notice of cessation to them from the company employed to recoup the monies which marked an end to the business.

4. Third Quarter Accounts for Consideration and Budget and Precept for 2025-2026 for Approval.

CD presented the financial report for the first 9 months and the proposed budget/ precept for the coming year which was discussed in depth. Members agreed that they would not claim their allowances again this year but that the budgeted sum would stay as a further contingency in case of unexpected costs. It was AGREED that additional Xmas lights would be purchased before the end of March 2025 so that this cost would be incurred in the current financial year. It was AGREED that Hall hire be increased to £400, also that following a suggestion by DP, a sum of £2,500 be added to the precept under the heading of Other to cover the costs of repairs to footpaths after the extensive damage caused in December by Storm Darragh. CD informed members that these additions would bring the total for the precept to £41,421 for the year 2025-2026 and although this was an increase of over 10% members AGREED the figure and felt it was justified in order to ensure footpaths were returned to good condition into the next year and that, having spent

much of the Council's reserves during the current year, to ensure that any other unexpected costs could be covered.

OY reminded CD to put out the tender for grass cutting which she said she would do urgently. CD was also asked to investigate what savings accounts we could have and what the costs of this might be. There was a discussion of the need to pay for an annual inspection of the play area, also that additional mats were needed. CD will investigate whether it may be possible to cover these from the Lottery grant.

DP to talk to Mark from Felin Isaf re clearing the trees and to speak to Peter Morris for a quote for the stile which has still not been erected and members AGREED to discuss what they do about this on the WhatsApp group.

ACTION: CD to amend precept figures as discussed and, with the Chair's final agreement, submit the precept figure of £41,421 to CCC. CD to put out the tender for grass cutting. CD to send members the draft letter stating they do not wish to claim their allowances which they will then sign and return to her. RW to ensure additional Christmas lights are purchased before the year end. DP to get quote for stile and speak to Mark from Felin Isaf.

5. Proposed Boundary Change with Whitland.

CD drew the attention of members to the consultation from the County Council on changing the boundary of the parish between Llanboidy and Whitland to include Whitland Abbey in the Whitland Town Council area instead of within the boundary of Llanboidy parish. After some discussion and concerns expressed that members did not want to lose electors from the parish, it was AGREED unanimously respond to the consultation proposing that the boundary be changed to include the Abbey fields within the Whitland boundary but no additional land or properties.

ACTION: The Clerk to draft a response to the consultation and circulate it to members for agreement before submitting it to CCC.

6. Tree Inspection – report circulated.

CD had circulated the report from the tree inspection which took place on December 3rd and informed members that no further action was necessary at this time.

7. Defibrillator Purchase and Defibrillator Training.

CD informed members that 12 people, including 4 Councillors had attended the training on December 11th in the Market Hall which had been worthwhile. CD informed members that she had still not been able to get any response from Calon Hearts Screening in relation the the defibrillator and cabinet she had ordered and paid for and it was AGREED that she would contact the bank to try to recoup the money as it would appear that a possible fraud has been committed.

ACTION: CD to contact the bank to try to reclaim the money paid to Calon Hearts Screening.

8. Website upgrade.

The Clerk informed members that she had not made any progress with getting quotes etc for a new website as yet. OY agreed to assist with this.

9. Guidance from One Voice Wales:

None received this month.

10. 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.

11. Correspondence.

CD outlined the correspondence received which was noted by members. CD was asked to complain to Highways – the section

who send out emails about road closures - about not taking signs down once work has been completed. CD informed members that the forthcoming National Eisteddfod local grants fund for the Eisteddfod which will be held in Pembrokeshire in 2026 have written to ask for a donation towards their costs. DP offered to speak to Cris Tomos, one of the Local Fund organisers to clarify whether the Community Council will get asked for a further donation.

ACTION: DP to speak to Cris Tomos.

12. Accounts for Payment. – unpaid invoices.

Payment	Details	Amount
C. Davies	Clerk's wages (December) -	£506.47
HMRC	Tax on Clerk's wages (December)	£126.60
Admin. Expenses	Printer ink (December) £9.98, Quickbooks £23.16 (January), to be paid by BACS.	£33.14
Jeni Dickinson Cleaning Services	Cleaning of toilets (November) – 14 hours @ £12 per hour = £168 plus materials £2.40.	£170.40
Jeni Dickinson Cleaning Services	Cleaning of Toilets (December) – 10 hours @ £12 per hour = £120.	£120
Carmarthenshire County Council	Replacement of Lights with LEDs	£500.40
Tree Consultants Wales	Inspection carried out in December 2024	£608.58
Audit Wales	Audit Fees 2023-24	£200
Fron Farm Yurt Retreat	Meetings in October and November – Venue Hire	£40
Receipts (no payment required) – For Information Only	CCC – third quarter precept £12,240.67 The National Lottery – Parc yr Enfys - £19,688	

All accounts were **APPROVED** for payment unanimously. Proposed by OY and seconded by DD.

13. Super-fast broadband – updates.

There was no update.

14.AOB

RW: Asked for clarit from CD about registration for the Community lunches. CD clarified that this will be via Menter Gorllewin Sir Gar.

DP: The signs for the play area need erecting and members offered to assist with this. He asked CD whether there were any grants available for warm hubs? CD agreed to investigate via CAVS. NT suggested that the Community Council could use our own funds to pay for the Hall and electricity to run a warm hub and it was AGREED to discuss this further via the Council's WhatsApp group.

ACTION: CD to contact CAVS re warm hubs funding.

Members to discuss running a warm hub on the WhatsApp group.

**Next meeting date & time: Wednesday February 5th @ 7.30pm,
Market Hall, Llanboidy.**

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