

## LLANYBYDDER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 23

In attendance: D Owen Chairperson, C Wagner, Vice Chairman, J Furber, M Furber, T Gordon, K Jones, L Jones, N Morris.

#### MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

#### LLANYBYDDER MATTERS

##### THE PARK

No word to date in respect of Mr Garside. Clerk is to contact the Solicitors for an update.

No reply. Clerk is to enquire with Carmarthen CC to ask if they could assist our Council by informing us if they can recommend a company that will re-paint the markings on the tennis court as they have faded. Clerk is to send a reminder.

A meeting took place at the park with Gareth, C Wagner, T Gordon, K Jones and Clerk. They are going to clear everything up tidy and then send the signing off papers to our Council. Permission was given to the Clerk at our meeting 28/11/23 to pay their Invoice for £37,231.20 as soon as the paperwork is received from Gareth.

##### GOAL POSTS REPLACEMENT

It was decided to re-paint these posts rather than replace them. As L Jones already has the main park Contract it was decided to ask L Jones for a quote for our next meeting.

Pay L Jones £5784.98 for Llanybydder park, Rhydcymerau park, Gwrdy Lane, Annedd path, Cenotaph, Glanduar path out to Dunbia, weekly inspection of Llanybydder park (46 times), flower pots, daffodils, compost, labour, fuel costs and hedge cutting around the park. All costings for these jobs are clearly shown on L Jones' 2 Invoices.

##### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

D Owen is looking into a CCTV system.

Pay Invoice £1080.00 for maintaining the toilets and supply and fit of new toilet roll holder £23.00 = £1103.00.

Pay Invoice £42.56 Eddie Davies for the supply and fit 1 new LED Dome lamp and 1 new metal utility service box key.

##### TEN TOWNS

D Owen is going to contact D Mulholland again regarding the stalls.

There is a £20k Grant to pay for salary for one individual village co-ordinator. N Doyle is going to contact all village groups and individuals.

##### XMAS TREES

Clerk is to contact DTS to ensure all is moving smoothly for the 2/12/23.

#### XMAS LIGHTS

Pay Invoice £168.00 E Davies for 25 meters LED rope to repair the damaged band stand.

#### BRYNDUAR OBSTRUCTION

There is a pick up with part of its rear removed outside his property now. Clerk is to send the photos to Carms CC and the Police.

#### WHITE LINES PAINTING THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

This work still remains outstanding. Clerk is to send a reminder.

#### FENCE LEADING UP TO HEOL Y DDERI

All to check for next meeting.

#### DROPPED DRAIN NEAR EIRFANN SA40 9QS

All to check for next meeting.

#### SUNKEN AND FULL DRAINS B4337 – Llanybydder - Rhydcymerau

This work has still not been carried out. Clerk is to send a reminder to Andrew B Jones. There are sunken and full drains from Kings Cross Cross roads, past Esgairliving.

#### BUS SHELTER TOP SQUARE – REPLACE PANE & CLEANING

Clerk is to go on the Internet again.

#### GILFACH WEN, LLANYBYDDER SA40 9RA

No reply. Clerk is to send a reminder. The hedges here are overhanging on to the road, forcing cars on to the other side of the road. Clerk will ask A B Jones who owns these hedges.

#### OBSTRUCTION AT GLANDUAR OPPOSITE HIGHMEAD DAIRY

No reply. Clerk is to contact the Police on 101 and email A B Jones in respect of significant obstruction due to a complaint received in respect of numerous vehicles.

#### POTHOLE ON ROAD CROSS HANDS SQUARE

No reply. Letter to be sent to Highways. Previous repairs have taken place here over time but has all lifted again. Clerk is to ask for better materials in the next repair. Point out the pothole is very large and dangerous.

#### 33 HEOL Y GAER

Reply received from the Proprietor. He explained he has no off street parking available for him. He is aware he is not parked in any contravention area. The second reason he parks here is that it is a deterrent as fast driving vehicles have to slow down as they travel much too fast and use this area as a short cut.

#### ANNEDD PATH – TREE AFFECTING THE PAVEMENT

L Jones is going to have a quiet word.

#### DONATIONS

Taith Dyffryn Teifi	(S19)	£200.00
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#### TOO MANY BLACK BAGS O/S ELVET HOUSE

Reply received from the Proprietor. He will be speaking to his tenants.

#### WASTE BIN BY ROY THOMAS SHOP

Reply received from A B Jones. He will investigate. This bin regularly gets emptied by Carms CC but they never empty the top part which holds cigarette stubs.

#### POST BETWEEN CAERMALWAS & KINGS CROSS

The double bend sign has been missing a long time ago and needs replacing. Clerk is to email Andrew B Jones.

#### LLANYBYDDER SCHOOL GOVERNORS

It is good to note that Mrs Kimberly Rees has been nominated to be a School Governor for Llanybydder School.

#### HEOL Y NEUADD SIGN

Letter to be sent to A B Jones. This sign has been hit several times and ask for a new sign.

#### LAMPS NOT WORKING

732 732 401 401

18 33 1105 1101 Email Arwel Price.

#### PATH AT GLANDUAR BY THE DAIRY

There is a car parked here regularly which makes it difficult to clean the path. Letter to be sent to A B Jones.

### **RHYDCYMERAU MATTERS**

#### CAR PARK TO THE PARK, RHYDCYMERAU

The rubbish has been removed.

#### CARAVAN SITE

This matter is ongoing. W/33620.

#### PAINTING OF DEFIBILLATOR

Matter is in hand when the weather is dry.

#### MOUNTAIN ROAD OUT OF RHYDCYMERAU – SOFT VERGES & ACCIDENTS

No reply. Clerk is to send an urgent reminder.

#### OVERGROWN HEDGE RHYDCYMERAU MOUNTAIN ROAD

STOP. The owner of the property has contacted the Clerk. This matter is to be discussed at our next meeting.

### **GENERAL MATTERS**

#### NATWEST BANK

Current A/c Statement date 20/10/23 – 17/11/23

Balance £61147.69

Clerk is to contact NatWest Bank to arrange for a debit card for our Current A/c, and to arrange for additional signatories / mandates for C Wagner, Vice Chairman, Tania Gordon and J Furber.

#### HSBC BANK

Bank Statement 147

Balance £3990.88.

#### BT

Invoice Nov 23 £42.17.

## TALK TALK

Invoice Nov 23 £40.70.

## M Y BEYNON

Nov 23 Salary £1060.80 Less Tax £212.20 = £848.60.

H M R C £212.20 Tax.

The new NALC wage increases have arrived with back payment to 1/4/23. The Clerk will prepare her new salary as soon as possible and verify with the Chairperson and Vice Chair beforehand.

## BWCABUS

D Owen is looking in to this matter.

## D GREGORY - WEBSITE CHARGES - HOSTING & EMAIL PROVISION, 12 MONTHS DOMAIN NAME & REGISTRATION

Pay Invoice £50.00 for web charges.

## APPROPRIATE SUM UNDER SECTION 137(4)(a) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 – SECTION 137 EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR 2024 – 25

A letter was received from Welsh Government notifying us that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2024 – 25 is £10.81.

D Owen is to display on our Website.

## INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – COMMUNITY & TOWN COUNCILS – COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES – HOMEWORKING ARRANGEMENTS & CONSUMABLES

A letter was received from Frances Duffy, Chair, Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.

The Panel has received guidance from HMRC regarding treatment of tax on Councillor allowances.

Section 316A of the Income Tax (Earnings & Pensions) Act 2003 states no liability to income tax arises in respect of a payment an employer makes to an employee in respect of reasonable additional household expenses which the employee incurs in carrying out duties of the employment at home under homeworking arrangements.

The exemption only applies to the £156.00 payment made under the Determination of the Independent Remuneration Panel. It does not exempt any additional household expenses that a Councillor may seek to claim.

The following two conditions must apply to the exemption:

1. The first provision is that there must be a formal arrangement between the individual Councillor and Community & Town Council
2. Secondly, each individual Councillor must declare they work from home regularly under these arrangements. This arrangement should be set out and a template letter is attached for your use.

The IRP has determined that Councils must either pay their members £52.00 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively Council must enable members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

The Panel has also received confirmation from HMRC that an exemption may also be applied (from 5/4/23) to the flat rate consumables payment. Where Council has taken the decision to pay a flat rate reimbursement of £52.00, then this amount is considered exempt from PAYE arrangements.

It is advised that you send a short note outlining this to each Councillor and a template letter is attached. Clerks should also be mindful of any changes of circumstances, for example, when a Councillor ceases working from home, or otherwise are no longer eligible, which would mean these payments no longer fall within the exemptions.

This matter will have to be discussed again at our next meeting. In preparation, should you decide to go for these expenses, then bring all your bank details to me. The Clerk will also be asking some questions to which she will note on file. She will also bring the template letter.

#### STANDING ORDERS

These will be ready by the Clerk before 31/3/24.

#### ON LINE PAYMENTS

M Y Beynon Nov 23 Salary	£848.60
H M R C Nov 23 Tax	212.20
Taith Dyffryn Teifi (S19)	200.00
D Gregory	50.00
Eddie Davies	42.56
Eddie Davies	168.00
Kevin Jones	1103.00
Lyn Jones	5784.98

#### PLANNING

PL/06818 - Discharge of Condition 9 on PL/06102 (details and calculations for highways condition).

Blaenplwyf House, Llanybydder SA40 9SD.

There was no objection to the above 1 case.

Donations to date:                    S137    £1000.00                    S19    £400.00

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

NEXT MEETING ABERDUAR CHAPEL VESTRY TUESDAY – 30 JANUARY 2024 - 7.00pm

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP DURING THE YEAR 2023 AND HOPE YOU ALL ENJOYED CHRISTMAS, AND BEST WISHES FOR THE YEAR 2024.

IT IS GREAT TO NOTE OUR NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR AND HOPE THERE WILL BE MORE IN THE YEAR 2024.

Mavis Y Beynon  
Clerk  
Llanybydder Community Council

6 January 2024.