

LLANYBYDDER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 24

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

Tenders - Tenders were prepared for the Playing Field Contracts for Llanybydder and Rhydcymerau parks which were all displayed in the village and on our website. There were 3 tenders received: £11,260.00 pa, £5750.00 pa, and £3800.00 pa. The tender was awarded to Tomos Evans of T Evans Landscaping, Dolfedw, Llanybydder SA40 9UD at the price of £3800.00 pa plus Vat. Clerk is to notify him of our acceptance of his tender and to arrange a meeting with him and K Jones.

Mr Garside - L Jones was given instruction to remove the fencing that was erected by our Council quite some time ago. Next meeting.

Markings on Tennis Court: D Owen is going to take some photographs and forward them to the Clerk.

Goal posts replacement - Next meeting.

Holey Moley - The mole has been removed. Pay Invoice £111.00 received from D M Evans, Holey Moley.

Park Inspection - Pay Invoice £96.00 from Carms CC for park Inspections. Clerk is to enquire whether Rhydcymerau park is included in this price.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Pay K Jones £376.19 for toilets maintenance & cleaning materials – 27/1/24 – 23/2/24 £360.00 + £16.19 for cleaning materials. K Jones informed us he would be away for our next meeting 26/3/24 and asked if he could be paid for his next Invoice £450.00 – 24/2/24 – 28/3/24 + £6.63 for cleaning materials = £456.63 on the 26/3/24 .

Pay Invoice £3858.12 received from Proclean Wales for the deep cleaning and sanitising all cubicles. Carry out all repairs to all cubicles. Re-decorate all cubicles. Apply 2 coats of anti graffiti coatings to all interior walls. All in accordance with previous quote received.

Pay EDF Invoice £477.09 - 1/1/24 – 31/1/24. The Clerk did meet up with J Furber who very kindly dedicated her time to the Clerk. On speaking to EDF J Furber fully understood what the Clerk had been up against. EDF assured us the account was correct. And the slight difference of around £50.00 between us and EDF appears to have been created due to EDF changes with their dates. As discussed at our previous meeting with regards to a smart meter that may well be the answer, it was decided to go for a smart meter and it was ordered whilst J Furber and the Clerk had their meeting. Confirmation has been received from EDF since for the smart meter appointment to take place on Thursday, 28th March 24. The installer will be arriving between START TIME 8.00 and END TIME 12.00. Appointments usually take 1 – 2 hours and the engineer will contact the Clerk before arrival to arrange access to site. The supply will be disconnected for approximately 30 minutes for a single-phase meter, and 90 minutes for a three-

phase meter. Someone will need to be present at the premises throughout the install. Kevin Jones will need to make sure that there is nothing blocking access to our meter. The Clerk will be present at the premises throughout the install.

The Clerk received 2 emails from 2 separate people reporting problems at these toilets. The first email pointed out there are a lot of youngsters doing drugs in these toilets from 7pm onwards. The second email pointed out there is a lot of activity in these toilets after 7pm nightly. And after a visit to these toilets there were 3 youths smoking pot in cubicle No 2. On hearing these serious problems, the decision has been made to lock these toilets at 8pm nightly to INCLUDE weekends also. In general most toilets are not in service after this time as this is the cut off time in most villages/towns with public toilets. These toilets will now open at 8am and locked 8pm. D Owen is making enquiries in respect of warning signs outside these toilets.

FLOWERS TENDER

There was 1 Tender received by L Jones for £5175.00pa which was accepted by our Council. Clerk is to notify L Jones by email.

TEN TOWNS

There has been no reply from Carmarthen CC to our request to ask if our Council could be granted permission to park a container on the RFC car park to be used for storage of gazebos etc for the market stalls, so Clerk is to send a reminder. D Owen is going to contact D Mulholland in respect of stalls payments.

XMAS LIGHTS

Clerk is to contact all relevant businesses that had Xmas lights erected by our Council if they could safely store each Xmas light at their premises until next Xmas. A tender will have to be prepared for a new electrician to erect and dismantle the lights in future.

WHITE LINES PAINTING THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

Reply received A B Jones. He will issue this work to contractors once they get the right conditions, a frost free dry spell, and when resources become available.

FENCE LEADING UP TO HEOL Y DDERI

D Owen will deal with this matter.

DROPPED DRAIN NEAR EIRIANFA SA40 9QS

Reply received A B Jones. He has actioned and issued this to be re-set. Clerk is to email A B Jones again. This drain has risen again where the sealing has taken place; there is still a small hole where the tarmac has lifted.

SUNKEN AND FULL DRAINS B4337 – Llanybydder - Rhydcymerau

Clerk is to remind Andrew B Jones again as the works have still not been carried out.

BUS SHELTER TOP SQUARE – REPLACE PANE & CLEANING

Clerk will speak to a local contact.

GILFACH WEN, LLANYBYDDER SA40 9RA

Clerk is to notify A B Jones it is the Evergreens that have not been cut that overhang out to the middle of the road.

OBSTRUCTION AT GLANDUAR OPPOSITE HIGHMEAD DAIRY

No reply. Clerk is to contact the Police on 101 in respect of numerous vehicles.

POTHOLE ON ROAD CROSS HANDS SQUARE

It is satisfactory at present.

WASTE BIN BY ROY THOMAS SHOP

It has now been emptied.

POST BETWEEN CAERMALWAS & KINGS CROSS

The new sign has been erected.

LLANYBYDDER SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Email received from Tanja Neymayer-James, Principal School Governance Officer, Education and Inclusion Services confirming receipt of my email. She will now forward the Clerk's email to the Clerk to the GB as the formal appointment will need to be made by the Governing Body.

PATH AT GLANDUAR BY THE DAIRY SA40 9RN

Clerk needs to discuss this matter again before telephoning 101.

FLY TIPPING OPPOSITE CWMIST QUARRY

The fly tipping has been cleared. D Owen is going to request more fly tipping signs.

SPEED SIGN OUTSIDE 8 BRO RHYDYBONT

Email to be sent. This sign still shows 30mph and needs to be adjusted to 20mph.

ANTI SOCIAL PARKING PAST TANGRAIG INN, BUS SHELTER AND DOWN TO ROY THOMAS

Email to be sent to A B Jones requesting white lines be placed in front of the dropped kerbs.

RUBBISH BETWEEN NISA & GWYNFRYN TERRACE

Email to be sent to A B Jones. A lot of rubbish needs to be cleared that is over the fence.

STREET LIGHTS

Email to be sent to Arwel Price. Street lights are not working at :-
Rear of No 5 – 8 Bro Rhydybont.

Street lights at the front of No 14 & 18 Bro Rhydybont.

VERGE MUDSLIDE OPPOSITE 1 – 10 BRO RHYDYBONT

The mudslide here has not been cleared by the work gang. Email to be sent to A B Jones.

PAVEMENT ON CORNER OF STATION TERRACE UP ST PETER'S HILL COMING OUT OF THE CAR PARK ON THE LEFT SIDE

This pavement is covered in moss and debris from the trees which is slippery and uneven underfoot.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Clerk is to order 2 sets of pads from ZOLL.

RHYDCYMERAU MATTERS

CARAVAN SITE

This matter is ongoing. W/33620.

PAINTING OF DEFIBRILLATOR

Matter is in hand when the weather is dry.

MOUNTAIN ROAD OUT OF RHYDCYMERAU – SOFT VERGES & ACCIDENTS

Email to be sent to A B Jones. We are still waiting for the road markers.

OVERGROWN HEDGE RHYDCYMERAU MOUNTAIN ROAD

Next meeting.

XMAS LIGHTS

August 2024 has been noted on the Clerk's calendar to arrange for the electricity connection for Xmas 2024. The Rhydcymerau lights were dis-connected and are being safely stored by M Furber. Many thanks to him for this.

BRIDGE DAMAGE RHYDCYMERAU

Damage to the bridge was caused by forestry vehicles colliding with the bridge and damaged the parapet. Next meeting.

ILLEGAL FOX HUNTING

Residents have raised concerns regarding local hunts trespassing and illegally fox hunting in the Rhydcymerau area. This has become a regular occurrence causing terrible distress to local residents and their animals. Clerk is to contact Rural Crime on 101 to request the Police look into this matter by providing more patrols in the area. J Furber and M Furber declared Prejudicial Interest. Two letters were received from 2 separate local residents whose small holdings were affected.

GENERAL MATTERS

NATWEST BANK

Current A/c Statement 20/01/24 - 19/02/24

Balance £35184.68

At long last the Clerk has received a proper response from NatWest despite 8 – 10 promises they would email D Owen. She has dealt with this immediately, and has forwarded to the Clerk a copy of the Universal mandate request confirmation she has filled in to NatWest and as per previous discussions at our meetings, the following names will be additional signatories (mandates) on our Current A/c:-

C Wagner, Vice Chairman, T Gordon, J Furber, M Y Beynon, Clerk.

As the Clerk has previously been given permission to obtain a debit card, as soon as this matter is complete, Clerk will order a debit card for our Current A/c.

HSBC BANK

Bank Statement 150 01/01/24 - 31/01/24 Balance £4017.57.

BT

Invoice Feb 24 £42.17.

TALK TALK

Invoice Feb 24 £41.10.

M Y BEYNON

Feb 24 Salary £1060.80 Less Tax £212.00 = £848.80.

H M R C £212.00 Tax.

These will be the Clerk's salary calculations for the month of March 2024, which have been prepared in readiness in order for the Chair to look at the figures for accuracy.

Clerk's earnings have been £1060.80 per month = £12729.60 per annum - £15.30 per hour for 16 hours.

In March 24 the Clerk needs to be awarded the new NALC rate which is £16.67 per hour which will be backdated to 1/4/23, under Point 23 of the NALC scales which are applicable to the Clerk.

Clerk's salary for the next financial year commencing April 24 till March 25 will be 16 hours at the new hourly rate of £16.67 per hour. Therefore 16 hours @ £16.67 = £266.72 x 52 weeks = £13869.44 divide by 12 = £1155.78 per month.

The calculations for March 24 salary will be as follows:-

Old rated monthly salary March 24.	£1060.80
Add 16 hours @ £1.37 x 52 weeks = back payment to 1/4/23, (difference between the £16.67 per hour and £15.30 per hour).	1139.84
Total payable in March 24 via PAYE to Clerk.	£2200.64
Plus 12 months expenses as on expenses book.	£455.53

THIS FIGURE WILL BE PROCESSED BY THE CLERK ON THE HMRC BASIC TOOLS SITE ON THE DAY OF OUR NEXT MEETING 26/3/24.

The salary will have been checked by D Owen, Chairperson beforehand.

GREEN GEN CYMRU

Clerk is to ensure our response is submitted by 6/3/24.

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

K Jones – has signed the Template letter given to him by the Clerk, and confirmed to the Clerk the necessary. K Jones will now receive the WORKING FROM HOME £156.00 and OFFICE CONSUMABLES £52.00.

STANDING ORDERS

These will be ready by 31/3/24.

PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2024/25

Email received from Esther James, Accounts Technician, Corporate Services confirming receipt of our Precept Form requesting £60,000.00.

ANNUAL AUDIT – INTERNAL AUDITOR

No reply to date.

ON LINE PAYMENTS

EDF	£477.09
M Y Beynon Feb 24 Salary	848.80

HMRC Jan 24	212.00
Kevin Jones	376.19
Proclean Wales	3858.12
Mike Evans – Holey Moley	111.00
Carms CC	96.00
K Jones	156.00
K Jones	52.00
K Jones	456.63

PLANNING

PL/06238 – Proposed solar panels including retention of rear earthworks and external bar – Tanygraig Inn, Llanybydder SA40 9XS.

PL/07130 – Construction of horse menage for personal use – Nant Y Dryslwyn Cottage, Tymawr, Llanybydder SA40 9RD.

There was no objection to the above 2 cases.

PL/07126 – To erect a disabled friendly mobile home measuring 8000mm x 5400mm. The home would be used in conjunction with existing dwelling for ancillary purposes for visiting friends and family, some abled and some disabled – Penllain, Rhydcymerau, Llandeilo SA19 7RP.

Clerk is to email Planning to ask for more information. Is it a separate dwelling or an extension to the home as the plan clearly shows a kitchen.

Donations to date: S137 £1400.00 S19 £400.00

Meeting closed 10.00pm.

NEXT MEETING ABERDUAR CHAPEL VESTRY TUESDAY - 26 MARCH 2024 - 7.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE IT WILL BE THE GENERAL MEETING
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS AGM)

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR ATTENDANCE TO
GIVE ALL COUNCILLORS A FAIR CHANCE**

STOP PRESS

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 9/4/24 – 7.00pm –
ANNUAL MEETING**