

LLANYBYDDER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 30 JANUARY 24

In attendance: D Owen Chairperson, C Wagner, Vice Chairman, J Furber, M Furber, N Morris.

Apologies: T Gordon, L Jones.

Absent: K Jones.

MINUTES

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

LLANYBYDDER MATTERS

THE PARK

As permission was given to the Clerk at our 28/11/23 meeting to pay Redlynch Leisure (Adventure Playground), the Clerk made 2 payments of £18,615.60 = £37,231.20 as per their Invoice.

Tenders are being prepared for the Playing Field Contracts for Llanybydder and Rhydcymerau parks. A tender is being prepared for the flower contract. They will be displayed in the village and our website.

Mr Garside: This matter was discussed. Williams & Bourne did raise a query but this matter will have to be discussed again at our next meeting

Markings on Tennis Court: Reply received A B Jones. He supplied us with a name of a company: Daniel Berni, Contract Supervisor, Nolan Roadmarking, Unit 5 Seaway Parade Estate, Baglan Energy Park, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan SA12 7BR. Clerk is to arrange for a quote.

GOAL POSTS REPLACEMENT

It was decided to re-paint these posts rather than replace them. L Jones will produce his quote as soon as possible.

ANNUAL PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

The Annual playground Inspection report was received from Liam Cole, Environmental Technician, Department of Place & Infrastructure. Clerk forwarded this on to each Councillor prior to our meeting. It was discussed at length at our meeting.

HOLEY MOLEY

There are moles in the park. Clerk is to contact M Evans, Holey Moley.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Pay Invoice £720.00 Kevin Jones for toilets maintenance – Dec 23 and Jan 24.

Pay EDF Invoices £825.83 – 1/11/23 – 30/11/23 and 1/12/23 – 31/12/23. The EDF bills were discussed and Councillors agreed that the Clerk visit our J Furber and make a telephone call to EDF.

TEN TOWNS

It was decided to purchase a container to store the gazebos etc bought for the market stalls. C Wagner will go out for prices (3 quotes). Clerk is to write to Carms CC to ask if our Council could be granted permission to park this container on the RFC car park used for storage of gazebos etc for the market stalls. Clerk is to contact D Mulholland in respect of stalls payments.

A Teams meeting was called to discuss a £2000.00 Grant in respect of “Revitalising Rural Town Centre Fund” from Carms CC. The project chosen by our Council was the painting of the frontage of Llanybydder Public Conveniences. As there was a deadline for the Grant application there was no time but to contact Proclean Wales for a quote, which was for Materials £783.13 and Labour £2880.00 = £3663.13. D Owen forwarded documents to the Clerk, received from Carms CC, informing our Council they have approved funding of £2000.00 Grant under the Revitalising Rural Town Centre Fund, which was agreed at our Teams meeting that our Council would pay the difference.

XMAS TREES

No Invoice received to date from DTS.

XMAS LIGHTS

Pay Invoice £580.00 E Davies for erection & connection of all Xmas lights including hire of Teleporter & Operator for various locations in the village. 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 as E Davies has notified this Council he will no longer be carrying out this work.

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 EIRFANN 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 took place; there is still a small hole where the tarmac has lifted.

SUNKEN AND FULL DRAINS B4337 – Llanybydder - Rhydcymerau

Reply received from Andrew B Jones. The sunken gully has been actioned. The drains will be cleaned as part of gully emptying programme, and will have to wait for the construction gang become available.

BUS SHELTER TOP SQUARE – REPLACE PANE & CLEANING

Clerk is to go on the Internet and telephone again.

GILFACH WEN, LLANYBYDDER SA40 9RA

Reply received from A B Jones. On inspection it appears that the hedges have been cut. A B Jones has asked for a photo to be sent to him, then he can search for the landowner. The Clerk will await the photographs by our Council.

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

Reply received from A B Jones. Although recently patched up with hotbox tar, it has also been programmed in for patching work and will be carried out when gang is available.

ANNEDD PATH – TREE AFFECTING THE PAVEMENT

Reply received from A B Jones. He will speak to the landowner if the tree is obstructing. Our L Jones had a word with the caretaker and was given the go-ahead by the caretaker to carry out the work. L Jones has carried out this work free of charge, and many thanks to him for that.

DONATIONS

Llanybydder Old School Community Centre	£200.00	S137.
Cor Cwmann ar Cylch	£200.00	S137.

WASTE BIN BY ROY THOMAS SHOP

Another reply received from A B Jones. He has forwarded our instruction on to the Cleansing team.

POST BETWEEN CAERMALWAS & KINGS CROSS

Reply received from A B Jones. He is ordering a new sign.

LLANYBYDDER SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Email received from Tanja Neymayer-James, Principal School Governance Officer, Education and Inclusion Services. It is therefore necessary for our Council to consider nominating a representative. The vacancy can only be filled through nomination from our Community Council but the nominee does not need to be a Community Councillor. The appointment to the role will be made by the Governing Body. They are aware there may be an intention to nominate Mrs Kimberley Rees, who currently serves on this GB as a Parent Governor. Clerk is to forward Mrs K Rees' details.

HEOL Y NEUADD SIGN

Reply received from A B Jones. This sign is in good condition. If the legs cannot be straightened, then a new sign will be ordered.

LAMP NOT WORKING

This lamp was reported in between meetings to the Clerk by a local resident as not working, Glantren Lane by Gwrddy Cottage and post box. An email was sent to Arwel Price.

PATH AT GLANDUAR BY THE DAIRY SA40 9RN

Reply received from A B Jones. If there is an obstruction on the footway / highway then it is Police matter to which the Clerk is to contact.

FLY TIPPING OPPOSITE CWMIST QUARRY

A member of our Council forwarded to the Clerk photographs of fly tipping at this location in between meetings. It was reported to Carms CC which was allocated Reference No: FS-Case-576913756.

RHYDCYMERAU MATTERS

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

Reply received A B Jones. He is going to suggest that road markers are placed on this section. He has actioned for verges to be filled to edge of carriageway

OVERGROWN HEDGE RHYDCYMERAU MOUNTAIN ROAD

The owner kindly telephoned the Clerk and was most apologetic. The person that is meant to cut this hedge has been busy and despite promises still has not carried out the work, but has promised to do this work soon.

XMAS LIGHTS

Clerk is to contact Western Power in August 2024 to arrange for the electricity connection for Xmas 2024.

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GENERAL MATTERS

NATWEST BANK

Current A/c	Statement 18/11/23 - 19/12/23	Balance	£52588.31
Current A/c	20/12/23 - 19/01/24		£40879.43

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.

Business Reserve A/c Statement 20/10/23 - 19/01/24 Balance £4493.99

HSBC BANK

Bank Statement 148	01/11/23 - 30/11/23	Balance	£3990.88.
149	01/12/23 - 31/12/23	Balance	£4010.11.

BT

Invoice Dec 23	£42.17.
Jan 24	£42.17.

TALK TALK

Invoice Dec 23	£41.38.
Jan 24	£40.86.

M Y BEYNON

Dec 23	Salary	£1060.80	Less Tax	£212.20	=	£848.60.
H M R C £212.20 Tax.						

Jan 24	Salary	£1060.80	Less Tax	£212.20	=	£848.60.
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The new NALC staff wage increases have arrived with back payment to 1/4/23 to which the Clerk discussed at our meeting and to which Llanybydder Community Council agreed. The Clerk's salary comes under Point 23 - £16.67 per hour. The Clerk did not prepare her new salary as stated in our last minutes, but will take this back payment in March 2024 which will cover the 12 months. Final calculations will all be verified with the Chairperson and Vice Chair beforehand.

NICHOLAS SMITH

Pay Invoice £150.00 for maintaining of website.

EGLWYS ABERDUAR

Pay Invoice £150.00 for Vestry rent.

GREEN GEN CYMRU

This matter was discussed.

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

The Clerk brought the template letter to our meeting. This matter was discussed in depth. All Councillors present made the decision to accept these 2 payments of £156.00 for WORKING FROM HOME and £52.00 for OFFICE CONSUMABLES. The Clerk advised that as long as they meet the criteria, then they can accept these payments freely and not feel they should not. All Councillors returned the template letter handed by the Clerk which were signed individually.

The following Councillors have decided to accept both amounts:-

C Wagner (Vice Chairman).

N Morris.

T Gordon.

J Furber.

M Furber.

L Jones.

D Owen will not be claiming these amounts.

K Jones – next meeting.

STANDING ORDERS

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

COUNCIL BUDGET – TEAMS MEETING 17/1/24

County Cllr D Owen and the Clerk joined a Teams meeting on 17/1/24 6pm in respect of Council Budget.

COUNCIL TAX BASE & PRECEPT REQUIREMENT

Letter received from Emma Davies, for Director of Corporate Services, informing us of the Tax Base for our area. The figure for our community for 2024/25 is £628.49.

PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2024/25

The Clerk produced budget figures which were then amended in accordance with decisions that were made by all Councillors present, which resulted in a Precept requirement of £60,000.00.

ANNUAL AUDIT – INTERNAL AUDITOR

Clerk is to go out for pricing for the Internal Audit.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013

Letter received from Amanda Edwards, for, Wendy Walters, Electoral Registration Officer. Carms CC have in accordance with section 31 of the local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, has undertaken a community review and made recommendations dated 11 October 2023.

Electoral arrangements for the Community Council of Llanybydder:

- (1) The number of Councillors to be elected for the community of Llanybydder shall be twelve (12).
- (2) The effective date of election of the number of community councillors shall be the ordinary day of the election of councillors for the year 2027.

The COMMON SEAL of Carmarthenshire County Council was hereunto affixed this 4th day of January 2024 in the presence of Linda Rees – Jones, Head of Administration and Law.

As from the month of May 2027 the South Ward (Rhydycymerau) and the North Ward (Llanybydder) will only have 12 members to service Llanybydder Community Council.

ON LINE PAYMENTS

Hamdden Redlynch (Maes Chwarae Antur)	£18615.60
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M Y Beynon Rhag 23 Cyflog	848.60
H M R C Rhag 23 Treth	212.20
M Y Beynon Jan 24 Cyflog	848.60
Treth CTh EM Ionawr 24	212.20
Eddie Davies	580.00
Kevin Jones	720.00
Canolfan Gymunedol Hen Ysgol Llanybydder	200.00
Nicholas Smith	150.00
EDF	825.83
Eglwys Aberduar	150.00
Cor Meibion Cwmann a'r Cylch	200.00
C Wagner	156.00
C Wagner	52.00
N Morris	156.00
N Morris	52.00
J Furber	156.00
J Furber	52.00
M Furber	156.00
M Furber	52.00
T Gordon	156.00
T Gordon	52.00
L Jones	156.00
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PLANNING

PL/06912 - The demolition of an existing two storey detached farmhouse and stone barn, construction of a replacement detached dwelling and the incorporation if the conversion of the redundant threshing barn to the west within the residential space – Glynbyr, Rhydycymerau, Llandeilo SA19 7RR.

There was no objection to the above 1 case.

Donations to date: S137 £1400.00 S19 £400.00

Meeting closed 10.30pm.

NEXT MEETING ABERDUAR CHAPEL VESTRY TUESDAY

27 FEBRUARY 2024 - 7.00pm.