

LLANPUMSAINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th January at 8.00pm

Attendees: Councillors Arwel Nicholas (Chair), Lyn Thomas (Vice Chair), Derick Lock, Felix Merry, Ann Pettitt, and Clare Bishop

Apologies: County Councillor Bryan Davies.

Minute Ref.	Agenda Item	Decision
01/25/1	Declarations of Interest and apologies	The meeting began by taking a moment to think about Aaron Jones and his family. Cllr Bryan Davies sent his apologies. Cllr Thomas advised he would be resigning, and this meeting would be his penultimate one. The Council would like to thank him for his time, and he will be sorely missed. Cllr Bishop declared a non-prejudicial interest in item in 01/24/5 and noted in 01/24/11 as Hall Secretary. Cllr Pettitt also declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of the hall committee.
01/25/2	Minutes of previous meeting	AGREED: To approve the draft minutes of the ordinary meeting 12 th November 2024
01/25/3	Financial Matters	1. Budget Monitoring noted and agreed 2. Bank statements checked and signed by Cllr Pettitt per the Financial Regulations. 3. Budget 25/26 was approved. However, concerns were raised th new budget could eat into reserves. 4. Agreed the precept would be increased to £34.50 for a Band D property. It was noted that the precept had not been increased for several years.
01/25/4	Payments approved.	Agreed: A. Trywydd (Translation) £132.60 B. Stationery expenses £14.40 C. Llwyndu Farm (Christmas Tree) £132.00 D. Vincent Wade £72.32 (Event expenses) E. E C Bishop (Event Expenses) £92.55 F. SLCC (Membership) £110 G. Glangwilli Radio (Donation) £50.00
01/25/5	Highways	The speed of the vehicles that travel through the village was the main topic of this item, considering recent events. It was noted that a complaint had been made to the Chair regarding a speeding tractor. The council was divided as what should be done and it was agreed the Clerk would contact the PCSO for the village for advice. After contacting him, post meeting, it has been noted that it is not for the council to write letters to speeding drivers asking them to slow down. The complainant should contact the police in the first instance with evidence such as doorbell video footage which can be uploaded onto a police website Operation Snap, a Dyfed-Powys police initiative. It was

		agreed that some vehicles are still driving too fast in the village. The Clerk did note the speeds had reduced somewhat going past Pantycelyn recently. It was noted that after many emails, and Cllr Davies' persistence, CCC reinstated the gritting route up to and including Bryn a Fawr. Carmarthen CC will review this again in May. The council expressed their concerns that it did not go further to include the school bus route after the accident the week before. The road subsidence repairs needed at Glannant/ Y Bethan are expected to start at the beginning of February. This may, however, be delayed due to a technicality to avoid closing the road to make the repairs. It was noted that concerns were made to Cllr Davies regarding a glamping pod/tent erected on Gwarcwm land and the potential danger to traffic to access the land the pod inhabits. CCC have issued an enforcement notice (ENF/02415) for it to be removed as no planning permission had been applied for. Cllr Davies advised the clerk he would keep LLCC informed. Correspondence was received from the Village Hall Committee regarding a speed ramp. See ref 01/25/11. It was also suggested and noted that speed ramps or some form of traffic calming be installed on the C1301 at least between the Sewage Works and Pantycelyn, being a straight part of the road where vehicles tend to speed up there, it has been observed. It was agreed to speak to Cllr Davies about that to put forward a proposal to CCC.
01/25/6	Sub Committee Terms of Reference	It was noted that these policies are a work in progress and will be uploaded to the website by the end of March. It was noted and agreed the Planning Policy prepared by Cllr Bishop.
01/25/7	Assets-update	It was noted that a new noticeboard needed to be purchased for the Railway Inn bus stop. It was agreed that Cllr Bishop would ascertain costs for approval at the next meeting.
01/25/8	Christ Tree Event - update	Despite the atrocious weather, the event was well attended, and the "lighting up" went as planned. It was noted the whole event came in under budget and leftover chocolates were donated to the school.
01/25/9	Biodiversity - update	It was noted the article entitled The Birding Year in the latest Village Voice with dates for the next survey.
01/25/10	Land Acquisition	It was noted and agreed that after much consideration, the council will have to decline the kind offer of the acquisition of a small parcel of land. The Clerk is instructed to write to the landowner.
01/25/11	Grants/Correspondence	Two requests for grants: Urdd was refused as it was

		agreed LLCC would only support it when held in the area. Glangwili Radio's request was approved. See ref 01/24/4. The Hall Committee requested the council discuss the possibility of a traffic calming ramp be installed between the park and the public toilets that are soon to be reopened. It was noted that the traffic on that road needed to be slowed in general, especially when turning into this road at the gated entrance of Pantycelyn and the covered entrance to the Park. This email has been forwarded to Cllr Davies for CCC Highways to review. It was noted that Cllr Jones' resignation has been received. It was noted that Cllr Davies advised enforcement notice ENF/01228 has not been implemented per the decision made 28.11.23 ref Land at Ffos Y Broga, Llanpumsaint, Carmarthen, SA33 6LX This enforcement should have been completed by October 2024. This noncompliance has been referred back to CCC.
01/25/12	Forward Plan	It was noted and agreed the current forward plan.
01/25/13	Notice of Vacancy	It was noted that we currently have 2 vacancies for the posts of councillor with a third forthcoming. Anyone wishing to become a councillor should contact the Clerk or member of the council
01/25/14	Review of Clerk's Pay and Hours	It was noted and agreed, due to increased workload, and required training, the Clerk's hours have been increased from 4 hours to 6 hours per week.
01/25/15	Date of next meeting	It was noted and agreed the next meeting would be the 11 th March 2025

DATE & SIGNED

CHAIRPERSON