

**LLANPUMSAINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm**

**Attendees: Councillors Lyn Thomas (Vice Chair), Derick Lock, Felix Merry, Ann Pettitt,  
County Councillor Bryan Davies**

**Apologies: Councillors Arwel Nicholas (Chair) and Clare Bishop.**

| Minute Ref. | Agenda Item                            | Decision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 03/25/1     | Declarations of Interest and apologies | Apologies were sent by Cllrs Nicholas and Bishop. A declaration of interest was made by Cllr Thomas with a personal and prejudicial interest in item 03/25/11. A personal interest was declared by Cllr Lock in item 03/25/11. In the absence of the Chair, Cllr Thomas lead the meeting and advised he would be at the May meeting, which would be his last.                                                                                                |
| 03/25/2     | Minutes of previous meeting            | <b>NOT AGREED:</b> To approve the draft minutes of the ordinary meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2025. Item 14 has been amended to include “from 4 to 6 hours per week”. Item 5 was amended to make the information regarding the glamping pod clearer. These minutes will remain in draft and resubmitted for approval at the next meeting.                                                                                                                 |
| 03/25/3     | Financial Matters                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Budget Monitoring noted and agreed.</li> <li>2. Bank statements checked and signed by Cllr Pettitt per the Financial Regulations. Also noted the new bank charges of approximately £6 per month.</li> <li>3. Budget 25/26 Revision was approved to include the revised street light costs and Clerk’s new statutory pay award.</li> <li>4. Agreed to approve the latest Financial Regulations.</li> </ol>          |
| 03/25/4     | Payments approved.                     | Agreed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Trywydd (Translation) £102.60</li> <li>B. Carmarthen County Council (Street lights) £625.50</li> <li>C. One Voice Wales (Membership) £136.00</li> <li>D. Stationary Expenses £8.94</li> <li>E. Clerks Pay £427.51</li> <li>F. Llanpumsaint Welfare &amp; Recreation Association (Donation ref 03/25/8) £500.00</li> </ol>                                                                                  |
| 03/25/5     | Highways                               | <p>Cllr Davies advised that the road near Glannant has now been repaired however, the passing places in that area needed to be checked and he would advise LLCC as soon as possible if there was any more work that needed to be done.</p> <p>As noted in 03/25/11 the Gwarcwm enforcement notice is now closed. However, Cllr Davies made the council aware that there were still concerns regarding the Gwarcwm pod's access road. This entrance is at</p> |

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|          |                                  | <p>the single track point of a busy two way road, potentially causing a danger to oncoming traffic, when exiting. Concerns were also received by the Cllr of the potential planning application that may be applied for, for additional pods, thus increasing the traffic of an already difficult area.</p> <p>Carmarthen County Council has received the Welfare and Recreation Association's request for traffic calming measures be put in place between the park and the toilets. They advised a survey needed to be done and they would get back to LLCC in due course. They also recommended LLCC register their concerns on the GoSafe website regarding speeding vehicles. The Clerk will do this as soon as possible.</p> <p>Cllr Thomas advised that several overhanging trees are causing issues to drivers on the left hand side on the B4301 from Pentre Mawr Junction to Llanpumsaint/Rhydargaeau Crossroads. Cllr Davies has agreed to deal with this matter.</p> <p>Cllr Lock noted that a roadside surface water drain had collapsed again outside his house. Cllr Davies again agreed to investigate this.</p> |
| 03/25/6  | Sub Committee Terms of Reference | <p>It was noted and agreed Planning, Assets and Finance Committee policies are ready to be uploaded to the website. Thank you, Cllr Bishop, for devising these. Cllr Merry has agreed to devise the Personnel policy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 03/25/7  | Assets review                    | <p>It was noted that some of the assets are in disrepair and need to be made safe. Cllr Thomas kindly agreed to ascertain the condition of the bench seat at the bottom of the Graig, make safe or remove it, if deemed necessary. Cllr Merry also kindly agreed to make safe the telephone box near the Railway Inn. It was noted that the council continue to find it impossible to find local contractors to carry out repairs, when required.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 03/25/8  | Grants/Correspondence            | <p>It was noted and agreed to donate to Llanpumsaint Welfare and Recreation Association £500 (see 03/25/4). Other grant requests were refused as either not known or relevant to the community. It was also noted the correspondence from Brechfa Wind Farm West Community Farm advising <b>£161, 802.81</b> had been spent in our ward last year and <b>£384,476.00</b> has been spent in the Llanpumsaint ward in the last 6 years. This letter can be viewed on the website or on the noticeboard at the hall. All other correspondence received was noted.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 03/25/9  | Risk Assessment and Approval     | <p>The newly revised and simplified risk assessment was noted and agreed. This will be uploaded to the website and reviewed annually.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 03/25/10 | Notice of Vacancies              | <p>It was noted that we still have 2 vacancies for the posts of councillor with a third forthcoming. It was also noted that should the number of councillors fall below a certain level, it is likely that LLCC would be disbanded, and all decisions would either revert to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|          |                      | <p>Carmarthen County Council or be amalgamated with nearby villages such as Bronwydd.</p> <p>Anyone wanting to become a councillor should contact any member of the council or the clerk. In the meantime, the councillors are actively canvassing for new councillors.</p>                                                        |
| 03/25/11 | Enforcement Notices  | <p>It was noted the ENF-02415 Gwarcwm enforcement notice has been closed as CCC, on inspection, found they had not breached any planning rules. ENF-01228 Ffos y Broga, after LLCC repeatedly requesting information from CCC, is found to be still in breach and legal action will now be taken by Carmarthen County Council.</p> |
| 03/25/12 | Forward Plan         | <p>It was noted and agreed as current.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 03/25/13 | Date of next meeting | <p>It was noted and agreed the next meeting would be the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 including the AGM.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

DATE & SIGNED

VICE-CHAIRPERSON