

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 1st March 2017 at Tycroes Hall, Tycroes, Ammanford**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

A J Blackley
A Evans
B Evans
T Higgins
B Thomas
G Thomas
B D Davies
C Higgins
M Nicholas
G I Davies
S Evans

Chairman Councillor G Thomas presided over the meeting
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Minute no. 2 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors B Roberts, M Davies and L Griffiths.

Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received for matters on the agenda.

Minute no. 4 – Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman Councillor G Thomas reported to the Council that he was recently invited to attend the opening of Tafarn Y Deri in Llanedi.

Minute no. 5 – Signing of the Minutes Council Meeting 1st February 2017

Resolved that the minutes of the above meeting, having been previously circulated, be accepted as read, confirmed and signed as a true and legal record of the matters transacted.

Reason – to adhere to the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para 41 (1) and (4) and section 99.

Minute no. 6 – Service Level Agreement

The Chairman reported that he is in the process of arranging a meeting with the Internal Auditor to discuss this matter.

Minute no. 7 – Sustainable Classroom

The Clerk reported that a new date for a visit to the above scheme has been scheduled for the 15th March in the afternoon. It was noted that Cllr Byron Evans, Cllr Berian Davies, Cllr Gareth Thomas and Cllr Buddug Thomas were interested in attending.

Minute no. 8 – Cricket Club

The Clerk reported on recent correspondence from Natural Resources Wales with regard to a flood risk assessment for the proposed development at the above property. Members were happy to note that the proposed scheme as designed is capable of being accommodated at the site.

Minute no. 9 – Tycroes MUGA

The Clerk provided a report on tenders as recently received for this project which involved the provision of a synthetic grass surface to the facility as follows:

Sunshine Playgrounds	£34082.80
Cover Solutions	£33620.00

Cllr M Nicholas reported that there had been further quotes received, however they were very expensive and not received in writing. It was noted that there is a further quote expected. **Resolved that** the Council will proceed with the most competitive tender, subject to the lease being processed and a site meeting being convened to discuss the content of the respective quotes.

Minute no. 10 – Hanging Baskets

Resolved to provide traditional planting for hanging baskets at Tycroes Square as opposed to wildflower planting as part of the plans for planting in the forthcoming year. It was further **resolved** to consider supplementing the extent of daffodil planting in the community in the next year, with members agreeing to take some photographs of locations where there is a need for further planting.

Minute no. 11 – Planning Application – 34999

Resolved to object to the proposal on the basis that there will be problem of contamination to the adjacent rugby pitch.

Minute no. 12 – Donations by the Council

Members noted that the Clerk had recently issued application forms for financial assistance in English only. **Resolved to** translate the application form to include the Welsh Language. Further **resolved** to request the Clerk to request Mr Steve Lloyd-Janes to include a further advert regarding application for Council donations in the Llanelli Star.

Minute no. 13 – Reforming Local Government: Resilient and Renewed White Paper

The Clerk provided an overview of the recently published White Paper and outlined the impact that this will have on the Council.

Minute no. 14 – Community Development Officer

Members considered the need for the appointment of a Community Development Officer to assist in the required duties under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and other community development activities in the community. **Resolved to** instruct the Clerk to make a submission to Carmarthenshire County Council as soon as possible for a grant under the Targeted Finance Fund to assist in funding the above post.

Minute no. 15 – Wellbeing Assessment 2017

The Clerk provided an overview of recent work completed on behalf of the Council with regard to the Wellbeing Act including various consultation meetings and collaboration with the County Council.

Resolved to call a special meeting to consider in more details the duties placed on the Council after the election.

Minute no. 16 – Hendy Reading Room

The Council received a transfer document with regard to the purchase of the freehold of Hendy Reading Room. **Resolved to** authorise the Chairman and Clerk to sign the transfer document.

Minute no. 17 – Reading Room

Members of the Council commented on the design of the existing tables at the Reading Room in particular the fact that they cannot be stacked easily. The Clerk outlined that Llannon CC may be interested in purchasing the tables as it is upgrading its committee room. **Resolved to** look at selling the tables to Llannon and purchase some stacking tables.

The Clerk outlined that there is scope for the Council to be a part of a joint bid to establish community hubs at various locations in the local area, with the Reading Room being one of the hubs. **Resolved to** authorise the Clerk to submit a joint bid to the Lottery for a grant to assist in establishing this venture.

Minute no. 18 – Hendy Park

It was noted that there continues to be significant problems with people parking on Heol Y Parc, Hendy. It was noted that there is a triangular area available on the edge of the park which could be used as a supplemental car parking should it be adequately surfaced. It was **resolved that**:

- The Chairman will make a request for yellow lines to be placed on Heol Y Parc.
- The Clerk was requested to consider the options for placing a car park on the triangle area. A site meeting was agreed with Cllr A Blackley and B Evans to look at the suitability of this area.

Minute no. 19 – Hendy Park Committee

With the imminent asset transfer of the parks and play areas to the Council, there is a need to consider the establishing of a parks committee to monitor and manage the parks. **Resolved** to request the Clerk to write to officers of the Hendy Parks and Community Association enquiring as to whether they would be prepared to change the name of the organisation as this could cause some confusion in the future.

Minute no. 20 – Ball Stop Fence

The Clerk presented a quotation as received for the installation of a ball stop fence to the top of the MUGA fence. **Resolved to** defer consideration of the matter until a later date when the park is in use.

Minute no. 21 – Final Design Hendy Park

The Council received a copy of the final design layout for Hendy Park including a representative coloured plan showing the artificial grass etc. **Resolved to** approve the final plan.

Minute no. 22 – Land Use Planning – Town and Country Planning Act

(a) Proposed Development

Resolved that the following applications be noted onto the minutes.

Reason: Members did not request that observations/objections be conveyed to the County Planning Authority in respect of the proposed developments.

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| S/35100 | Proposed first floor rear extension and raising of garage roof at 113 Iscoed Road, Hendy, Swansea, SA4 0UW. Mr & Mrs Hierons. |
| S/34787 | Extension over garage to provide two additional bedrooms and one ensuite at 2 Plas Y Fforest, Swansea. David Marshall. |

- S/35118 One and two storey extensions to dwelling house at Glasfryn, Church Road, Llanedi. Mr & Mrs Drew.
- S/35196 Single storey extension to the front elevation at 49 Heol Llwyn Bedw, Hendy Swansea. Mr & Mrs May Copley.

(b) Decision Notices Granted

Resolved that the following applications be noted onto the minutes.

None received.

(c) Decision Notices Refused

None received.

(d) Decision Notices Appealed

None received.

Minute no. 23 – Letter from Lee Waters

The Chairman reported that there are continuing discussions at a County Council level and with the Welsh Government with regard to the policy for the Gypsy/Traveller site as proposed in the Hendy area.

Resolved to request the Clerk to write to Llinos Quelch complaining that there is a need for the County to allocate sufficient sites in the County for travellers.

Minute no. 24 – Councillor M Nicholas– Coopers Play Area

Councillor M Nicholas reported that he is concerned about the condition of the Coopers play area. The Clerk reported that he is negotiating with officers at Carmarthenshire CC with regard to emergency repairs which are required to one item of equipment. **Resolved to** also instruct the Clerk to chase potential for a Betws Windfarm grant for further improvements to the play area.

Minute no. 25 – Hendy Rugby Ground

Cllr B Davies reported on quotations as received for fencing around the Rugby pitch as discussed in previous meetings. It was noted that the most beneficial bid was received from Sunshine playgrounds in the sum of £17,000 plus VAT. It was noted that a grant of £3000 was promised from Persimmon which is no longer available, thus resulting in a shortage of £3000 from the anticipated funding. It was **resolved that** the matter will be referred back to the club for a submission under the Council's new policy for grant applications.

Minute no. 26 – Finance Reports

The Council received a Finance Report consisting of the following elements:

- Bank Reconciliation
- Report on Income Received
- Report on proposed Expenditure
- Report on receipts and payments by budget heading

It was **resolved** to note the reports.

Minute no. 27 – Financial Assistance

It was **resolved** to defer consideration of applications for financial assistance and invite organisations to make an application under the new system as adopted by the Council.

Minute no. 28 – One Voice Wales/SLCC

None of the members were able to attend the Conference.

Minute no. 29 – Terry Price Award

Resolved to place an advert in the South Wales Guardian and Llanelli Star to publicise the Terry Price Award and invite nominations.

Minute no. 30 – Park Inspection Course

Members received an invitation to attend a course as organised by Carmarthenshire County Council with regard to regular park inspections.

Resolved that the Clerk circulate the invitation to all councillors and it was noted that Councillor A Blackley will attend the Course.

Minute no. 31 - General Correspondence

Resolved to note the following general correspondence onto the minutes:-

Writer	Subject
Sunshine Playgrounds	Quotation
Parks and Play	Quotation
Cover Solutions	Quotation
Marco Sparano	Quotation
Wicksteed playgrounds	Quotation
Tenovus	Application for Financial Assistance
British Heart Foundation	Application for Financial Assistance
Babath	Application for Financial Assistance
Kidney Wales	Application for Financial Assistance
Cruse Bereavement Care	Application for Financial Assistance

Quotation

Ammanford Squadron Air Training Corps	Application for Financial Assistance
One Voice Wales	Membership application
University Health Board	Transformation Programme.
Carmarthenshire County Council	Community and Town Councils Survey 2017
Carmarthenshire County Council	Road Traffic Wales notification
Hendy Rugby Football Club	Acknowledgement of financial assistance.

Council Business terminated at 9.14 pm.

Signed **Date**
Chairman