

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 1st February 2017 at the Reading Room, Hendy**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

A J Blackley
B Evans
T Higgins
B Thomas
G Thomas
J L Griffiths
C Higgins
M Nicholas
G I Davies
M 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 D Davies, A Evans and B Roberts.

Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest

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

Minute no. 4 – Chairman’s Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

Minute no. 5 – Signing of the Minutes Council Meeting January 4th 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 – Signing of the Minutes Council Meeting January 26th 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. 7 – Service Level Agreement - Surveyor

Resolved to request the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the Internal Auditor in order to finalise this document as the members would benefit from specific advice on the matter. A report will be provided to the next Council meeting.

Minute no. 8 – Sustainable Classroom

It was noted that there is some urgency in arranging a visit to the above property at Swansea University. **Resolved to** organise a new date for the visit on either the 15th or 17th of February 2017, subject to confirmation with the University.

Minute no. 9 – Refurbishment of the Cricket Club

The Chairman reported on a site meeting with planners to discuss a potential design for the extension to the Cricket Club. It was noted that there is some urgency in making a planning application and therefore it would be beneficial to have a meeting with the Architect as soon as possible. **Resolved to** arrange a meeting with the Architect for Tuesday 7th February at 6 pm at the Reading Room. Further **resolved** to instruct the Clerk to email members to remind them of the meeting.

The Clerk provided a report on a recent meeting with CB3, the appointed engineer with specific reference to the allocation of the land within a flood zone. It was suggested that there would be a benefit in arranging a further meeting with Natural Resources Wales in order to discuss the matters as agreed at a previous meeting a few years previously.

The Clerk outlined that an application has been made under the Rural Community Development Fund as organised by Welsh Government for a grant towards the refurbishment and extension of the building

Minute no. 10 – Section 106 – Tycroes MUGA

There was a discussion on the availability of funding under Section 106 towards the refurbishment of the MUGA at Tycroes. **Resolved to** request Councillor C Higgins to provide a letter of support for the section 106 funding for the above scheme.

Minute no. 11 – Cleanliness of Bus Stops

It was noted that a complaint has been received from Mr Gary Owen regarding the cleanliness of bus shelters in the community. It was noted that the following bus shelters need attention:

- Brick shelter at eastern end of Iscoed Road (Black Horse),
- Adjacent to the Black Horse,
- Opposite Tafarn y Deri Llanedi,
- Adjacent Tycroes Surgery.

It was agreed that there is a need to tidy up and regularly clean the bus stops as owned by the Community Council. It was noted that there may be a need to utilise reserves to cover this item as there is no allowance in the Council's budget as this matter has until now been completed by the County Council.

A further complaint was received which referred to persons parking on the village green. After a discussion on the matter, it was noted that members however were not aware that this is a particular problem.

Minute no. 12 – Hanging Baskets/Wildflower planting

Members considered information on the design and cost of hanging baskets as distributed with options for baskets to be located on metal lamp posts. It was **resolved** not to proceed with this option in the forthcoming financial year. In relation to wildflowers planting, the following locations were considered:

- Square at Tycroes – baskets on railings.
- Coopers Play Area.
- Bank at Cwmfferws Park and areas in the park.
- Tycroes – at village entrance near Graynor Farm.

Resolved to get quotations for the provision of wildflower planting at the above locations.

Minute no. 13 – Land Use Planning – Proposed Gypsy Site on Llannon Road, Hendy

The Chairman reported on a recent planning application as above and informed members of recent developments as communicated with officers of the County Council.

Minute no. 14 – 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.

S/34973 Demolition of shed/store and replace with open fronted garage/car spaces. Demolition of garage/utility and replace with entrance of porch/utility/games room/bedroom. Demolition of conservatory and extension to form kitchen/dining (resubmission of S/34391 refused 31/10/16) at Llwyn yr Eos, Gypsy Lane, Llangennech. Miss Claire Topliss.

S/34999 Construction of a Ménage for exercising/training horses at land to the north of Hendy Rugby Club, Hendy Farm. Neil McDonnell.

(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. 15 – MUGA – provision of path

Councillor A Blackley informed the Council that he and Councillor B D Davies had completed some voluntary work to provide a stone path to the MUGA entrance. It was **resolved** that the Council will cover the cost of any materials and plant hire with regard to this work.

Minute no. 16 – 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. 17 – Financial Assistance

It was **resolved** to offer the following organisations a donation in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the LGA 1972, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

Air Training Corps	Defer consideration of funding until 2017/18.
Royal Welsh Agricultural Society	As above.

Minute no. 18 – Councillors M Nicholas and Councillor M Davies

Councillors M Nicholas and M Davies left the meeting at 8.00 pm and did not return.

Minute no. 19 – Policy for Donations by the Council

Members considered the policy of the Council for receiving ad-hoc applications for financial assistance during the financial year. It was noted that the adjacent Council in Pontarddulais have a system for only considering applications once in the financial year with a closing date set for applications.

Resolved that the Council will in future only deal with requests for donations once in the financial year, the procedure being advertised on the Council's website and in the press with a deadline for applications at the end of March. This policy will exclude Chapels and Churches.

Minute no. 20 – Local Energy Action

Members received correspondence and a handout from Menter Cwm Gwendraeth with regard to a new project providing energy advice seeking to reduce fuel poverty. **Resolved** to note the correspondence.

Minute no. 21 – SLCC Conference

Members were informed that the SLCC Welsh conference will be held on the 15th March in Cwmbran. **Resolved** that the Clerk will represent the Council at the conference.

Minute no. 22 – Website Domain Renewal

The Council received notification of renewal for the website domain. **Resolved to** renew the website domain subscription.

Minute no. 23 – One Voice Wales Conference

The Chairman unfortunately was not in a position to attend the One Voice Wales conference. **Resolved that** Councillor M Nicholas will attend the Conference as the Chairman's deputy.

Minute no. 24 – Dewi Sant Parade

The Chairman unfortunately was not in a position to attend the Dewi Sant parade. **Resolved that** Councillor M Nicholas will attend the parade as Vice Chairman of the Council.

Minute no. 25 – Hendy School

Resolved to send a letter of congratulations to the School which has recently been upgraded to Green status.

Minute no. 26 - General Correspondence

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

Writer	Subject
Menter Cwm Gwendraeth	Information about Local Energy Action
Capel Newydd	Receipt for Grant Aid
Eglwys Moreia Tycroes	Receipt for Grant Aid

Council Business terminated at 9.14 pm.

Signed Date
Chairman