

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at Hendy Reading Room**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

A J Blackley

W A Evans

B Evans

T Jones

T Higgins

B Thomas

G Thomas

B D Davies

B Roberts

M Nicholas

I Davies

S Evans

A Rowlands (Architect)

Vice Chairman Councillor M Nicholas presided over the meeting

Minute no. 2 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for their absence from the meeting were received from Councillors L Griffiths, M Davies and C Higgins.

Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest

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

Minute no. 4 – Presentation by AWRA Architects

The Council received Mr. Adrian Rowlands who provided the Council with a presentation on proposals for the redevelopment of the Hendy Cricket Club. It was resolved to appoint AWRA architects as the architect for the design of the redevelopment of the Cricket club, subject to a review as to whether there is an opportunity for grant funding to cover the fees. The Council also expressed interest in visiting a recent development at Swansea University which demonstrated some innovative designs in relation to energy conservation.

Minute no. 5 – Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's announcements.

Minute no. 6 – Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Mr Stuart Evans signed a declaration of acceptance of office as a Councillor for the Hendy ward of the Council. The Chairman congratulated him on his appointment.

Minute no. 7 – Councillor Gareth Thomas

Cllr Gareth Thomas left the meeting at 7pm and did not return.

Minute no. 8 – Signing of the Minutes Council Meeting October 5th 2016

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. 9 – Matters Arising from Minutes

Hendy School

It was noted that a questionnaire survey had been circulated to pupils of Hendy School earlier in the day with regard to the proposed developments at the Hendy Play Area.

Switch on Christmas lights

Resolved that Hendy will switch on the Christmas lights at 6.00 pm on Friday 2nd December, followed by Fforest at 6.30 pm and finally Llanedi at 7.00 pm.

Minute no. 10 – Clos Benallt

The Council received a Mrs Jones and Mr Alan Martin representing the action group in relation to a planning application for the Clos Benallt site. A petition was presented containing 350 signatures objecting to the number of houses proposed on the site, which was requested to be passed on to the County Council via Councillor Gareth Thomas.

Minute no. 11 – Land Use Planning – Town and Country Planning Act

Councillor T Jones declared an interest and left the meeting whilst this was being discussed.

Application No S/34537

Members received the above application and noted the following observations as received from councilors and members of the public.

It was noted that a public meeting had been convened recently to consider this application. There were 65 persons in attendance with significant objections to the planning application.

Resolved to object to the application on the following grounds:

- Concerns in relation to the potential drainage problems on the site and existing flooding problems to adjacent properties.
- The proposed development would result in the loss of a wildlife corridor.
- There are existing highway problems within the community especially at peak periods and this would be exacerbated through additional development in the community without significant highway improvements. In addition, at a local level, there are particular problems with the highway at Bronallt Road, which is one way with poor access and visibility.
- There are significant new developments which are impacting on access arrangements through Hendy and the impact of these developments must be assessed and addressed before any further development is approved in the area.

(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/34576 Double storey extension and alterations to dwelling of 1 Heol Brown, Tycroes, Ammanford. Mr A Jones.

S/34585 Replacement dwelling house at land at Tynywaun farm, Llannon, Llanelli, SA4 0YL. A & L Thomas.

(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. 12 – 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

Resolved to approve the content of the reports.

Minute no. 13 – Appointment of Surveyor

It was noted that there had been a query raised by the external auditor with regard to the appointment of the surveyor for completing work on Council projects. **Resolved to** request the Clerk to arrange to meet with the Internal Auditor to discuss the current procedure for the appointment of the Surveyor and to provide the Council with any specific recommendations accordingly.

Minute no. 14 – MUGA

A query was raised with regard to the cost of the electricity to the floodlights at the MUGA. It was noted that Cllr AJ Blackley continues to provide significant support in the management of the MUGA as a volunteer and a vote of thanks was offered for all his hard work in running the MUGA.

Minute no. 15 – Website

It was noted that there is a delay in publishing the minutes of Council meetings on the website after Council meetings. **Resolved to** request the Clerk to contact the Council's consultant to ensure that all minutes are posted on the website as soon as possible.

Minute no. 16 – Community Development Officer

Resolved to appoint a sub-committee to consider a job description for the establishment of this post on Thursday 10th November. Councillors B Evans, A Evans, M Nicholas, G Thomas and T Higgins were nominated to form the sub-committee.

Minute no. 17 – Hendy Park

Councillor A Evans presented the Council with an analysis of the responses as received from children at Hendy School with regard to their preferences for play equipment in the park. There was a debate regarding the adequacy of the survey in particular the fact that there had not been a questionnaire issued to secondary schools.

Councillor Blackley wished to record that there would be scope for discount to be achieved if the Council purchased equipment through the County Council. It was **resolved to** only consider a traditional play park as opposed to the inclusion of a splash pad as part of the proposed scheme and to appoint a sub committee of all Hendy Councillors to consider the final design at a meeting with the selected preferred contractor Kompan to be convened on Thursday 10th November at 7.30 pm.

Minute no. 18 – Wellbeing Training

The Clerk reminded members of the Council of the planned training on the Wellbeing Act which was scheduled for the following day.

Minute no. 19 – Asset Transfer

The Clerk provided the Council with an update on progress with the transfer of the playgrounds from the County Council.

Minute no. 20 – Remuneration Panel for Wales

Members considered the content of recommendations of the Annual Report of the above organisation. **Resolved to** accept the recommendations of the panel with regard to the remuneration of councillors and staff of the Council.

Minute no. 21 – Audit and Risk Management Committee

It was noted that the proposed meeting of the above committee had been cancelled due to the unavailability of Council members. It was **resolved** to appoint replacement members to the committee as appropriate and the Chairman and Vice Chairman delegated to convene a further meeting as soon as possible.

Minute no. 22 – 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:

Welsh Hearts	-	£1500
<i>subject to agreeing location of defibrillator in the community</i>		
McMillan Cancer Support	-	£100
Tycroes Community Hall	-	£3000
Pontarddulais Hendy and District Committee	- additional	£250
Hendy School PTA	-	£500

Councillor A Evans and S Evans declared an interest in the Hendy School financial request and left the room whilst this was being discussed.

CISS	-	£100
Blas ar Fyw	-	£100
Christmas Toybox Appeal	-	£200

Minute no. 23 - Suspending Standing Orders

Resolved to suspend standing orders in order to continue with the transaction of business at the meeting beyond 9pm.

Minute no. 24 – Remembrance Service

Resolved to request the Clerk to arrange for the booklet for the Remembrance Service to be professionally printed in readiness for the service.

Minute no. 25 – Community Resilience Officer

The Council received correspondence from officers of the County Council regarding the service provided in the community. It was resolved to invite the local Community Resilience Officer to address a future meeting of the Council.

Minute no. 26 – Judging of Christmas Window Competition

The Council received an invitation to assist in the judging of the Christmas window competition in the community. **Resolved to** refer this matter to the Chairman.

Minute no. 27 – Noticeboard

Members considered information on various types of noticeboard which could be installed at the Reading Room. **Resolved to** purchase a noticeboard in the sum of £610.00.

Minute no. 28 – Pontardulais Remembrance Day

Resolved that the Council will nominate Councillor T Jones to attend the above service on behalf of the Council.

Minute no. 29 – Reading Room

It was reported that a request had been received for the Reading room to be used as a Tea Room. **Resolved to** agree in principle subject to the provision of further information.

Minute no. 30 - General Correspondence

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

Writer	Subject
Home Start	Request for volunteers
Carmarthenshire County Council	BT payphone removal
Wales Air Ambulance	Invitation to visit Ambulance site
Councillor A Blackley on behalf of Hendy AFC	Letter of thanks to the Council

Council Business terminated at 9.35 pm.

Signed **Date**
Chairman