

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at Hendy Reading Room**

**Minute no. 1 – Members Present**

**Councillors:**

A J Blackley  
G I Davies  
L Griffiths  
A Evans  
M Nicholas  
B Thomas  
B Davies  
B Evans  
G Thomas  
T Higgins

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

Apologies for their absence from the meeting were received from Councillor H Funnell.

**Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest**

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

**Minute no. 4 – Presentation by Architects**

The Council received Mr David Darkin of Darkin Architects and Kevin Matthews of Huw Griffiths Architects who provided a presentation on the respective practices and an overview of their initial proposals for the redevelopment of the Hendy Cricket Club. It was noted that Adrian Rowlands Architect was not in a position to attend the meeting and the Clerk was requested to make alternative arrangements for the Council to receive a presentation from this Architect.

**Minute no. 5 – Hendy Park Play Area**

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting who wished to discuss the Council's proposals for the Hendy Play Area. It was **resolved** to bring forward agenda item 15 on the agenda in order to allow members of the public to hear discussions on the matter.

The Clerk provided an overview of the tendering process as had been completed to date, outlining the two public consultation exercises and responses as had been received. Specific reference was made to the result of the recent

consultation and views as expressed in relation to the designs as provided by both Wicksteed and Kompan. There was a general discussion involving members of the public where there was a strong feeling expressed that children in the community would benefit from the provision of a splash pad instead of upgrading the park to the same extent. It was noted that the Council has previously agreed to consult further with children in the school prior to making any decision.

**Resolved that** the Clerk be instructed to obtain a quotation from the splash pad companies for a scheme at the park.

Further **resolved to** consult with children at Hendy School regarding the options available and where appropriate the students of the secondary schools.

**Resolved to** obtain information in order to make an informed comparison between an option for adventure play equipment for the whole year against a splash pad for a limited period in year to include cost of maintenance.

#### **Minute no. 6 – Co-option of Councillors**

The Council received an expression of interest in the appointment as a Councillor by co-option for the Hendy ward from the following candidates:

Wayne Erasmus  
Stuart Evans

It was unanimously **resolved to** co-opt Mr Stuart Evans as a member for the Hendy ward.

#### **Minute no. 7 – Signing of the Minutes Council Meeting September 7<sup>th</sup> 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 subject to an amendment of minute number 4.

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

#### **Minute no. 8 – Questionnaire to Hendy School**

It was noted that the Council had previously agreed to consult further with children at Hendy School in relation to developments at Hendy Play Area.

#### **Minute no. 9 - Safe Routes in the Community**

It was noted that the Surveyor had consulted with Hendy School and an application has been submitted to the County Council under this scheme.

## **Minute no. 10 – 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/34391 Demotion of shed/store and replace with open fronted garage/car spaces. Demolition of garage/utility and replace with entrance porch/utility/games room/bedroom. Demolition of conservatory and extension to form kitchen/dining at Llwyn yr Eos, Gypsy Lane, Llangennech, Llanelli. Claire Topliss.

### **Application No S/32808**

Members considered the following application and it was resolved that the Council would object to the application due to the impact it would have on the local environment and the risk to highway safety at this location.

S/32808 Installation and operation of solar farm comprising of solar arrays, inverters, cabling, security fencing, security cameras and temporary access tracks at land adjacent and to the North of Pontarddulais Road, Tycroes. Power for Wales Inc Ltd – Stuart Jupp.

### **(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. 11 – Heol Y Geibren**

The Chairman reported that he has followed up on what appears to be an illegal development at the above location. **Resolved to** request the Clerk to write to the planning officer drawing to his attention whether this is an illegal development.

### **Minute no. 12 – Sports Association**

The Council received Winston Stevens and Chris Kinnear who were in attendance representing the Sports Association. Issues under consideration include:

1. Future management of sports events in the community including the MUGA.
2. Proposals for fencing of the park area.
3. It was noted that the junior section of the cricket club is still functioning consideration of the provision of cricket nets in the community.
4. The association is considering the potential development of a 4G pitch on the Hendy second pitch. Anticipated cost for 4G was a minimum of £300,000.

### **Minute no. 13 – Dog Proof Fencing**

Cllr B Davies reported that a request for funding has been submitted to the WRU by the Rugby Club for the provision of dog proof fencing around the rugby ground.

### **Minute no. 14 – Clos y Wern Play Area**

Cllr G Thomas provided a report on recent developments in relation to the maintenance of a Local Area for Play (LAP) at Clos y Wern, as the County Council has stated it will not assume maintenance of the area.

### **Minute no. 15 – Heol Y Parc**

Cllr G Thomas reported that plans are being developed for improvements to pavements at Heol y Parc, Hendy.

### **Minute no. 16 –One Voice Wales AGM**

Councillor M Nicholas provided a report on the recent AGM of One Voice Wales including an overview of the speakers' messages at the event.

### **Minute no. 17 – Youth Representation**

Members considered the appropriateness of having youth representation in the community. It was noted that the Sports Association has agreed to have two Youth representatives on the Committee.

### **Minute no. 18 – Switch on Dates**

It was agreed that the Christmas light switch on will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm for Tycroes. It was noted that last year there was an event at Fforest linked to the switch on of the Christmas tree including the provision of mince pies and carols at the Christmas tree.

**Resolved that** this event will be continued in future years with the Council providing the refreshments for the event.

**Minute no. 19 – Council Christmas Dinner**

The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with Tafarn Morlais in relation to holding of the Council Christmas Dinner.

**Minute no. 20 – Wellbeing of Future Generations Act**

Councillor B Evans provided a report on a recent event outlining the responsibilities of the Council under the Act. It was noted that adjacent communities have appointed a Community Development Officer in order to assist in achieving the responsibilities and duties as required by the Act. It was noted that a training course has been established for Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November between 3 community councils to assist councillors in fully understanding their responsibilities under the act and to begin developing an action plan for the Council. **Resolved that** the Clerk provide a copy of a job description, job application form and person specification form to the next meeting and make enquiries to establish whether there is any funding available to support employing a Community Development Officer.

**Minute no. 21 – Asset Transfer**

The Clerk provided a report to the Council in relation to final negotiations between the Council and Carmarthenshire County Council. It was noted that most of the requested amendments have been agreed however there was a query with regard to the procedure for disposal of an asset and reinvestment of proceeds in the community. **Resolved to** accept the model lease in principle subject to the amendments as agreed by the Clerk however the Clerk was instructed to attempt to negotiate further amendments to the last section in relation to reinvestment of funds.

**Minute no. 22 - Suspending Standing Orders**

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

**Minute no. 23 – Asset Transfer – Hendy Park**

It was noted that there is some urgency in completing the lease for Hendy Park as proposals for the redevelopment of the park are proceeding. The Clerk reported that as there is no building at Hendy Park, the form of the lease will be as agreed in the previous agenda item. **Resolved to** authorise the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the lease when the final version is provided.

### **Minute no. 24 – Minor Authority Representative**

**Resolved to** appoint Councillor Alan Evans as minor authority representative for Ysgol Hendy.

### **Minute no. 25 – Hendy Hockey Club**

The Council received correspondence from Hendy Hockey Club regarding a proposed school hockey event on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. The club requested whether the Council can support the event through covering the cost for the hire of toilets.

**Resolved that** the Council will provide funding for the toilets subject to confirmation that hockey sticks used at the event, are either plastic or have socks placed over the sticks. Further **resolved that** the Council will fund the purchase of the required socks up to a maximum of £100.00.

### **Minute no. 26 – Under 14s Soccer**

It was reported that Hendy AFC is attempting to establish an under 14's team in the community however there is no funding available within the club at present to support the team. **Resolved to** allow the new Under 14s side to use the MUGA free for 1 month.

### **Minute no. 27 – Pontarddulais FC Under 6s**

A request was received from Pontarddulais FC to use the MUGA on a Saturday morning from 9 – 10am. **Resolved to** allow this proposal.

### **Minute no. 28 – Christopher Ruck**

**Resolved to** note the correspondence as received from Mr Ruck in relation to the field at Heol Brown, Tycroes.

### **Minute no. 29 – Prohibition of waiting and street parking**

The Council received correspondence regarding the proposed experimental order for Iscoed Road, Hendy. **Resolved to** note the proposal.

### **Minute no. 30 – Audit Report**

The Council received the Audit Report from the Auditor General for Wales for the 2015-16 financial year. It was noted that the following qualifications were appended to the report which originate from issues in the previous financial year:

- The Council did not have a budget in place at the start of the financial year and therefore did not calculate its budget requirement and therefore its precept in accordance with statutory requirements.
- The Council has not demonstrated effective monitoring of its financial position throughout the financial year.

- Box 14 of the Accounting Statement, the trust funds disclosure note, was left unanswered for 2015/16 on the Annual Return. The Council has confirmed that this box should read “N/A”.

It was noted that the above queries relate to issues which the Council was made aware of at the beginning of the financial year in question and have been fully addressed by the Council in the same financial year.

**Minute no. 31 – Notice Board**

**Resolved to** authorise the Clerk to purchase a notice board for the Reading Room.

**Minute no. 32 – Remembrance Sunday – November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Resolved to** request the Clerk to organise the Remembrance Sunday service in the same format as previous years.

**Minute no. 33 - General Correspondence**

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

<b>Writer</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Boundary Commission for Wales	2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Initial Proposals.
Carmarthenshire County Council	Experimental prohibition of waiting and street parking places order 2016.

**Council Business terminated at 9.40 pm.**

**Signed .....** **Date .....**  
**Chairman**