

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 6th July 2016 at Hendy Reading Room**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

WA Evans
R B Evans
J T Jones
B Thomas
G B Thomas
R C Roberts
Mrs H M Funnell
M Nicholas
G I Davies
B Davies

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 A J Blackley due to a family commitment, Councillor Mrs T Higgins due to being on holiday, Councillor J L Griffiths as he is in a meeting in Lampeter, Councillor C Higgins as he is a work commitment and Councillor MAB Davies as he is on holiday.

Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest

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

Minute no. 4 – Minute's Silence

The Council stood for a Minute's silence in respect for Mr. Viv Preece a previous Clerk to the Council who had recently passed away.

Minute no. 5 – Internal Auditor

The Internal Auditor gave his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Minute no. 6 – Clos Benallt Fawr

The Council received a local resident who reported that a working group has been established to consider the proposal for a development site at Clos Benallt Fawr. A request was made as to why there had not been an objection from the Community Council on the matter. Members of the Council gave an overview of the considerations of the Council during that time.

Minute no. 7 – Signing of the Council Meeting Minutes – June 1st 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. 8 – 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/33962 Closure of existing road entrance and opening a new road entrance at land to the South West of the B4306, Llannon. Adam David Evans.
- S/33904 Retrospective amendment of S/29422 conversion of former garage into a dwelling. Additional decking, construction of timber decking and fence, variation of fenestration at the Old Garage, Carmarthen, Fforest, Swansea. Alan Broughton.
- S/33903 Reserved matter application for one dwelling following outline planning permission S/32176 at plot adjoining Llwynderi, Tycroes, Ammanford. Mr & Mrs Thomas.

(b) Decision Notices Granted

Resolved that the following applications be noted onto the minutes.

None received.

(c) Decision Notices Refused

No applications were refused.

(e) Decision Notices Appealed

No applications were appealed.

Minute no. 9 – Councillors Reports on meetings of Outside Bodies

The Chairman provided a report on the recent Hendy and Pontarddulais Carnival.

Minute no. 10 – Paths – Schools

It was noted that a path serving Tycroes School was causing a nuisance to residents taking children to school. **Resolved to** arrange for the hedge to be trimmed back.

Minute no. 11 – Finance Reports

Resolved to defer the consideration of finance reports until the next meeting.

Minute no. 12 – Cynnal Cymru

Resolved to accept the offer of a training course as organised by Cynnal Cymru on the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

Minute no. 13 – Email – Councillor Steve Lloyd-Janes

The Council received an email from Councillor Lloyd-Janes in relation to problems associated with the new access road as constructed at Llwyn Bedw. **Resolved that** the Chairman and Cllr AJ Blackley will raise the matter with Persimmon Homes.

Minute no. 14 – VAT Letter

The Council received correspondence from Revenue & Customs with regard to an application as submitted to reclaim VAT from previous financial years. It was noted that the claim had been refused. The Clerk reported that the Council had already written off this claim in setting the budget for the current financial year.

Minute no. 15 – Pension's Regulator

The Council received correspondence from the Pensions Regulator confirming that the staging date for the Council has been set for 1st November 2016.

Minute no. 16 – Clos Benallt Fawr

It was reported that there had been an informal meeting with Persimmon Homes to consider its proposals for the above development. It was noted that there has not been an application for any planning consent to date.

Minute no. 17 – Asset Transfer

The Chairman provided an update on the current position with regard to the policy on asset transfer, in particular the side letter as specifically requested by Llanedi Council. It was noted that the County Council has not accepted all the criteria as required in the side letter. **Resolved that** there is a need for a meeting to be convened with the Leader of the County Council and Mr Jonathan Fearn to discuss why there has been a change in the agreement by the County Council.

Minute no. 18 – Hendy Play Area

Resolved to defer this matter to a specially meeting of the Council when more councillors are in attendance.

Minute no. 19 – Local Development Plan – City & County of Swansea

Members considered in particular the proposal for significant housing development in the Pontarddulais area. Concern was expressed that a significant amount of traffic will be generated which will flow through Hendy towards the motorway. The Clerk informed the meeting that the main issue to be considered will be traffic flows, however there would be a need for a professional assessment by a highways engineer before the impact of the development could be properly quantified. It was **resolved** that the Council would place an objection to the proposal and request that a full traffic assessment is completed prior to confirming the allocation of this site in the Swansea Local Development Plan. Further recommended that the Council enquire as to Carmarthenshire County Council views and recommend that the County Council require specific evidence in relation to the impact of the development on the community of Hendy.

Minute no. 20 – 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:

Mellisa James	£200.00
X Ray Machine Amman Valley Hospital	£1,000.00

Minute no. 21 - General Correspondence

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

Writer	Subject
Pontarddulais and District Community Car Scheme Ltd	Letter of thanks for financial assistance
Carmarthenshire County Council	Mynydd Y Betws Community Benefit Fund
Ysgol Gynradd Llanedi	Thank you card for financial assistance.
Ombudsman	Annual Report 2015/16

Minute no. 22 – Carnival

A letter was received from Steve Lloyd Janes in relation to the donation as provided by the Council towards the carnival. It was agreed that there is a need for the Council to consider a means for a proportional donation to be provided to the carnival with specific reference to Pontarddulais Council.

Minute no. 23 – Tynged yr Iaith meeting – 17th September 2016

Resolved that members would have the option to represent the Council should they be available.

Minute no. 24 – Cantorion Pontarddulais

Resolved that Councillor Mrs B Thomas will attend the event on behalf of the Chairman.

Minute no. 25 – Hendy Cricket Club

The Council received quotations from local contractors with regard to the cutting of grass at Hendy Cricket Club. **Resolved** to accept a quotation as received from Tirgwaidd in the sum of £300.00.

Minute no. 26 – Steve Lloyd Janes

The Council received a letter of resignation from Cllr S Lloyd-Janes. **Resolved to** accept the letter of resignation from Councillor Lloyd Janes.

Council Business terminated at 7.40 pm.

Signed Date
Chairman