

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 7th June 2017 at the Hendy Reading Room.**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

Mike Nicholas
Buddug Thomas
Tina Higgins
J Lyn Griffiths
Ian Davies
Sharon Lyle
Stuart Evans
Alan Evans
Byron Evans
Gareth B Thomas
Bob Roberts
Alan Blackley
Cellan Davies

Chairman Councillor M Nicholas presided over the meeting

Minute no. 2 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors B D Davies and C Higgins.

Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cellan Davies declared an interest in the redevelopment of the Cricket Club Agenda item 4.

Minute no. 4 – Cricket Club

Mr Josh Jones and Mr Rhydian Davies attended the Council meeting to express an interest in the redevelopment of the Cricket club as a gym. It was noted that the Council has an intention to redevelop the club as a community centre and the availability of the building as a gym may therefore be short term. It was agreed that a formal request would be made to the Council in due course for consideration.

Minute no. 5 – Virgin Media

The Council received representatives of Virgin Media who provided an overview of the proposal to provide fibre connections in the community of Hendy. It is proposed to publicise the programme through local consultation and there will be scope to sponsor some events. Members of the Council expressed concern over potential disruption that could be caused especially on

the main road through Hendy. It was noted that is intended that work will commence in approximately 2 weeks.

Minute no. 6 – Councilor’s Biography

The Clerk handed out forms for completion by Councillors on their biography in order that information can be populated on the Council’s website.

Minute no. 7 – Nominations to serve on Council Committees

The following Councillors were nominated onto the respective committees:

Finance Committee

Cllrs M Nicholas, B Evans, A Evans, G Thomas, Ms S Lyle.

Audit/Risk Management Committee

Cllrs G Thomas, Mrs T Higgins, C Higgins, R C Roberts.

Personnel Committee

Cllrs A Blackley, B Evans, Mrs T Higgins, RC Roberts, Mrs B Thomas, C Higgins, S Evans and B D Davies.

Appeals Committee

Cllrs A Evans, G Thomas, L Griffiths, M Nicholas, I Davies, S Lyle, NAC Davies, M Davies.

School Governors

Llanedi Primary School - Cllr RC Roberts
Hendy Primary School - Cllr A Evans
Tycroes Primary School - Cllr C Higgins.

Minute no. 8 – Setting dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of full Council and sub committees for the year ahead

Resolved that the Council meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month with the exception of August.

Resolved that the Audit and Risk Management Committee will be held on the third Thursday of the month twice a year.

Resolved that the Finance Committee will be held on the third Thursday of the month twice a year.

Minute no. 9 – New Committee

It was **resolved** that the ward Committees will have responsibility for management of the parks. Members expressed the wish to hold ward meetings on a regular basis, potentially the day before the meeting.

Minute no. 10 – External Bodies

It was **resolved** that the representatives for One Voice Wales will be the Chairman and the Vice Chairman.

Minute no. 11 – Co-option of Tycroes Councillor

It was **resolved** to co-opt Mr Malcolm Davies as Councillor for Tycroes Ward.

Minute no. 12 - Agenda item 26h

Resolved to bring this item forward on the agenda.

Minute no. 13 – Tycroes RFC

Councillors I Davies and C Davies declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.

The Clerk reported that there had been a request for this matter to be dealt with in some urgency as there is a need for the club to make payment to various contractors. It was noted that the Council had not received copies of competitive quotations for all the work and that some work had been completed prior to the grant being approved.

Resolved to proceed to allow a grant in sum of £10,000 towards the emergency works at Tycroes RFC.

Minute no. 14 – Signing of the Minutes – April 5th 2017 Meeting of the Council.

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. 15 – Signing of the Minutes – April 13th 2017 Meeting of the Council.

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. 16 – Signing of the Minutes – May18th 2017 Meeting of the Council.

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. 17 – Terry Price Award

It was noted that a photo of the Terry Price Award presentation had been placed in the Llanelli Star.

Minute no. 18 – St Edith’s Church

Councillor RC Roberts raised a query with regard to the grant as was approved for the above organisation. It was noted that the Council had agreed that the Church should make enquiries as to other grant sources that may be available due to the extent of the work. The Clerk agreed to speak to the applicant again to clarify this matter.

Minute no. 19 – Hendy Park – Security

Councillor A Blackley proposed that there should be increased security provided to the new play area as there has been significant investment recently and it would be a shame if the equipment were vandalised. After a significant debate upon the matter, it was **resolved to** proceed to obtain a quote for the provision of additional equipment to the CCTV system.

Resolved to proceed to purchase 3 additional bins with cost to be agreed between the Chair and the Clerk. The Clerk reported that at present the County Council is continuing to empty bins at all the play areas.

It was **resolved to** defer all other matters on this agenda item for consideration at the Hendy Ward meeting.

Minute no. 20 – Tycroes – MUGA

The Chairman reported that a programme had been received from Sunshine Playground for the proposed works at the Tycroes MUGA. This was noted.

Minute no. 21 – Hendy Park

Councillor A Evans expressed concern regarding the condition of the park, at handover. In particular, the main issue was the fact that there are uneven areas where safety surfacing has not settled and bare areas of soil which have been seeded. The Surveyor was asked to ensure that a schedule of defects is generated for the attention of the contractor and that he follows up on these matters with the contractor in due course.

Minute no. 22 – Finance Reports

The Council received a report on Income and Expenditure in relation to the intervening period.

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

Minute no. 23 – Council Accounts 2016/17

The Council received a copy of the previously circulated accounts for the 2016-17 financial year. This was approved subject to receipt of the Internal Auditor's report.

The Council gave a vote of thanks to Councillor A Blackley for his work in securing a significant number of bookings for the MUGA in the previous year which was above the amount originally budgeted.

Further **resolved to** close the MUGA account and to transfer any balance to the Council main account.

Minute no. 24 – Financial Assistance

The Council received two applications for financial assistance. Members noted that the Council had adopted a policy for applications for financial assistance to be considered once in the financial year. It was noted that there will be circumstances of urgency and also good causes within the community which should be considered after this date.

The Council **resolved to** offer a donation to the following person in line with its new policy for donations and 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.

Rhys Harries

£100

Minute no. 25 – Model Local Resolution

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

Minute no. 26 – Social Media

The Council considered a previously circulated copy of a draft Social Media Policy. **Resolved to** approve and adopt the policy subject to amendment of section 3.3 to "Clerk and Chair".

Minute no. 27 – Asset Transfer - License

The Council received a copy of a license agreement for the occupation of Tycroes Park and Squirrels Walk in Hendy. It was resolved to approve the Chairman and the Clerk to sign the license on behalf of the Council.

Minute no. 28 – Land Use Planning – Town and Country Planning Act

Councillor G Thomas provided an update report on recent planning applications as submitted within the Council and adjacent communities in relation to traveller's sites.

(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/35553 Conversion and extension of barn to form a residential annexe for family members of adjoining dwelling house at Llwyn y Rhos, Coopers Road, Ammanford. A & E Davies.
- S/35506 Erection of single storey extension to rear of the bungalow at 67 Tycroes Road, Ammanford. Mrs Angela Anthony.
- S/35507 Demolition of existing shed and construction of new steel framed cattle shed with composite steel sheet cladding to roof and walls at Tirbach Farm, Llannon, Llanelli. Ricky Bessent.
- S/35402 Proposed bungalow at plot 1: Vehicle Access, visual appearance, landscaping, layout and scale (reserved matter to outline S/33599 – construction of 2 bungalows) at land at plot 1 adjoining no 34 Penygarn Road, Ammanford. Mr Malcolm Davies.

(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. 29 – Councillors Training

Resolved that the following councillors will attend the respective training:

Code of Conduct Training - 29th June 2017

Cllrs S Lyle, A Blackley, T Higgins, C Davies, S Evans.

Councillor Induction Training – 20th July

Cllrs S Lyle, I Davies, C Davies, B Roberts and M Nicholas.

Minute no. 30 – County Councillors’ Reports

Councillor T Higgins provided a written report for members on matters affecting the Tygroes ward.

Minute no. 31 - Suspending Standing Orders

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

Minute no. 32 – County Councilor’s Reports Continued

Councillor G Thomas reported on the following issues:

- The problem of speeding has been investigated along Bronallt. The speeding measurement proved that there is no speeding but in fact an average speed of 30 mph.
- There is a need to reconsider the Safe Routes in the Community bid as there is a further round of applications being invited. The Clerk reminded members that the feedback from the previous bid had highlighted that there had been insufficient consultation in the community with regard to the proposal and insufficient letters of support for the proposal. It was agreed that Cllr Thomas would organize a site meeting with the appropriate Highways Officer to further consider the proposal.

Minute no. 33 – Hendy Rugby Club

The Council received correspondence from Hendy RFC informing that the club is due to change from its current status to a private company. This would necessitate an assignment of the sub lease as held by the club for the rugby field into the private company. **Resolved to** give consent to the assignment of the sub lease for the rugby field.

Minute no. 34 – Hendy Football Club

Councillor A Blackley requested that the Council consider allowing some flexibility in the allocation of spend of the grant as confirmed to the football club from the Council. In the event that the club could secure some savings for certain items as originally listed in the application a request was made for this money to be re-allocated to other headings in particular the training grant.

Minute no. 35 – Wellbeing Act Development Session

The Clerk reported that he had recently attended a meeting with the County Council to discuss the implementation of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. He reported that there is an intention to organise a training session for the 7 community councils caught by the act with the County Council in order that there could be a discussion on the objectives and priorities as set by the Council. All Councillors expressed an interest in attending the session.

Minute no. 36 - General Correspondence

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

Writer	Subject
One Voice Wales	Model Local Resolution Protocol for Community Councils
Carmarthenshire County Council	Registered Handyperson & Gardeners Scheme
One Voice Wales	Training schedule
Carmarthenshire County Council	Nomination of a Community Council representative on Carmarthenshire County Council Standard's Committee
Rhisian Thomas	Thank you card
Labour Assembly Ministers	Flyer
Wales Audit Office	Audit fees 2015-16
Draintech	Quote
Seafarers Uk	Flying the Red Ensign Flag
Mike Rosthorn	Final Report Insurance Claim

Council Business terminated at 9.40 pm.

Signed **Date**
Chairman