

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at Tycroes Community Hall**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

A Blackley
A Evans
B Thomas
G Thomas
B D Davies
S A Evans
L Griffiths
T Higgins
C Higgins
M Nicholas
C Davies
M Davies
Emyr Davies

Chairman Councillor M Nicholas presided over the meeting
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Also present the Clerk David Davies and the Community Development Officer Sarah McColl-Dorion

Minute no. 2 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Byron Evans, Sharon Lyle and Ian Davies.

Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest

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

Minute no. 4 – Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman wished members present a Happy New Year.

The Chairman reported on the following matters:

- There was a meeting held with the British Legion and a presentation of
- £371-00.
- The Chairman offered comment on the bad publicity as recently received from the AM and MP in relation to the matters of signs as placed in the play areas. Members expressed the Chairman’s concerns regarding this inappropriate behaviour by the politicians. The Clerk confirmed that in

addition to letters of response in the press he had written to the MP but he had no response.

- The Chairman reported that an invite had been received for an entry into a draw to attend the Queen's Garden Party.

Minute no. 5 – Signing of the Minutes – 6th December 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. 6 – Matters Arising from previous Minutes

Poppy Appeal

It was noted that the payment to the Poppy Appeal of £371.00 is made up of £271.00 collection and £100 payment for the Wreaths.

Minute no. 5 - Howard & Helena Jones

Members considered the request that had been received at the last meeting for assistance in the publishing of the book on the history of the Llanedi area. The CDO reported that she had discussed the option for a crowd funding bid with the applicants. However, there had not been a positive response to date.

Resolved that the CDO and Cllr Alan Evans will meet with the applicants to further discuss the matter and bring a report back to a future meeting.

Minute No.6 - Festival Committee

Members noted that the Chairman had not responded to the press/Facebook regarding the bad publicity received from Mr Steve Lloyd-Janes on the Council's contribution to the Festival Committee. It was noted that on a pro-capita basis. Hendy residents were contributing to 31% more than the Pontarddulais residents and therefore the criticism was wholly inappropriate.

Minute no. 10 - Banking Arrangements

The Clerk confirmed that the Council has established an Electronic Banking System with Lloyd's Bank.

Minute no. 13 - Hendy Park

Councillor G Thomas provided a report on the current position with numbers of homes developed by Persimmon Homes. He agreed to consult further with the Planning Department to establish the likelihood of a payment in the current financial year.

Minute no. 14 - Nia Griffiths

The Clerk reported that he had corresponded with Nia Griffiths MP, expressing the Council's concerns on her recent negative publicity regarding the work of the Council however he had not received any response.

Minute no. 7 – Community Development Officer Report

The CDO provided an overview to her previously circulated which is appended to the minutes. The following matters were approved by the Council.

Community Activities

Resolved to provide a sum of £200 at the discretion of the CDO to help in the setting up of community activities in the area. It was noted that the Bird in Hand had offered a free meal to local persons on Christmas Day. It was noted that several of the initiatives being developed by the CDO are fulfilling responsibilities of the Council under the Wellbeing Act.

Members wished to thank the CDO for her excellent work on behalf of the Council.

Minute no. 8 – Mill Terrace

It was noted that a complaint had been received from Councillor Dot regarding the condition of the play area. **Resolved that** the Clerk, CDO and Chairman will meet with Hanna Cridland to discuss this matter. It was noted that the proposed works to the play area at Coopers has been completed. **Resolved that** the Chairman will organise some publicity on this matter.

Minute no. 9 – Cricket Club

The Clerk and CDO presented members with a copy of the final drawing for the proposed re-development of the Cricket Club. The following observations were received from members.

- There is a need to check that the changing rooms for Cricket are adequate, especially as there has been a request for additional disabled toilet facilities.
- Need to break into the basement level to establish whether it is feasibility to make use of the space. It was noted that there is a risk that it will not be possible to accommodate the design in this location.

It was agreed that it is appropriate for the final design to be circulated for public consultation by the CDO as this is a specific requirement of the grant agencies to which we are applying for funding.

Minute no. 10 – Waiting at Any Time - Heol Y Parc

Resolved not to object to the proposal for prohibition of waiting at any time at Heol Y Parc/Maesderi Hendy.

Minute no. 11 – 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 and to consider a review of the various cost centres and contractors used by the Council for grass cutting prior to the letting of contracts used by the Council for grass cutting prior to the letting of contracts in the next financial year.

Minute no. 12 – Council Budget Meeting

Resolved to convene a meeting on Thursday 25th January at 6.30 pm at Tycroes Hall to agree a budget and set the precept for the next financial year. . Further **resolved to** include the following items for inclusion in the budget subject to available finance.

- Noticeboards showing walking routes and brochures.
- Budget for Christmas.
- Tycroes Community Changing Rooms.
- Community Development.
- Hanging Baskets.
- Repairs to Church Hall Llanedi.
- Provision of new benches.
- Wildflower planting.
- Proposals for Hendy RFC.
- Talyclun Play Area.
- Repair to noticeboard door at Talyclun and re-siting the noticeboard.
- Community Survey.

Minute no. 13 – Asset Transfer

Resolved that the Council will consider the asset transfer of the Talyclun Play Area subject to receiving details of the proposed area to be transferred.

Minute no. 14 – Financial Assistance

Resolved to note the applications for financial assistance as received and to send a standard letter to all applicants informing them of the Council’s policy with regard to financial assistance.

Minute no. 15 – 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/35215 Residential development for 51 dwellings together with associated works at land off Clos Y Benallt Fawr, Fforest. Persimmon Homes West Wales - Luke Davies.
- S/36546 Refurbishment, remodelling and extension of existing two storey Sports Club House to accommodate a community hall with support facilities, improved site access and extended on site car parking at Henty Cricket Club, Bryngwilli Road, Henty. Llanedi Community Council - David Davies.
- S/36588 Proposed single storey side extension at 95 Fforestfach, Tycroes, Ammanford. Miss H Watson.
- S/36587 Double storey extension at rear of dwelling at 12 Tirprys, Tycroes, Ammanford. Mr D Rees.
- S/36609 Variation of condition no.1 S/13960 (further 2 years for the submission of reserved matters application) at Wernos Works, Heol Ddu, Tycroes. P D Edenhall - Mr Andy Cotton.

(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. 16 – County Councillors’ Reports - Outside Bodies

Cllr G Thomas provided a report on the planning application submitted for a traveller’s site in the community.

Minute no. 17 – Rebecca Riots

Resolved to defer this matter for consideration of the Hendy Ward members.

Minute no. 18 – Fair Trade

Resolved that Councillor Blackley will represent the Council on the Fairtrade Group.

Minute no. 19 – Hendy RFC

The Council received a request from Hendy RFC regarding the need for accommodation works to be completed in conjunction with the siting of a new container adjacent to the playing field at Hendy Park. **Resolved to** approve work subject to all damage being reinstated to the satisfaction of the Council.

Minute no. 20 - General Correspondence

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

Writer	Subject
Clwb Rygbi Yr Hendy	Request for assistance with work programme.
HM Revenue & Customs	Updating older IT Systems

Council Business terminated at 9.00 pm

Signed **Date**
Chairman