

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the Hendy Reading Room.**

**Minute no. 1 – Members Present**

**Councillors:**

M Nicholas  
T Higgins  
L Griffiths  
B Thomas  
G Thomas  
A Blackley  
M A Davies  
B Davies  
C Davies

Chairman Councillor M Nicholas presided over the meeting
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**Minute no. 2 - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors C Higgins, B Evans, A Evans, I Davies and S Lyle.

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

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

**Minute no. 4 – Cllr Buddug Thomas**

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Buddug Thomas back to the Council meeting after her spell in hospital.

**Minute no. 5 – Sarah McColl-Dorion**

The Chairman introduced Sarah Mc Coll Dorion as the newly appointed Community Development Officer and welcomed her to her new role. The CDO thanked the Chairman and the Council for their warm welcome and requested any assistance which could be provided from local members in identifying local organisations which she should contact in the near future to introduce herself.

**Minute no. 6 – Chairman’s Announcements**

The Chairman reported that he had yesterday visited a local Hendy resident who had a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday when he presented flowers on behalf of the Council. The Chairman noted that the chain of office had not been updated with names for a significant period. It was **resolved** that the members of the Council will establish the missing names to be added to the chain and then arrange for the chain to be updated.

**Minute no. 7 – Signing of the Minutes – August 18th, 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. 8 – Signing of the Minutes – September 6th, 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. 9 – Training on the Wellbeing Plan Development**

The Clerk reminded members of the proposal to arrange a joint session with 2 other councils to develop the policy for the wellbeing plan for the community. There were 5 Councillors who expressed an ability to attend the proposed training.

**Minute no. 10 – Hendy Cricket Club**

Further to the minutes of the last Council meeting, the Clerk reported that the second stage RCDF bid had been submitted to Welsh Government. It was noted that this required the appointment of a Quantity Surveyor in order to establish the costs of the development as was previously agreed.

**Minute no. 11 – Hendy Cricket Club Design**

Members received the amended plans for the Cricket Club produced as a result of the recent site visit. The following further observations were offered by members:

- There is a need to consider whether the wall between the hospitality area and coffee/lounge should have an RSJ to open up the whole building.
- The Council needs to consider whether there is a need for a cellar below the bar area and to change the roof to a pitched roof as opposed to a curved roof.
- There is a need to provide a lift to enable disabled persons to get to the lower ground floor.
- The scheme needs to include the drainage of the cricket field.

**Resolved to** proceed with a planning application based upon the above amendments and request the Clerk to work in conjunction with the Architect and QS to undertake a schedule of reduction for the costings.

### **Minute no. 12 – Cllr M A Davies**

Cllr MA Davies left the meeting at 8.00 pm and did not return.

### **Minute no. 13 – Engineer’s Report**

The Council received a copy of the final report of the Engineer regarding the drainage of the Cricket Club site. Cllr G Thomas reported that he was aware that there is a culverted stream crossing the site which has not been picked up as part of the site investigation.

### **Minute no. 14 – Tycroes Juniors**

Members received a request for the use of the Tycroes MUGA from the junior teams of Tycroes RFC. There was a general discussion on the principle of charging for the use of such facilities and the need for a consistency of approach between Hendy and Tycroes mugas. The Clerk reminded members that the charges received from the mugas are used in part as a sinking fund for future replacements of the carpet areas.

It was **resolved** that the under 16 junior teams in both Tycroes and Hendy MUGA will not in future be charged for the use of the MUGA.

### **Minute no. 15 – Co-option of Community Councillor**

**Resolved to** defer consideration of the Councillor to be adopted until the next Council meeting. The Clerk was requested to ask the applicants to forward a CV for consideration and invite them to interview at the next Council meeting.

### **Minute no. 16 – Casual Labourer- Play Areas**

The Clerk reported that some adjacent Councils had appointed local labour on a casual basis in order to complete some of the repairs and decoration to the play areas after the recent asset transfer. **Resolved** to appoint a person to act as a casual labourer, with councillors requested to nominate persons in both the Hendy and Tycroes area to complete this work.

### **Minute no. 17 – Wrenvale – Wildflower Planting**

**Resolved to** accept an amended quote from Wrenvale for the provision of shrubs to Cwmfferws Park subject to the trees being excluded from the quotation.

### **Minute no. 18 – Suspending Standing Orders**

**Resolved to** suspend standing orders to continue the transaction of business beyond 9.00 pm.

### **Minute no. 19 – External Audit**

The Council received a copy of the External Auditor's Report for the financial year 2016-17. Members noted that there were no matters which the Auditor wished to bring to the attention of the Council as a result of the audit.

### **Minute no. 20 – Christmas Events**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he is hoping to arrange this event at Tafarn y Deri in Llanedi and will inform members of final arrangements in due course.

The Christmas lights switch on will be on 1<sup>st</sup> December for all areas. **Resolved** that the Vice Chairman will attend the Hendy switch on and the Chairman will attend the Tycroes event.

**Resolved that** the Council will sponsor mince pies and mulled wine as in previous years.

### **Minute no. 21 – 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.

### **Minute no. 22 – 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/36098      Development of 5 dwellings at land at Bronallt Road, Bronallt Road, Hendy Swansea. Neil McDonnell/Mrs C Williams.
- S/36018      Conversion and extension of barn to form a residential annexe for family members of adjoining dwelling house at Llwyn y Rhos, Coopers Road, Ammanford. Mr A & E Davies.
- S/36025      Proposed garage and workshop at Mount Pleasant, Ebenezer Road, Llanedi. Mrs Anita Tomaszewski.

**(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. 23 – County Councillors’ Reports**

Councillor M Nicholas gave a report on the recent meeting of the Aman Group of Local Councils. He reported that there are on-going discussions between members of the group to consider the sharing of services for work in the community including the maintenance, grass cutting, and health and safety inspections of the play areas.

Councillor G Thomas reported that planning consent had been granted for the proposed development site at Bronallt Road; however, there may be a query on hydrology related matters affecting the site.

Councillor G Thomas reported that arrangements are being made for an opening ceremony at Hendy Park on the 26<sup>th</sup> October. Further details will be communicated to councillors in due course.

Councillor T Higgins gave a report on activities she had been involved in during the previous month.

**Minute no. 24 – Review of Electoral arrangements**

Cllr G Thomas provided an overview of the suggested proposals for the amendments to the electoral arrangements as are being considered by the Boundary Commission.

**Minute no. 25 – Tycroes RFC**

The Chairman reported on a letter he had received from Tycroes RFC requesting a further donation in the sum of £843.33 to assist in the purchase of fire doors for the club house. The Clerk reminded members of the need to satisfy themselves regarding the powers available to them in making this further donation. After due consideration, it was **resolved to** provide additional a grant of £843.33 to Tycroes RFC.

***Cllrs T Higgins, C Higgins, and L Griffiths declared an interest in Tycroes RFC and took no part in the discussion.***

**Minute no. 26 – Daffodils**

**Resolved to** consider placing daffodils in front grassed area of Bryngwilli Road Hendy and to consult with Cllr B Evans regarding some areas as identified in the previous year.

**Minute no. 27 – Remembrance Sunday**

It was noted that the service will be convened on the 12<sup>th</sup> November with a similar format to previous years. **Resolved that** Cllr B Thomas will assist the Community Development Officer in arranging the service as the CDO is new in post.

**Minute no. 28 - General Correspondence**

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

<b>Writer</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Alcohol Concern	Handbook for addressing issues in the Community
Carmarthenshire County Council	Christmas Tree
The Pension's Regulator	Increase in contributions
Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales	Review of Electoral arrangements for the County.
Zurich Municipal Insurance	Insurance Renewal agreed in the sum of £1259.11

**Council Business terminated at 9.20 pm.**

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