

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 6th December 2017 at Hendy Reading Room**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

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

Cllr Emyr Davies signed the declaration of acceptance of the Office as Councillor for Llanedi Community Council. Members of the Council congratulated him on his appointment.

Minute no. 3 - Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Davies.

Minute no. 4 – Declarations of Interest

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

Minute no. 5 – Mr & Mrs Howard & Helena Jones

The Council received Mr & Mrs Jones who gave a presentation on their work in researching the history of both Hendy and Tycroes. It is hoped that the book can be published in due course and, a request was made for the Council to consider providing some financial assistance towards the cost of publishing. It was noted that 500 books will cost £6,700.00.

Minute no. 6 – Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman reported on the following matters:

- He had attended the Remembrance Service at both Llanelli and Llanedi. A Collection of £271.00 had been received from the remembrance service at Llanedi Church and the Chairman thanked members for their support on the day.
- The Hendy Park opening in November was a success, supported with the involvement of Hendy School.
- The light switch-on at Tycroes was a success, however there were concern regarding the poor organisation of the event at Hendy Square. Members concurred with the concerns as expressed by the Chairman and it was felt that the Council needs to review the organisation of any future Christmas events.
- It was **resolved that** the Council will consider arrangements for future Christmas events being organised in Hendy. Further, it was agreed that a response would be made by the Chairman to the recent bad publicity as received by the Council in relation to the Festival Committee outlining the correct facts in relation to the contribution of the Council.
- It was further **resolved** to invite representatives of the Festival Committee to a meeting with selected councillors to discuss the biased views being portrayed in the press.

Minute no. 7 – Signing of the Minutes – 1st November 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 – Community Café - Reading Room

It was noted that there is no need for a planning application for the change of use of the Reading Room as a community cafe. Cllr A Evans reported that the fridge has been purchased and has been delivered to the Reading Room.

Minute no. 9 – Staff Review

The Clerk enquired as to progress with the staff review which has been delayed for 3 months. The Chairman gave an undertaking that this will be completed in the next week.

Minute no. 10 – Banking Arrangements

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries with the bank regarding the following matters and confirmed the procedure required for amending the account as required:

- Electronic Payments - Internet Banking.
- Increased number of authorised signatories.
- The issue of a bank card for purchases on-line purchases of up to £5,000 and with the consent of the Chairman above this figure.

Resolved to approve the amendment of the Council’s bank account to reflect the above matters and giving approval to the authorised signatories to sign the required documents accordingly. It was further resolved to amend the Council’s financial regulations to reflect the above proposals.

Minute no. 11 – Tesco Grant Application

The Chairman reported that the Headmaster of Tycroes School wished to pass on his thanks to the CDO for her efforts in preparing a successful bid to the Tesco grant for the provision of bike shelters at the school.

Minute no. 12 – CDO Report

The CDO reported on the following matters:

Hendy Area

Meeting with Andrew Misell

On the 8th of November the Community Council were invited to the Reading Room to meet with guest speaker, Andrew Misell, director of Alcohol Concern Wales. Andrew gave a summary of the successful “Communities Together” Project that rolled out in Pembrokeshire for a 3-year period.

Web site Development

On the 9th of November I met with the Clerk and Jethro Harrington (web designer) in the Reading Room to discuss the lay out and requirements for the Community Council’s new website. The new site will be more interactive, visually engaging with a scrolling news feed taken directly from social media so that events are always updating.

The idea is to make the web site more of a community page hosted by the Community Council and thus integrating the Council’s news with other community groups.

From this website I also propose to begin a Llanedi, Tycroes, Fforest/Hendy newsletter that will be available on the web site and in hard copy form.

Resolved to authorise the purchase of additional domain names to protect the identity of our site.

Meeting with Catherine and Alison at Canolfan Y Bont

On the 14th of November I met with Catherine and Alison who work at Canolfan Y Bont. The ladies kindly provided me with materials to make the Christmas Lanterns for the children in Hendy to carry on the evening of the Christmas Lights switch on.

Ysgol Yr Hendy Christmas Fayre and Lantern Decorating

With help from Cllr Alan Blackley and handy person Hanna, we built papier mache covered willow lanterns for children to decorate for the Christmas Lights switch on.

Hendy Cricket Club

I met with the Bat Surveyors in relation to the proposed redevelopment of the club and it was determined that there are no bats currently nesting in the Club.

I am working on two grant applications at the moment. One is due for submission by the 6th of December and I am concentrating most of my time on meeting this deadline. I am submitting a request for £50,000 to the Cory Environmental Trust. This funding would be for the draining of the Cricket pitch. I have been advised by the Secretary of the Trustees of this fund that they receive a very high volume of requests, so I am keen to put in a most detailed application. The second grant application is for £400-£500,000 for the Community Centre Development. The application will be submitted to the large grant section of the Big Lotteries People and Places fund.

Tycroes Area

PACT and Local Aid Meeting

On the 2nd of November I went with Cllr Tina Higgins to the local PACT meeting which was attended by a few residents and allowed me the opportunity to introduce myself to local PCSO's. This was followed by the Local Aid meeting at the Tycroes Rugby Club. The group were discussing the forthcoming Bonfire Night Fireworks and celebrations. I was informed that the Village Hall was also in need of a new piano and I was asked if I could source one, which I was fortunate enough to find and supply to the hall.

Meeting with Tycroes RFC Ladies

On the 22nd of November I attended a meeting with the group. The focus was on finding funding and assistance to modernise the café space opposite the Rugby Club.

Llanedi Area

On Monday the 6th of November I met with the owner of Tafarn Y Deri and residents in the restaurant. The group were very pro-active and have many ideas for projects, improvements and events in Llanedi. We discussed some of their concerns and I agreed I would bring their points back to the Community Council.

The following were discussed:

- Hanging baskets along the main road next to the village green up as far as the school. This would only require 10-12 baskets but, given the layout of the village, could be very aesthetically pleasing. Volunteers came forward to maintain the baskets and water them when needed.
- A book exchange one evening a week in the Church Hall. The residents are happy to arrange this.
- Draining of the Village Green. There was real concern over the current state of the green. Residents said that the green is the hub of the community and they would like to be using it for local events even more often.
- Cutting back of bushes and hedges on the corner of Church Road. There is a small plot of land on this corner that is privately owned and badly maintained. The overgrowth causes it to be very difficult for cars to see when turning onto the road or turning out onto the main road running through Llanedi.

Parks and Play Areas

Over the month of November, the following has been completed by Hannah, the Council's Handy person:

- New footpaths were concreted at Mill Terrace.
- Rotten climbing boards were removed from Mill Terrace.
- Painting of play equipment.
- Signs erected in all parks.
- Vandalised signs repaired.

Minute no. 13 – Hendy Park

There was a general discussion regarding the interim payments from Persimmon Homes regarding Hendy Park.

Resolved that Councillor G Thomas will chase up the position of section 106 payments from Persimmon Homes.

Minute no. 14 – Installation of Park Signs

The Council considered the recent issues with regard to the content of the safety signs which had recently been erected at the parks. It was noted that the signs at Llanedi and Bronallt had been amended to remove reference to ball games as there are particular areas of these parks where it is appropriate for ball games.

Minute no. 15 – Maintenance of Pitches

Councillor A Blackley reported that Hendy AFC ground is held by the club by way of a lease from the County Council. He reported that the club would consider transferring the lease to the Community Council subject to the consent of the County Council. **Resolved to** defer consideration of this matter.

Minute no. 16 – 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 as presented.

Minute no. 17 - Council Budget

To formulate a budget for the next financial year, it was **resolved to** hold a special Council meeting at the end of January 2018.

Further resolved that the next Council meeting to have an agenda item to discuss proposals, projects or views as expressed by Councillors for inclusion in the budget.

Minute no. 18 – 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, Swansea, SA4 OTQ. Persimmon Homes West Wales - Luke Davies.
- S/36492 Proposed balcony and steps to rear of approved swimming pool extension - together with the change of use of lower tier garden for

domestic purposes relating to the existing dwelling at 4 Coed y Bronallt, Swansea, SA4 0ZQ. Mr Gary Croxall.

(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. 20– County Councillors’ Reports

Cllr T Higgins provided a report on the following matters:

- She is following up on an issue with the Dog Warden service in the community.
- Speeding at Coopers is being monitored by the Police.
- She has judged a recent banner competition for the School Crossing Patrol.

Cllr G Thomas provided a report on the following matters:

- The planning application for a travellers site at Tal Y Clun has been approved.
- The recent inspection at Hendy School is reported to have been well received.
- Hendy School has been successful in a competition to write a Christmas carol.

Minute no. 19 – Rebecca Riots

It was suggested that the Council consider whether it would be appropriate to celebrate the anniversary of the Rebecca Riots in September 2018.

Minute no. 20 – Hendy RFC

The Council received correspondence from Hendy RFC regarding detailed proposals for the purchase and siting of a container at Hendy Park. **Resolved** to approve the proposal.

Minute no. 21 - General Correspondence

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

Writer	Subject
Hywel Dda NHS	Consultation Document - A major trauma network for South and West Wales and South Powys.
Welsh Government	Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2018/19
Mrs L Davies	Letter of thanks for donation to Tycroes O.A.P group
One Voice Wales	Review of the Community and Town Council Sector
Carmarthenshire County Council	Letter of thanks for donation to the Toy Box Appeal.

Council Business terminated at 9.15pm

Signed **Date**
Chairman