

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at Hendy Reading Room**

**Minute no. 1 – Members Present**

**Councillors:**

A Blackley  
A Evans  
B Thomas  
B D Davies  
S A Evans  
L Griffiths  
T Higgins  
M Nicholas  
S Lyle  
C Davies  
M Davies  
E 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 C Higgins who was unavoidably unavailable due to work commitments; Councillor B Evans who is away on holiday and Cllr B Thomas who has personal commitments. All apologies were approved.

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

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr C Davies and Cllr B D Davies with regard to planning applications. Cllr B Thomas declared an interest in the agenda item on Financial Assistance.

**Minute no. 4 – Members of the Public**

The Council received April Jones and Darren Hall who provided a report on the planning application at Benallt Fawr. It was noted that there is a recommendation for refusal of planning consent being made to the County Council meeting on the following day. It was noted that the local residents are keen to be included in any consultation regarding the review of the LDP which is proposed to be completed in the near future.

### **Minute no. 5 – Review of Local Development Plan**

**Resolved to** bring forward agenda item 14 to allow a contribution from the members of the public in attendance.

The Clerk & CDO provided an overview of the proposal to consult with members of the public regarding the Local Development Plan. It was noted that it is intended that the Council will develop a Place Plan for the 3 communities within the Llanedi Area as part of the community consultation exercise, however there is a significant time constraint in achieving the deadline as imposed by the County Council.

It was reported that there will be a need to fund the production of the relevant documents including questionnaires and on-line facilities in conjunction with the consultation. This was approved.

### **Minute no. 6 – Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman provided a report on the following matters:

#### **Parks**

A report was provided on the progress with repairs to the parks in the community. It was noted that there continues to be work required to many of the play areas.

**Resolved to** get quotes for a see saw/roundabout to be placed at Mill Terrace. Further **resolved** that there is a need for clean stone to be placed in key locations to assist drainage adjacent to a path and underneath where the gate has been installed next to the MUGA at Tycroes Park.

#### **Cwmfferws Park**

It was noted that there is a need for a replacement sign to be provided for Cwmfferws Park.

#### **Terry Price Award**

**Resolved** that the decision on the recipient of the award will be made by email consultation as last year. The presentation will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018

#### **AGM of the Council**

This is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6 pm at Tycroes Community Hall.

### **Minute no. 7 – Chairman/Vice Chair 2018/19**

**Resolved that** the Chairman for the next year will be Cllr Alan Blackley with the Vice Chair being Cllr Tina Higgins.

### **Minute no. 8– 100 Year Centenary - World War**

It was noted that there has been an invitation for councillors to attend a working group which is organising a commemoration event relating to the World War. This is being organised by a working group in the community and it was agreed that interested members of the Council should be represented on the working group.

### **Minute no. 9– Howard Jones**

Cllr A Evans provided an update report on progress with the publication of a book written on the history of the Llanedi community area. It was noted that the CDO has not had the opportunity to meet with Mr & Mrs Jones yet to discuss the opportunity to raise some crowd funding for the project.

### **Minute no. 10 – Signing of the Minutes – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 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. 11 – Arboriculturist**

Further to minute number 13 of the previous meeting, it was noted that a contractor has been appointed to provide a report on the condition of trees on the Council owned land.

### **Minute no. 12 – MUGA Account**

Further to minute number 17 of the previous meeting, Cllr B Davies reported that the Rugby Club has still not received an invoice for the outstanding fees for the hire of the MUGA. It was agreed that there is an urgent need for the CDO to meet with Cllr A Blackley to finalise the record of bookings for the season on the Council's spreadsheet system in order that invoices can be generated in due course.

### **Minute no.13 – Community Development Officer Report**

The CDO provided an overview of the previously circulated report and answered questions from members on the content of the report.

Andy's Man Club - It was **resolved to** approve the development of a local branch of the Andy's Man Club at the Reading Room. The CDO agreed to co-ordinate this and advise councillors of progress in due course.

Location for CDO placement - It was noted that as the community café is taking over the Reading Room then it may be possible to relocate the CDO to Tygroes

Village Hall with the associated equipment. There was concern regarding the proposal to remove equipment from the Reading Room, however it was noted that it would not be possible for the CDO to relocate without access to appropriate equipment. This problem would be exacerbated with the extent of printing and duplication which will be required with the community consultation and development of the place plan. **Resolved** that the Tycroes councillors will make enquiries with the Tycroes Hall Committee to establish whether their consent can be obtained for the CDO to be relocated to Tycroes Community Hall together with essential printing equipment to enable normal functioning in her duties.

**RCDF Grant** – The CDO report on the progress of the grant application to the Rural Community Development Fund. It was noted that the appointed Quantity Surveyor is inviting quotations from contractors for the forming of new accesses to the basement level of the cricket club including the removal of the hardcore as deposited in this area. Members recommended that the Council also include a local contractor Mr McDonnell on the tender list for this work.

#### **Reading Room**

**Resolved that** there is a need for the Council to consider the arrangements with the manager of the community café for future occupation of the Reading Room. Resolved to refer consideration of the matter to the Hendy Ward meeting and to provide recommendations to the next Council meeting.

#### **Minute no. 14 – Standing Orders/Financial Regulations**

**Resolved** to defer consideration of this matter until the next Council meeting as it had not been possible for the sub-committee to meet.

#### **Minute no. 15 – Projects**

**Resolved** to defer consideration of this matter until the next Council meeting in order that the Hendy ward meeting can consider priorities for projects in the Hendy area.

#### **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

**Resolved** to note the reports.

### **Minute no. 17 – Tenders**

The Clerk provided a report on tenders as received for the cutting of grass in the Council's play areas and Hendy Football Club. **Resolved to** accept the tender as received from Wrenvale for the cutting of all playgrounds and SLS for the cutting of grass for Hendy AFC. **Resolved that** Councillors will be monitoring the quality of service as provided by the contractor based upon an email from the Clerk when grass-cutting is being completed.

### **Minute no. 18 – Financial Assistance**

A declaration of interest was received from the following councillors with regard to respective organisations who took no part on decisions regarding the organisations:

<i>Cllrs A Blackley</i>	<i>Hendy Football Club</i>
<i>Cllr T Higgins</i>	<i>Party on the Pitch</i>
<i>Cllr T Higgins &amp; M Davies</i>	<i>Tycroes Local Aid</i>
<i>Cllr B Thomas</i>	<i>Meithrin Yr Hendy</i>
<i>Cllr B Thomas</i>	<i>Eisteddfod Yr Hendy</i>

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:

• Llanedi & District Friendship Circle	£500
• Tycroes Woodturning Club	£100
• Age Concern Hendy	£250
• Hendy AFC	£2000
• Tycroes Local Aid	£500
• Party on the Pitch	£1000
• Tycroes Village Hall	£3000
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tycroes Guides	£250
• Eisteddfod Gadeiriol yr Hendy 2018	£600
• Cylch Meithrin Ysgol yr Hendy	£350
• Pontarddulais, Hendy & District Festival Committee	£750
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tycroes Rangers	£250
• Clwb Rygbi yr Hendy	£600
• Blas Ammanford Stroke Club	£300
• Tycroes Primary School	£500
• Ammanford Junior Netball	£50
• Cruse Bereavement Care	£100
• Rhys Williams Nofio Sir Gar	£50

- Ysgol Llanedi

£250

Donation to History book

**Resolved to** consider a grant for the above project in the sum of £3,000 subject to agreeing a mechanism for receipt of income from the proceeds of sale of the book. Further **resolved to** ask CDO to meet with the authors in order to discuss the possibility of crowd funding the project.

**Minute no. 19 – 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/36990 Proposed dwelling at land adjacent to 12 Carmarthen Road, Fforest, SA4 0TX. Mr & Mrs Davies.
- S/36981 Proposed new agricultural building to Old Road to Wetlands Centre, Llwynhendy. Jamie Russ.
- S/36954 Replace existing single wooden pole with a “H” pole, height to be increased from 11m to 13m subject to any deviation as may be necessary (not exceeding 25m either side of the line) - works required for connection to Llety Newydd Solar Farm at land opposite Electricity sub station, Heol Ddu at Western Power Distribution.

**(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 – SLCC/ One Voice Wales Conference - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**Resolved** that Cllr A Blackley and the Clerk will attend the conference to represent the Council.

**Minute no. 21 – Special Responsibility for Councillors**

The Chairman referred to previous correspondence as issued by the Remuneration Panel for Wales with regard to the power and requirement for councils to consider recognising special responsibilities for councillors and the provision of remuneration in the sum of £500. The Chairman nominated himself to receive this allowance as he was the current Chairman. Cllr A Blackley was recommended to be considered due to his work in providing services to the parks in the community. The Clerk reminded members that the allowance is not targeted at the Chairman as there is a separate allowance for this role but to recognise additional responsibility over and above the normal role as a councillor.

**Minute no. 22 – Hywel Dda - Consultation on healthcare services**

**Resolved** that Cllr A Blackley and Cllr A Evans will attend the meeting on behalf of the Council on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

**Minute no. 23 - General Correspondence**

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

<b>Writer</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Cllr A Blackley	Enquiry regarding rental terms for Reading Room
Total Quantity Surveying Ltd	Proposed enabling works at Hendy Cricket Club

**Council Business terminated at 8.50 pm**

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