

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held
Remotely at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 17th February 2022**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Elwyn Williams (Chair), G Bevan, P Totterdale, S Thomas, Charlie Evans, H Lewis, J Slate.

1.Apologies – No apology received from Steven Richards

One elector present in addition Howard Davies Clerk

2. Declaration of Interest – None

3. Chair’s Announcements.

The Chair advised that matters had been quiet at County Hall and had nothing to report.

He wished to advise the Council that he had decided to donate £100 to both Llangunnor Church and Babell Chapel to help with their running costs from The Community Fund.

Action point: Clerk to attend to the required paperwork.

4. Members of the Public Present – 12 minutes for questions –

No questions were asked by the member of the public attending.

5. Minutes of meetings – i) it was unanimously agreed and **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on the 20th of January 2022 (**Minute 0222 – 5**)

6. Committees:

i)Finance committee - No meeting had taken place

ii)Park & Environment - Noted that a further meeting had taken place on 26th January where draft minutes were in the process of being circulated. Next meeting being arranged.

iii)Web & Media - No meeting had taken place.

iv)Christmas Lights - Noted that a feedback meeting had taken place on the 10th of February, where draft minutes had already been circulated and uploaded to our web page.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the meeting arranged by the clerk for all Councillors to meet with Rachael Carter, Local Places for Nature, Officer with One Voice Wales at the park for this coming Saturday be rescheduled on safety grounds, given the adverse weather warning received in respect of Storm Eunice.

7. The sponsorship request received from the Cllr Eirwyn Williams, Chair of Carmarthen County Council, seeking support towards his nominated charity-Wales Air Ambulance was considered, and following discussion it was agreed to donate £100 from The Chairs Community Fund.

Action point: Clerk to attend to required paperwork.

8. County Councillors Report

Cllr Elwyn Williams reported that Carmarthen County Council had bought the Debenhams Store, and it will be turned into a centre for the council, health board, and cultural services.

He further advised that the long-awaited reopening of Carmarthen Livestock Market would take place on the 2nd of March, having been closed since July 2020, and will be run by new Auctioneers Nock Deighton Agriculture LLP.

9. Members representing Council on other bodies:

Cllr Sandra Thomas wished to advise that she had nearly completed the Governor's training modules and was looking forward to attending her first meeting.

No reports received from other bodies, due to no meetings having taken place.

10. To approve the schedule of accounts February 2022, and to agree Councillors remuneration payments : – unanimously approved. (Minute 0222 – 10)

Expenditure/income February 2022

Payee	Description	Amount £
Emrys Williams	Works at Park – £97	£97.00

Tree Works (West Wales) Ltd	Biannual Tree Inspection	£516.00
Howard Davies	Clerical Duties - £655.71 as per new contract at 55hrs pm wef 1.9.21 Allowances - £140 Zoom Monthly Payment £14.39, Postage £5.10, Printing signage for Skateboard arena £5. Extra meetings (see below) £120	£940.20
Babell Zion Newydd	Chairs Donation from Community Fund	£100.00
Llangunnor Church	Chairs Donation from Community Fund	£100.00
Income		Nil

Extra Meetings held 17th February 2022

January 19th Finance Committee

January 26th Park & Environment

February 10th Christmas Committee.

3 X £50 = £150 this equates to £120 after tax.

(Extra meetings - @ £50 meeting – salary includes 11 meetings + AGM, all others treated as extra meetings over 4 hours will be paid at £100 (**Minute 0920 – F4**))

Payments under Remuneration Panel Recommendations

NAME	AMOUNT
1.Sandra Rose Thomas	£120.00
2.Heather Lewis	£120.00

3.Charlie Evans	£90.00
4Paul Edward Totterdale	£150.00
5 Geraint Pugh Bevan	£120.00
6. Steven William John Richards	£140(inc 2 months owed from last year)
7 Jennifer Joy Slate	£120.00
8 Dewi Elwyn Williams	£240.00 (Incl Chair Allowance)

Note: Cllr Dafydd Williams & Cllr Paul Price who both resigned from the Council during this financial year confirmed by email that they did not wish to receive the pro rata payment due to them.

12.In line with **previous** minutes - **Resolved** (unanimously) :that the annual members allowance for 2021/2022 - be £150 (paid pro rata), unless they inform the clerk in writing of their wish not to receive the payment – (**minute 0620 – F6(i)**); and a further payment of £150 be made to the Chair of Council for the extra responsibility and work involved in carrying out the role – (**minute 0620 – F6(ii).**)

Ratified (**minute AGM 2021 – 12**)

11.Schedule of Correspondence Received for Monthly meeting – 17.2.22

No	Nature of Correspondence	Agreed Action
1.	1VW Training Courses January, February, March.	Circulated.
2.	Phishing emails- Gift Cards	Circulated.
3.	Older People’s Commissioner – Engagement Sessions	Circulated.
4.	Covid 19 Vaccination TTP Survey	Circulated
5.	Thank you letter from The Urdd in respect of our recent £150 donation.	Circulated
6.	DPP Current fraud scams	Circulated
7.	Update from Mike Jacob on timeframe for completion of the safety works at the entrance to the park	Circulated

8.	Letter from Chair Of Carmarthen County Council seeking a donation for his nominated Charity.	Circulated
9.	Raising awareness/promotional Video-Community and Town Councillors.	Circulated
10.	Carms C C Have your say on The Council Budget.	Circulated
11.	1VW Community Activities Programme	Circulated
12.	Welsh Gov Apprenticeship Schemes 2022	Circulated
13.	Wales Audit Fess 2022	Circulated
14.	OPCC Communities/ PCC Bulletin	Circulated
15.	Planting a Tree for The Jubilee	Circulated
16.	Thank you letters received from, Carm's C C, Carm's Youth Opera, Carm's YFC, Wales Air Ambulance, and Marie Curie re 137 Donations given.	Circulated
17.	Fair Campaign Pledge	Circulated
18.	Hywel Dda C H C Newsletter	Circulated
19.	1VW Training Courses Jan, Feb, March 2022	Circulated
20.	Dwr Cymru's Welsh Water's Draft Water Resources Management Plan,2024 – Pre-Consultation.	Circulated
21.	New Countryside Code Advice for Land Managers	Circulated
22.	1VW Section 47 Multi Location Meeting Section Survey Report	Circulated
23.	E Mail update from Western Power enclosing provisional plan for relocation of Glan Ffynnon substation.	Circulated
24.	E Mail update from Nicola Waters PCSO regarding recent police operation in Llangunnor to combat ASB.	Circulated
25.	Public Rights of Way.	Circulated

12. Councillors expressed their disappointment that not a single suggestion had been received following the recent post on our Facebook page, regarding how best the community felt that we should celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June.

Given that no suggestions had been received to date, and being mindful that time was marching on, it was unanimously decided that the small working group continue with their efforts to investigate options for holding a small-scale celebration event at the park.

Their brief would be to reach out to other local organisations, to gauge the level of interest and support for staging a community event, and if so, what format this would take, and at what cost.

To facilitate discussion, and to move matters forward it was unanimously agreed that the Council in principle would provide a provisional funding budget of £1000 towards an agreed cost-effective community event, subject to receipt of detailed costings. To facilitate progress this working group be authorised to incur costs within this budget limit, to deliver the desired event. (**Minute 0222 – 12**)

13. Local issues brought up by Councillors:

Cllr Bevan asked if would be prudent to consider a further donation to Carmarthen Foodbank, following on from our earlier donation of £1000 back in June 2020, given that the financial hardship brought about by the Pandemic, and the spiralling “cost of living” fuelled by inflationary rises in Food, energy, and general living costs, continues to hit the poorest in our community hardest.

Councillors were supportive of this suggestion, and this will now be put forward as a formal motion for the agenda for our March meeting.

14. The Clerk provided a quick update on the following matters:

i) Painting of Park entrances: Clerk advised that he had sought three estimates. Whilst one quote had been received from our handyman, it was disappointing to note that no further response had been received from Messrs De Schoolmeester and Dan Baker, despite periodic reminders being sent. He was now widening his search to see if another painter could be found who would quote for this work.

ii) Repairs to Skateboard arena: Clerk advised that a quote for £1600 had now been received from J R Fabrications to carry out essential repairs using stainless steel sheets as opposed to galvanised as he considered this to be a more enduring option, as it would not rust, where the galvanised surface would wear away over time, leaving the material exposed, and prone to surface rust and corrosion as is the case now. Alan Jones now also to be asked to quote for the repairs to be undertaken in stainless steel for matters to be considered further.

iii) The clerk was pleased to advise that following our earlier site meeting a draft siting plan had been received from Western Power in respect of the site agreed for the relocation of Glanffynnon sub station, which had been circulated to all Councillors.

WP were in discussions with Carms C C our landlord, on how they wanted the legalities completed, and once agreed, they would revert to us their written agreement that the conditions of our assistance would be fully met by them.

They are proposing that Carms C C would own the road, and WP would be responsible for its maintenance.

Furthermore, they would cover any legal costs incurred by us up to £750.

iv) With the permission of the Chair the clerk was allowed to place for discussion an email quote received that morning from Carms C C Public Lighting Dept quoting a cost of £5360 plus VAT for the supply and erection of two streetlamps at the Ger Y Nant Footpath, to allow the paperwork to be dealt with subject to agreement.

This proposal by Cllr Heather Lewis had previously been agreed in principle (subject to sight of final costing now received) at our September meeting **(Minute 0921 -viii)**

Following a brief discussion, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation and to instruct the Council to undertake the work, and that the running costs and maintenance would be added to our footway account with the installation cost to be paid for from the 106 monies pot. **(Minute 0222 14iv)**

15. Next monthly meeting to be held (remotely) on Thursday, 17th March 2022 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 7.35 pm.

Signed:

Date: