

**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held at
Llangunnor School 6.30pm on Thursday 16th June 2022**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Cllr Sandra Thomas (Chair), Elwyn Williams, P Totterdale, Charlie Evans, and Howard Davies Clerk

APOLOGIES – Geraint Bevan & Lee Whatley.

It was noted that no Members of the public were in attendance on this occasion.

1. Declaration of Interest – None

2. Minutes of monthly meeting

It was unanimously (**minute 0622 – P2**) and **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19th May 2022.

3. Consider Planning Applications

**To confirm action of Chair/clerk. Unanimously ratified (Minute 0622 -P3)
PL/03948** - Discharge of condition 5 on PL/01679 (lighting plan) - Land at the Nantycaws Recycling Centre, Llanddarog Road, Nantycaws, Carmarthen, SA32 8BG .

Dyddiad Dechrau Ymgynghori: 10/05/2022

Dyddiad Gorffen Ymgynghori: **31/05/2022**

Response required by 31.5.22. Chair/clerk responded as follows. Llangunnor Community Council have no objection provided that the necessary consultations are undertaken with the appropriate internal and external organisations

4. To consider confirm action of Chair/clerk. Unanimously ratified (Minute 0622 – P4)

The following response has been provided to Asbri Planning re pre application consultation on proposed new Vehicle Depot, welfare offices and associated work at Land at Nantycaws Recycling Centre, Llanddarog Road, Nantycaws, Carmarthen.SA32 8BG.

Good morning, Emma

Llangunnor Community Council have appraised the documents contained within the information pack prior to the submission of a planning application to Carmarthen County Council Planning Department and would like to make the following comments: There are no obvious issues with this development apart from potential traffic safety concerns with traffic

exiting the site at its junction with the A40 carriageway. We as a Council have begun to receive regular reports from local residents of large vehicles exiting the landfill site and turning right across the central reservation to proceed East towards Cross Hands. They are then accessing the slow lane of the dual carriageway going East, are being caught up by fast moving traffic coming up behind them, as the lorries themselves pick up speed which could lead to serious accidents. We have also written to South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) highlighting our concerns over the dangers posed by vehicles exiting the site turning right and await a response from Welsh Government.

Whilst your research on Highway safety indicates a total of three collisions have occurred within a 600m radius of the Llanddarog Road / A48 priority junction, with only one of these incidents having occurred at the priority junction during the period 2017-2021. This was recorded as a rear end shunt.

We can however report that there are many reports of “near miss accidents” with large vehicles crossing the dual carriage to exit the site. We have written to the Transport Manager at Cwm Environmental Ltd asking for his observations on this issue and enquiring what their policy is on allowing large lorries leaving the site to turn right, but regrettably as at the date of this email no response has been received. We attach a copy of our recent letter addressed to your client for your further information.

We are aware that some large articulated vehicles are turning left to exit the site, however, are turning around at the Nantycaws junction by crossing the dual carriageway again and bisecting the traffic island to get back onto the carriage in an Easterly direction heading for Cross Hands which is again totally unacceptable and a major safety concern. Please see attached photographs showing the tyre marks passing through the traffic island at the Nantycaws junction, which I have evidenced first hand. Whilst we applaud the review being undertaken by Welsh Government of the junctions, along this stretch of dual carriageway, with a view to providing a grade separated junction that will allow the closure of three existing gaps in the central reservation, this will take some time to get approved and implement, the danger of a serious accident at this junction remains high and current. We believe that at one time there was a sign displayed at the exit, asking vehicles leaving the recycling centre not to turn right, but sadly upon inspection this sign was no longer there. As a minimum the Council would like to suggest the following measures to improve safety at the exit be considered:

1. A CCTV camera system to be placed at the site exit from the Landfill site, to allow the Applicant to monitor correct usage of the junction, by all traffic leaving the site which will also help manage accident risk, and to identify vehicles crossing the central reservation to go East.
2. Drivers to be educated on not being allowed to “swing round” at the Nantycaws junction traffic island with immediate effect given heightened risk of causing accidents.
3. We would like to see official signage to be placed at the junction exit, in the vehicle depot and welfare area’s advising no right turn for lorries exiting the site on safety grounds.
4. Could this be adopted as company policy, as there is no timescale currently given for the exit improvements being considered by Welsh Government to commence.? The Managing Director of Cwm has advised our County Councillor verbally that there is no issue with large

vehicles leaving the site, and as this is clearly not the case, the installation of a traffic camera would assist them in managing the risk here.

Howard Davies

Clerk/Clerc

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Llangunnor Community Council

8.6.22

5.To consider the following Licence applications: -

The Licensing Authority has received the following application:-

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Premise Name And Address:- **Food Warehouse, 2 Stephens Way, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire SA31 2BG**

Details of the application:- **Application for:**

Supply of Alcohol: Monday - Sunday 07:00 - 23:00

Consultation period begins:- **07/06/2022**

Any representations regarding this application must be submitted within **28 days** of the above consultation start date.

If you require any further information regarding this application, please contact the licensing section.

Licensing Section

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Llangunnor Community Council have no objection to this application.

Llangunnor Community Council have considered the application and have no objections. **(Minute 0622 – P5i)**

With the permission of the Chair the clerk was allowed to place for discussion the following planning application that was received by email earlier this week.

PL/04157 - Single storey extension to the rear of property - Tir Isaf, Capel Dewi, Carmarthen, SA32 8AB Response required by 5th July 2022.

Llangunnor Community Council have no objection provided the usual neighbour consultation takes place. **(Minute 0622 P5ii)**

Next monthly meeting to be held (remotely) on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 6.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed:

Date