

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held  
Remotely at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**PRESENT: Cllrs G Bevan, J Slate, E Williams, P Totterdale, J Evans, A Wadeward, L Watley, M Williams, G Slate, C Evans.**

**1. Apologies – Cllr S Thomas**

**One elector presents in addition Howard Davies Clerk**

**2. Declaration of Interest – To be recorded during agenda items.**

**3. Chair's Announcements.**

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd a chroeso nôl ar ol yr egwyl Nadolig.

Happy New Year to you all. I hope we are all refreshed from our Christmas and New Year break and ready to face the challenges of the coming months and year.

I have two announcements to make.

1) I was able to drop off boxes of chocolates at Ysgol Llangynnwr for every class in the school and one box for the staffroom for the teachers and support staff. The boxes were gratefully received by Mr Aled Davies, the headteacher.

2) I called in to see our former clerk, Mr Clive Thomas to pay my respects following the death of his father. I passed on my personal condolences and the condolences of the council as a whole to him and his family. I took the opportunity to thank Clive for his support of Howard in his role as new clerk.

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

RG wished to advise that Mrs Mair Lloyd the oldest surviving retired member of the Council was out of hospital following her recent fall, and was currently receiving respite care in Llanelli, but was unlikely to return home for some weeks.

The Chair asked the clerk to forward her a get-well card from the Council, and that he would visit once she was back home.

**Action point: Clerk to send her a card as requested.**

**5. Minutes of meetings – i)** it was agreed and **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2022. (**Minute 123 – 5**) **Noted Cllr Whatley abstained.**

## **6. Committees:**

**i) Finance committee** -Noted that a meeting took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December, and the minutes had been circulated. Further meeting arranged for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**ii) Park & Environment** – Noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September had been circulated. Further meeting arranged for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**iii) Web & Media** - Noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2022 had been circulated. Further meeting rearranged for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### **4iv) Events Committee:**

Noted the minutes of the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January were being compiled. A further meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## **7. The Clerk provided brief updates to the Council on the following matters:**

**a.** Regrettably Cllr Edward Thomas, Cabinet Member for Transport, Waste, and Infrastructure Services, was still trying to arrange a site meeting between us and Mr Pillner Head of Transport & Engineering at Carmarthen C C re new exit at top of Charlie's carpark onto Pensarn Road. Mr Thomas remains supportive of our efforts to create a new exit here, and fully understands where we as a Council are coming from, and is keen to arrange a meeting. To date eight letters of support have been received from businesses located at Pensarn Retail Park.

**b.** Clerk advised that our application to Carmarthen C C for 106 funding of £3410.50 to cover the installation works associated with getting an electricity connection into the park had been successful, and that the purchase order together with their fee of £695.94 plus Vat had been forwarded to National Grid, who will reimburse this cost on completion of the work as part of our agreement. The quote from Charles Sams Electrician in the sum of £3410.50 for the installation and supply of the electricity pillars had also been accepted.

He was further pleased to advise that following the intervention of Cllr Elwyn Williams our County Councillor, Carms C C had agreed to waive their fee of £350 to grant an easement for the new cabling over the park, given the Community benefit being derived from this scheme, which had previously delayed progress here, as National Grid were not prepared to pay their fee.

c. He was pleased to advise that a new traffic limiter sign had finally been installed at Bolhaul Road to replace the previously defective unit.

Furthermore, a new grit bin had been provided by Carms C C following our earlier request, to be placed at the bottom of Haulfryn, which had been well received by the residents.

d) Ongoing lighting issues at Sticle underpath had been again reported back to SWTRA, following a further report from a nearby resident.

e. The clerk had shared with the Councillors the Police Report of crimes committed within the last four weeks via email.

f) Following on from the Park's Committee decision to seek alternative quotes from a reputable contractor to undertake the Inspection and Maintenance works at the park, he was pleased to advise that he was meeting with a representative from Dragon Play & Sports, being a Cardiff based Company, on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January. This company had been highly recommended by Llanelli Rural Councillor, where they have carried our similar work with them for many years without issue. He extended an invitation to any Councillor who wanted to join him at this meeting.

**8.Cllr Jenny Slate introduced her motion –**

“As you will know the Council agreed for the clerk to arrange for Messrs & Maher to move the toilet out of the park, and onto secure ground at the entrance to enable the toilet to remain open and to be serviced over the winter months. Martin Jones who formerly lived at Ty Penbryn, wished to help the Community Council and as such did not seek payment for his work but requested that the Council consider donating £50 to Christ Church Carmarthen food bank. The clerk has ascertained from Paul Egan at 1VW that if agreed the Council can make this payment Under S137 donations. I therefore seek your support to make this payment as it was essential that the toilet was moved, during these frozen conditions which allowed vehicles to travel over the previously wet ground.”

**The motion was seconded by Cllr Paul Totterdale.**

After a robust discussion a vote was taken where nine Councillors supported making payment out of our 137 Budget, with Cllr Whatley abstaining. The motion was therefore supported.

**Action point: Clerk to arrange payment to Christ Church Foodbank. (Minute 0123 – 8)**

## **11. County Councillors Report**

Cllr Williams advised that a 7% rise in Council Tax was likely, although a final figure was yet to be approved.

Much time at the Council had been spent on what services could be cut to “balance the books” and that discussions had been well publicised in the local media.

He foresaw a tough time ahead, as it was proving difficult to cut expenditure on some key services without seeing a reduction in service provision, as essentially services had been paired to the bone.

He stated that he had still not received any contact from Mr Pillner, Head of Transport and Engineering.

He had nothing further to impart.

## **12. Members representing Council on other bodies:**

Cllr Charlie Evans advised that due the fact that The Carmarthen Town Forum, met during working day, he was finding it difficult to attend due his own work commitments.

However given that that there was no other volunteers to replace him on this committee he would endeavour to attend meetings where possible.

The Chair thanked him for his dedication.

**11.To approve the schedule of accounts January 2023: – Resolved to approve with (Minute 123 – 11)**

**Cllr Elwyn Williams declared an interest as his brother is the handyman.**

**Expenditure/Income January 2023**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Emrys Williams	Works at Park £97.	£97.00
Howard Davies	Clerical Duties - £647.18 Allowances - £140 Zoom Monthly Payment £14.39. Stamps £5.44 Two Extra Meeting £100 gross	£907.01
Cllr Geraint Bevan	Purchase of Xmas Selection Boxes for Llangunnor School	£44.00
JRB Enterprise Ltd	Purchase of Dog Gloves for Park.	£42.84
One Voice Wales	Training Module 16 -Use of IT, Social Media, and Websites-Cllr Matt Williams	£35.00
Bowen & Weaving	Envelopes	£39.00
Carmarthen Town Council	Purchase of two Xmas Trees- £500. Delivery of trees & services, of lift supervisor -£360 2 Staff at £20 per hour. £40 Vat thereon £172.00	£1072.00
City Loo Hire	Servicing of toilet	
<b>Income</b>	Precept 3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment	<b>£11000</b>
<b>Income</b>	106 Tfr re Ger Y Nant Street Lights	<b>£5360</b>

**Extra Meetings**

1 X £50 = £ this equates to £40.00 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)**)

**Extra Meetings.**

**18.1.23 -Web & Media**

**18.1.23- Events**

**For information -Expenditure on S137 Donation Requests Agreed - December 2022**

**(Minute 1222 09)**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Carmarthen Y F C	Donation	£60
Carmarthen & District Youth Opera	Donation	£60
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	Donation	£60
Wales Air Ambulance	Donation	£60
Gwyl Ganol Dre	Donation	£60

**Cheques issued as per accepted motion – 12/22**

**Llangunnor School - £200**

**For Ratification:**

**Replacement cheque issued to Clive Thomas to replace lost cheque Numbered 103520 issued 25.11.22 for £135.36 – Renewal of Microsoft Licence.**

**New Cheque 103540 issued 16.12.22 as a replacement.**

## 12. Schedule of Correspondence Received for our monthly meeting – January 23

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No	Nature of Correspondence	Agreed Action
1.	Hywel Dda CHC Newsletter	<b>Circulated.</b>
2.	Updated contact list for Councillors.	<b>Circulated.</b>
3.	Update on number of support letters received for new exit at top of Charlie's car park.7 received to date.	<b>Circulated.</b>
4.	Details on Hiring Yr Aelwyd	<b>Circulated</b>
5.	Thank you letter from Carmarthen 7B District Youth Opera re our recent donation.	<b>Circulated</b>
6.	PCC Bulletin.	<b>Circulated</b>
7.	Carmarthenshire Nature Notes and CNP Annual Report.	<b>Circulated</b>
8.	1VW Training dates for Jan, Feb, March 23	<b>Circulated</b>
9.	106 Funding Offer received from Carmarthen County Council re bringing an electricity connection to Llangunnor Park.	<b>Circulated</b>
10.	Keep Wales Safe this winter – Viruses.	<b>Circulated</b>
11.	Launch of Amser third party sector grant scheme.	<b>Circulated</b>
12.	Monthly Police report for Llangunnor – January.	<b>Circulated</b>

13.	Public Commemoration Wales.	<b>Circulated</b>
14.	Democratic Engagement grant.	<b>Circulated</b>

**13.** The Chair advised that it was that time of year to open the application process for this years “Community Awards”.

After a brief discussion it agreed to publicise via our Facebook page, and to ask for nominations to take forward for consideration.

Additionally, every Councillor asked to bring forward the names of any deserving recipients to the next meeting.

**Action point: Cllr Charlie Evans agreed to place a suitable post on our Facebook page inviting nominations from the residents of Llangunnor.**

**This will be paced again on the Agenda for our February meeting to consider the nominations received.**

**14.**The Council’s desire to return to face-to-face meetings was again discussed, and in order to comply with current Welsh Government guidelines on the provision of hybrid meetings where we must accomodate both face to face and virtual attendees, a suitable central venue with the necessary WIFI capability would have to be found.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the clerk, accompanied by Cllrs Charlie Evans and Matt Williams who have a knowledge of working with IT/Wifi visit both Yr Aelwyd, and Barbell Zion Newydd to appraise their facilities further, and to report back to our February meeting with their recommendations, and details of hire costs etc.

**15. Local issues brought up by Councillors**

Cllr Whatley wished to report that following the recent heavy rain, large volumes of water was flowing out from the field entrance near to Parc Y Swm, on Heol Blaengwastod, and was not draining away from the road surface, which then had led to dangerous road conditions, during the recent period of low temperatures and freezing conditions.



**Action point: Clerk agreed to report the matter to Highways Dept.**

Additionally, he wished to compliment Carms C C on their construction works at the pavements between the new Pet Food Shop and Login School.

Cllr G Slate advised that our Christmas banners has probably been collected by Carmarthen Town Council when they took down the trees and barriers and asked the clerk to check to see if they had them.

**Action point: Clerk to speak with Carmarthen Town Council to check.**

**Both Cllrs G & J Slate left the meeting at this point.**

Cllr Joan Evans wished to report that she had received a complaint from a resident about motor vehicles travelling at excessive speeds along Roman Road.

Cllr Elwyn Williams advised that the Council in the past had requested Carms C C FOR a 30mph speed limit be placed on this stretch of road, which was regrettably turned down, and as such the speed limit on this road is now the National Speed limit.

**Action point: Clerk agreed to report to Carms C C Highways.**

Cllr A Wadeward enquired as to progress with the bilingual signs for the park.

In the absence of Cllr J Slate Chair of the Park And Environment Committee, the Clerk advised that now as a new emergency phone had been purchased, she was in the process of putting together a pictorial signage pack for our further consideration.

She also wished to advise that a drain near the school could not cope with the heavy rainwater running off the bank, and was flowing onto the road, which during the recent freezing conditions was making it dangerous for parents and children walking along that area to school.

**Action point: Clerk advised that given the safety concerns he would immediately report her concerns to Carms C C Highways.**

Cllr Bevan wished to advise that the speed limiter sign opposite the Old Login school had become defective, and asked the clerk to report it to Carms C C .

**Action point: Clerk agreed to immediately report it to Carms C C**

**16. Date of next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> February with format and location to be agreed. Clerk to confirm in advance.**

**Meeting closed 8.35 pm.**

**Signed:**

**Date:**