

**Minutes of the meeting of Llangynin Community Council held
via video and telephone link on
Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7pm.**

Present :

Councillors Tony Ashcroft, Ellen Durell, John Lewis, Philip Morgan, Helen Myers, Alison Wells, Pamela Windsor and County Councillor Dorian Phillips (item 71 only).

In the Chair - Councillor Tony Ashcroft

Due to problems with the Chair's audio, the Vice Chair, Cllr Tony Ashcroft chaired the meeting.

The County Councillor's update was moved to the head of the agenda to allow the County Councillor to leave for another meeting

71. County Councillor's Update

The following matters were raised:

- Section 106 funds. It was noted that funds were available and it was agreed that Council should consider possible projects that could be achieved with section 106 funding

72. Apologies

No apologies.

73. Personal Matters

None.

74. Declarations of Interest

None.

75. Minutes of the last meetings.

Councillor John Lewis request that his name be added to the apologies as agreed. RESOLVED that with the noted amendment, the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 12th January 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

76. Matters Arising

Item 54. Cllr A Wells reported that the footbridge that was reported as collapsed in the previous meeting has since been reinstated.

77. Clerk's Report.

1. Carmarthenshire County Council

- (I) Cllr Ieuan Wyn Davies, Leader – Carmarthenshire County Council. Will Council would kindly consider Cllr Davies for a 30 miles.
- (II) Scrutiny in Carmarthenshire. The Forum would welcome any

suggestions for topics that your Council may have. Please let the Scrutiny Support Team know by e-mailing Scrutiny@carmarthenshire.gov.uk or you can write to Scrutiny Support, Democratic Services Unit, Chief Executive's Department, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP.

2. One Voice Wales

- (i) **Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.** Certain provisions in the Act, which will follow a phased commencement, will have an impact on community and town councils in Wales, including the following areas:
Annual Reports. From April 2022 community and town councils will have a duty to prepare and publish a report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements. The first report must relate to the financial April 2021- March 2022 and be published as soon as reasonably practicable after April 2022.
General Power of Competence (GPOC) – for introduction on 5 May 2022. From 5 May 2022 community and town councils will have the power to pass a resolution to become an eligible community council, subject to satisfying the three eligibility conditions.
Training Plans. Community and town councils will have a duty to consider training from 5 May 2022 for councillors and community council staff and publish the first training plans by November 2022.
Participation. From May 2022 the people presiding over community and town council meetings that are open to the public must give members of the public in attendance reasonable opportunity to make representation about any business being discussed at the meeting, unless this is likely to prejudice the effective conduct of the meeting.
Well-being power. It is intended that the well-being power, provided in section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, will be repealed when the provisions relating to the general power of competence are brought into force for eligible community and town councils on 5 May 2022.
- (ii) February's electoral newsletter – copy available on request.
- (iii) Independent Remuneration Panel Wales'. Annual report. Please see appendix. Please see section 13 of this report for more details: [WG42164 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report \(gov.wales\)](#)
- (iv) The Welsh Government is currently consulting on its new Litter & Fly-tipping Prevention Plan for Wales. <https://gov.wales/litter-and-fly-tipping-prevention-plan-wales>
The consultation will close on **22 April 2021**
- (v) The 2019-20 timetable will require preparation and certification of **draft accounts by 31 August 2021** and publication of final audited accounts by 30 November 2021 for all local government bodies in Wales

3. Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services

CAVS, Carmarthenshire County Council and its partners are seeking to ensure that volunteering, post pandemic is put on a sustainable footing. Please email Liz Bickerton to book your place at one of the virtual meetings below or if you would like more information:
liz.bickerton@btinternet.com Monday 22nd March 2 pm, Tuesday 23rd March 6 pm, Wednesday 24th March 10 am.

4. **Mid and West Wales Fire Service**

Newsletter available on email.

5. **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**

Code of Conduct. Please see our new draft Guidance on the Code of Conduct for members of County and Community/Town Councils on our website here. Please submit any comments to communications@ombudsman.wales by **21st March 2021**.

5. **Bryn Hall Management Committee**

Letter of thanks for the financial contribution.

78. Bills for Payment

(i) **RESOLVED** that the following accounts be paid:

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			9th March 2021	
	Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £
	100520	Emma Smith	Salary (Mar)	128.00
	100521	HMRC	PAYE (mar)	32.00
	100522	Emma Smith	Expenses	40.73
	100523	St Clears Town Council	Printing 20/21	10.12
	100524	Carmarthenshire County Council	Footway lighting	587.66

79. Planning Matters

None.

80. To plan for the recruitment of a new Clerk.

(i) Recruitment process. A draft job description, person specification, advert and recruitment timetable had been circulated by the Clerk at the start of the meeting.

RESOLVED that the paperwork be approved by Council and the position advertised as detailed.

(ii) Salary. The Clerk outlined the options and salary scales. Cllr Alison Wells proposed that the pay arrangements should be changed to an hourly rate, rather than paid per meeting. Councillor John Lewis seconded the proposal. **RESOLVED** that the current arrangement of paying per meeting cease. **RESOLVED** that the position be advertised as 4.5 hours a month on NJC Salary Scale LC2 18-23, starting at point 18.

81. To consider a Risk Assessment for the Council.

RESOLVED that the risk assessment be revised to include a reference to the speed checks that will be undertaken in the village.

RESOLVED that with the noted revision the risk assessment should be approved.

82. To consider the provision of bins in the village.

Members discussed the availability of bins in the area and identified a lack at the southern end of the village. The Clerk agreed to raise the matter with the County Councillor.

83. To confirm date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on **11th May 2021** at 7pm for the annual meeting and the normal meeting to follow immediately afterwards.

84. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i) Cllr John Lewis shared his intention to step down from Council at the annual meeting in May, after serving 45 years on Council.
- (ii) Cllr Pam Windsor recorded that a sign at the southern end of the village was missing.

Meeting terminated 19.49