

**Minutes of the meeting of Llangynin Community Council held in
Neuadd y Bryn, Llangynin on 12th November 2019 at 7.30pm.**

Present :

Councillors A Ashcroft, E Durell, John Lewis, P Morgan, Helen Myers, Alison Wells and County Councillor D Phillips

In the Chair - Councillor Alison Wells

56. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Pamela Windsor.

57. Personal Matters

None.

58. Declarations of Interest

None

59. Minutes of the last meeting.

- (i) Cllr A Ashcroft requested an amendment to include his name in the list of Councillors present. **RESOLVED that with the noted amendment that the minutes of the meetings of Council held on 10th September 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

60. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

61. Clerk's Report.

1. **Carmarthenshire County Council**
 - (i) Letter from the Chair of Carmarthenshire County Council. Request for sponsor ship for the Walrus dip event in Pembrey on Boxing Day. Money raised will be given to the three food banks in Carmarthenshire ahead of Christmas. **RESOLVED that members consider personal donations to the fundraiser.**
2. **Older People's Commissioner**

State of the Nation report on the International Day of Older Persons. Report can be found here: <http://www.olderpeoplewales.com/en/reviews/sotn.aspx> .
3. **Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue Service**

Draft Annual Report. Copy available on e-mail from the Clerk.
4. **Website Accessibility Regulations.**

The website provider has completed an initial assessment and it has been assessed as compliant at present. Further assessment will be carried out by the Clerk before the September 2020 deadline.
5. **External Audit**

The arrangements for the external audit will be changing. In recent years the audit has been carried out for the Wales Audit Office by BDO or Grant Thornton. The external audit will be going back 'in house' from next year, being completed by Wales Audit Office once more.

6. Draft Local Government Bill

A new draft Local Government Bill will be published before the end of the year. The bill will be circulated to members and included on the agenda of the January meeting.

RESOLVED that Council note the all the correspondence received.

62. Bills for Payment

RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			12th November 2019		
	Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £	VAT
	100487	Emma Smith	Salary (Nov)	128.00	
	100488	HMRC	PAYE (Nov)	32.00	
	100489	Eagle Signs	Community Speed Watch Signs	360.00	60.00

63. Planning Matters

None.

64. To discuss community speed checks in the village.

Council were informed that the trainer had returned to the village on a few occasions to carry out further speed checks. The PCSO would be required to attend the first speed check carried out by volunteers. **RESOLVED Arrangements would be made for additional volunteers and a date arranged with the PCSO.**

65. To discuss a Biodiversity Report and Forward Plan for Council.

Council discussed the draft document and considered how the community could be encouraged to promote biodiversity. One idea was a Best Garden Competition with a focus on promoting biodiversity. **RESOLVED that Council would discuss the possibility of holding a Best Garden Competition in the January 2020 meeting.**

66. To consider the Independent Remuneration Panel's draft report.

RESOLVED that no comments be made on the draft report.

67. To discuss voluntary footpath maintenance.

Council considered the possibility of voluntary footpath maintenance in the village. County Councillor Dorian Phillips would arrange for a hazard assessment to be carried out by the County Council once a date has been arranged by the community. **RESOLVED that a date would be arranged and a hazard assessment would be carried out prior to any maintenance.**

68. To discuss support for the bid to reopen the railway station in St Clears.

Members were updated on a meeting held in October to discuss the bid to reopen the railway station in St Clears, members of the Community Council and the County Councillor Dorian Phillips were present. A public meeting would be held early in 2020. **RESOLVED that a letter be sent to St Clears Town Council to demonstrate the support of Llangynin Community Council.**

69. To confirm the date of the next meeting.

The next meeting of Council would be on the **14th of January 2020.**

70. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i) County Councillor D Phillips noted potholes near Llwyn Crwn Rd were due to be repaired that day.
- (ii) Issues with a stile on footpath 20/6 were ongoing.
- (iii) Disability access of two houses at Trem y Cwm. Checks would be made with the building inspector.

Meeting terminated 20.15