

**Minutes of the meeting of Llangynin Community Council held
via video and telephone link on
Tuesday 12th January 2021 at 7pm.**

Present :

Councillors Tony Ashcroft, Ellen Durell, Philip Morgan, Helen Myers, Alison Wells, Pamela Windsor and County Councillor Dorian Phillips.

In the Chair - Councillor Ellen Durell

57. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr John Lewis.

58. Personal Matters

None.

59. Declarations of Interest

None.

60. Minutes of the last meetings.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 10th November 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

61. Matters Arising

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

62. County Councillor's Update.

- (i) Ash dieback. It is the responsibility of the landowner to have diseased ash trees reduced or removed as necessary. Carmarthenshire County Council will assess roadside trees.
- (ii) Stricter measures around second homes were being discussed.
- (iii) Update provided on the One Planet Development.
- (iv) Carmarthenshire County Council would be discussing their budget the following week.

63. Clerk's Report.

1. One Voice Wales

- (i) NHS, SOCIAL CARE & FRONTLINE WORKERS DAY 5TH JULY 2021. Local councils, communities and others throughout Wales are being encouraged to play a leading role in NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day on 5th July 2021, a unique day of celebration and commemoration of those that work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week without any thought of their own safety. They are asked to do this by agreeing to raise a unique flag at 10am; participate in the Two-Minute

Silence at 11am, the Nation's Toast at 1pm, Afternoon Tea at 4pm, the ringing of church bells 73 times with each ring representing a year in the 73 years of the NHS at 8pm, from within their local communities, as a 'tribute' to the Heroes of the NHS, Social Care and those that work so tirelessly on the frontline.

- (ii) Training sessions in January. Details provided to members.

2. Census 2021

Communities in Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire will get extra support as the 2021 Census approaches. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) has appointed a Census Engagement Manager to support Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire residents and help make Census 2021 a success. For the first time, the census will be run primarily online, making it easy for most people to complete the questionnaire on any device – whether that be a computer, a mobile phone or a tablet. Local Census support centres will be offering help, while paper questionnaires will be available for those who need them. All census staff will operate in line with the Government's latest Covid-19 guidance. Contact: nia.taylor17@field.census.gov.uk

3. Audit Wales

New three-year cycle for external audit. Council will be subject a full audit every three years. 2020/21 will be subject to a basic audit, as has been the case until now, 2021/22 will require a full audit, with a basic audit again in 2022/23.

4. Bryn Hall Management Committee

Letter requesting financial support.

64. Bills for Payment and Completion of 2019/20 audit.

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

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			12th January 2021	
	Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £
	100513	Emma Smith	Salary (Jan)	128.00
	100514	HMRC	PAYE (Jan)	32.00
	100515	W3 Web Design	Web hosting, domain & security	149.00
	100516	Audit Wales	External Audit fees	319.75

- (ii) Completion of 2019/20 external audit. The Clerk presented the external audit report from Grant Thornton to Council.
RESOLVED that the report's findings and recommendations be noted and actioned by Council.

65. Planning Matters

PL/00879. CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO THE REAR OF THE DWELLING TO INCLUDE A NEW PORCH AREA TO THE FRONT AND INTERNAL WORKS - Aber, Llangynin, Carmarthen, SA33 4JY. RESOLVED that no comment be made.

66. To consider requests for financial assistance.

Requests from a total of 7 local and national organisations were considered. **RESOLVED** that the following contributions be added to the schedule of payments under s.137 LGA 1972.

- Y Cardi Bach £100
- Wales Air Ambulance £75
- Bryn Hall Management Committee £350

67. To set the budget for 2021/22 and approve the precept.

RESOLVED that the budget be set as below:

LLANGYNIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2021/22			
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
INCOME	2020/21	2021/22	Variance
Precept	3600	3687.68	87.68
VAT	120		
TOTAL INCOME	3720		
EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
	2020/21	2021/22	Variance
Public Lighting	820	820	0.00
Staff - Clerk	960	960	0.00
Grants / Donations	350	700	350.00
Admin Costs / Website	150	150	0.00
Audit Fees	200	200	0.00
Subscriptions	85	85	0.00
Bryn Hall Donation	200	200	0.00
Insurance	400	400	0.00
Clerk's Honorarium / Travel	100	100	0.00
Stationery	75	75	0.00
Training	100	100	0.00
Contingency	150	150	0.00
Members' Allowances	1000	1000	0.00
Floral display	0	50	50.00
TOTAL	4590	4990	400.00

Members were in agreement that due to the reduced expenditure and the audit office's recommendation regarding the reducing the levels of reserves, in addition to the problems caused by the coronavirus pandemic, there would be no increase in the precept rate.

RESOLVED that the precept rate remain unchanged for 2021/22.

68. To receive an update on land at the entrance to Trem y Cwm.

A trellis had been installed on the land along with the raised bed which had been planted with bulbs. The land would be on lease for up to 25

years at no charge. Council would consider a bench for the area.
RESOLVED that the lease be approved, and a bench be acquired.

69. To confirm date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 9th March 2021 at 7pm via video link.

70. Any other business (exchange of information only)

- (i) Cllr A Wells raised concerns with the road surface throughout the village. The County Councillor would raise the matter with the Highways Department.
- (ii) Cllr P Windsor noted a problem with dogs escaping from their house on to a footpath at the northern end of the village.
- (iii) Flashing 30mph sign not working at the south end of the village. Clerk to report to CCC.
- (iv) Rubbish in layby was reported and cleared recently but canisters remain. Clerk to report to CCC.
- (v) Cllr P Morgan asked for a dog waste bin be considered for the entrance to Tom's Wood. **RESOLVED that the matter be discussed in the next meeting.**

Meeting terminated 19.57