

**Minutes of the meeting of Llangynin Community Council held
via video and telephone link on
Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7pm.**

Present :

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

In the Chair - Councillor Ellen Durell

42. Apologies

No apologies.

43. Personal Matters

None.

44. Declarations of Interest

None.

45. Minutes of the last meetings.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 8th September 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

46. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

47. County Councillor's Update.

The County Councillor update the Community Council on various matters including Covid-19 business grants, buy local initiatives within the County, and a general discussion was held about fly tipping in the area.

48. Clerk's Report.

1. Carmarthenshire County Council

Christmas Toybox Appeal 2020 This year, more than any other year in memory we need to support those most in need in our communities. Town and Community Councils over the past years have generously supported the Christmas Toybox Appeal run by Carmarthenshire County Council, and we hope that your support will continue. **RESOLVED** that a cheque for £25 be added to the schedule of payments for the meeting.

2. One Voice Wales

- (i) Details of remote **training sessions** that are taking place in November.
- (ii) Remote Meeting Survey Results. A positive response was received to the survey collecting experiences of holding remote

meetings during the coronavirus pandemic. Several recommendations will be made as a result of the survey, including a recommendation to retain the right to hold virtual meetings after the pandemic has passed.

(iii) **FUTURE AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCILS IN WALES**

A report published by Audit Wales gives details of new audit arrangements that will apply from 2020-21 onwards which includes details of a new three year audit programme designed to meet the statutory obligations of the Audit General for Wales while providing a sufficient level of audit assurance at a reasonable cost to councils. The new arrangements relating to the external audit arrangements will still require to operate internal audit arrangements. You should note that the key change is that Audit Wales will be including a transaction-based approach in the audit arrangement with transaction testing being interspersed with more limited audit procedures on a three-year cyclical basis. It is considered that the three-year cycle will balance these risks with the overall risk to the public purse and the cost of audits.

3. Alzheimer's Society

Dementia Connect is Alzheimer's Society's personalised support and advice service. It's for people with dementia, their carers, families and friends. The service is free, easy to access by phone or online, and puts the service user in touch with Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Advisers. Dementia Connect is delivered over the telephone, online and face to face. Services are continuing throughout this time, and updates arranged can be provided by the Clerk on e-mail.

4. Older People's Commissioner Wales

Latest newsletter including 'Leave no-one behind the action for an age-friendly' report, which examines the significant impact that Covid-19 has had on older people throughout Wales, and sets out the action needed across a number of key areas – including social care and health, the economy, and our communities – that must be delivered as we move forward to ensure that older people can participate fully in Wales's recovery and can access any support they may need. Copy available on e-mail.

5. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Draft Corporate Plan 2021-2026.

You are invited to provide your views on our proposals for improvement within our Draft Corporate Plan 2021 – 2026. Copy available on e-mail.

6. Co-production Network for Wales

Working together, the Welsh Government and regional partners of Mid Wales and South West Wales are inviting people to join them in establishing a shared vision for our future economies, and the

development of the Regional Economic Frameworks. Have your say online: <https://midandsouthwest.commonplace.is>
Or by using the Activity Packs: <https://bit.ly/3cxaSAs>.

49. Bills for Payment and Budget Update.

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

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			10th November 2020	
	Cheque/ BACS no.	Payee	Details	Cost (inc VAT) £
	100509	Emma Smith	Salary (Nov)	128.00
	100510	HMRC	PAYE (Nov)	32.00
	100511	Zurich	Insurance renewal	356.65
	100512	Carmarthenshire County Council	Toybox Appeal	25.00

(ii) **Budget Update**
RESOLVED that the budget update below be noted and approved.

LLANGYNIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2020/21		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL
INCOME	2020/21	Nov-20
Precept	3600	2400
VAT	120	0
TOTAL INCOME		
EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	ACTUAL
	2020/21	Nov-20
Public Lighting	820	0
Staff - Clerk	960	320
Grants / Donations	350	0
Admin Costs / Website	150	0
Audit Fees	200	0
Subscriptions	85	77
Bryn Hall Donation	200	0
Insurance	400	0
Clerk's Honorarium / Travel	100	0
Stationery	75	0
Training	100	0
Contingency	150	0
Members' Allowances	1000	0
TOTAL	4590	397

50. Planning Matters

None.

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

Council considered the draft determinations for Town & Community Councils. **RESOLVED** that no changes be made to the current determinations approved by Council for travel and overnight costs.

52. To receive an update on speed checks.

Two further volunteers who had been vetted and were awaiting training have since withdrawn. The Clerk has sought permission from the Go Safe Partnership to continue with the existing volunteers with support from the local PCSO.

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

The Chair informed Council that the application for a butterfly garden from Keep Wales Tidy had been improved in principle. Issues had arisen around land ownership which had delayed the process. Council agreed that a lease of the land could be acquired at zero cost to facilitate the development of the garden. The Chair would pass the lease documentation to the Clerk prior to approval. **RESOLVED that subject to satisfactory terms, that Council lease the land at the entrance to Trem y Cwm for planting and a community garden area.**

54. To discuss footpath issues.

The rangers had logged recent signage and repair issues reported on their system and they would be dealt with in order of priority.

55. To confirm date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on 12th January 2021 at 7pm via video link.

56. Any other business (exchange of information only)

The Clerk presented correspondence from Bryn Hall Management Committee regarding their financial circumstances and Council assistance with grant applications.

Meeting terminated 19.46