

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on Wednesday  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at the Reading Room, Hendy**

**Minute no. 1 – Members Present**

**Councillors:**

A Blackley  
A Evans  
B Evans  
B Thomas  
G Thomas  
B D Davies  
S Evans  
L Griffiths  
C Higgins  
M Nicholas  
I Barrett  
S Lyle  
C Davies  
E Davies

Chairman Councillor A Blackley presided over the meeting
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Also present the Clerk David Davies and CDO Ruth Taylor-Davies.

**Minute no. 2 - Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Higgins.

**Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest**

Councillor A Blackley declared an interest in a proposed discussion in the meeting regarding the Reading Room.

**Minute no. 4 – Chairman’s Announcements**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a charity concert in Pontarddulais; the Remembrance Sunday events at both Llanedi and Llanelli; a Christmas Fayre and the lights switch on at Tycroes. Cllr A Evans reported that he had represented the Council during the Pontarddulais service on Remembrance Sunday.

**Minute no. 5 – Signing of the Minutes – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Meeting of the Council.**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the above meeting, having been previously circulated, be accepted as read, confirmed and signed as a true and legal record of the matters transacted subject to the following amendment:

- Cllrs B Thomas and S Evans were in attendance,
- The addition of a minute to confirm the rescission of minute number 10 of the Council meeting dated 4th July 2018.

**Reason** – to adhere to the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12, para 41 (1) and (4) and section 99.

### **Minute no. 6 – Matters Arising**

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the following matters.

#### **Minute no. 5 - Hendy Cricket Club**

The Clerk reported that he had attended a few meetings with Mr Steven Shingler to discuss the proposals for the development of the Cricket field. The Council also received correspondence from Mr Shingler which was read out at the meeting requesting that the Council offer a lease on favourable terms as provided previously to the Cricket Club. It was noted that the Cricket Club in previous occupation had purchased the land and completed a sale and lease back to the Community Council.

**Resolved that** by 8 votes to 3 that the matter be referred to the January Hendy Ward meeting for further consideration.

The Clerk provided an overview regarding the development of the Cricket Clubhouse with regard to the exploratory work to the lower ground floor area. It was noted that the Council is having difficulty in identifying a structural engineer at short notice to provide advice on the construction of the floor slab to the building. Mr Huw Jones, the previous Surveyor has agreed to assist the Council with this matter and will attend a site meeting.

#### **Minute no. 6 - Bus Shelters**

The Clerk reported that a site meeting has been convened between SWTRA, the local Police and Cllr T Higgins. Unfortunately, SWTRA provided a very negative response to the idea to reinstall bus stops at the proposed locations as the locations do not comply with new visibility requirements. The Clerk was requested to investigate the appropriateness of the proposed location and if possible submit a design to Welsh Government for approval. A vote of 9 to 2 was recorded for this decision. Further **resolved** that the Clerk writes to the appropriate minister requesting support for this proposal.

#### **Minute no. 28 - Clock - Tycroes**

The Clerk reported that the new clock has been installed and commissioned at Tycroes Square.

#### **Minute no.6- CDO Working group**

**Resolved to** convene a meeting of the CDO working group to consider the proposed work programme for the CDO. A proposed date for the meeting will be agreed by email.

#### **Minute no. 6 - Daffodil Planting**

The Clerk reported that the daffodil planting in the community was almost complete.

#### **Minute no. 6 - CCTV Tycroes Scouts' Hall**

The Clerk reported that this work had been instructed with a site meeting organised to agree the detailed location of cameras and arrangements for an electricity supply. It was agreed that the Council will appoint Cllr M Nicholas and Cllr T Higgins as having joint authority to view the CCTV system.

### Minute no. 7 – Website Project

The Clerk reported that the sub-group considering this matter had shortlisted 2 contractors for the interview and had selected Rae Davies as the appointed contractor for this work. It was agreed that the appointed group will now meet with the contractor to develop the brief and agree the format for the website in the new year.

### Minute no. 7 – Councillor Vacancy

The Council received an expression of interest from Mr Eifion Phillips for the vacancy of Councillor for the Tycroes Ward. It was **resolved** by 9 votes to 1 to co-opt Mr Eifion Phillips onto the Council.

It was further resolved that the Council should develop a policy for the mechanism for co-option of councillors and that this should be placed on the next agenda of the Council.

### Minute no. 8 – Standing Orders

Cllr A Evans provided a report on the recent sub group meeting to discuss the new Model Standing Orders. It was agreed to accept in principle the draft document subject to members reviewing the matter over the next month and the Standing Orders being approved at the next meeting.

The Chairman offered his thanks to the group for the work in reviewing the document.

### Minute no. 9 – Change of Council Name

Cllr A Evans proposed that the name of the Community Council be changed to reflect the composition of the whole community and to be “Llanedi, Tycroes and Hendy Community Council”. The proposal was seconded by Cllr G Thomas.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr B Thomas and seconded by Cllr B Evans that there is no change to the name however the Council logo is amended with the following words added underneath the logo “serving the communities of Llanedi, Tycroes and Hendy”. It was **resolved** that the amendment was approved.

### Minute no. 10 – Claim forms

Cllr A Evans proposed that Councillors and staff use approved claim forms for all expense claims. This motion was seconded by Cllr G Thomas and was unanimously approved.

### Minute no. 11 – Community Café

Cllr A Evans provided the Council with an overview of possible future scenarios for the management of the café, this included the following options:

- Cease to maintain the café,
- Café managed by volunteers,
- Café managed by a paid individual,
- Maintain the status quo,
- Provide grant aid to sustain the café,

There was a detailed discussion regarding the various options available to the Council. **Resolved** by 11 votes to 2 that the Council needs to have some sort of payback from the tenant which may include providing community services and/or rent. The CDO was requested to liaise with the tenant to develop options for providing community services from the Reading Room.

### **Minute no. 12 – Monthly Reports**

**Resolved to** defer receiving reports from councillors to the next meeting.

### **Minute no. 13 – Community Development Report**

Members of the Council received the previously circulated report from the CDO. It was **resolved** to note the following matters:

- It was noted that the proposed meeting with Big Lottery to discuss options for additional funding for the redevelopment of the Cricket Club has been brought forward.
- The CDO reported that she will commence a more formal booking system for the Reading room on the 1<sup>st</sup> January.
- Pictures have been received from school children from Hendy School as part of the competition organised by the Council.
- It was agreed that the CDO supervision group will be scheduled for after the Christmas holiday.

### **Minute no. 14 – Planning Application - Hendy Cricket Club**

It was proposed that the Council considers making an application for planning consent for the frontage plots to the Hendy Cricket Club. After a detailed discussion, it was unanimously **resolved** to request that Cllr G Thomas arrange a site meeting with the County Council Planning Officer to obtain advice on the suitability of this land for residential development. Cllr G Thomas abstained from the vote and declared an interest as a member of the County planning Committee.

### **Minute no. 15 – Suspending Standing Orders**

**Resolved to** suspend standing orders in order to continue the transaction of business beyond 9.00 pm.

### **Minute no. 16 – Carmarthenshire County Council Budget Consultation**

The Council received information from the County Council regarding a consultation exercise to obtain the views of members of the public regarding potential savings which have to be considered in order to meet the likely budget set on the County Council by Welsh Government. **Resolved to** email Ammanford Town Council as the secretariat of the Aman Group of Councils to convene a special meeting of all councils to discuss the budget consultation in particular the impact of any cuts on further transfer of assets or services.

### **Minute no. 17 – Finance Reports**

The Council received a Finance Report consisting of the following elements:

- Bank Reconciliation
- Report on Income Received
- Report on proposed Expenditure
- Report on receipts and payments by budget heading

It was **resolved** to note the reports. Further **resolved** to write off all the old cheques that have not been cashed within the last 6 months.

The Clerk was requested to provide a report on tools purchased in conjunction with work of playground maintenance during the year.

**Minute no. 18 – Cllr A Blackley**

Cllr A Blackley left the meeting at 9.20 pm and did not return to the meeting.

**Minute no. 19 – Deferment of Matters on the Agenda**

**Resolved to** defer consideration of all other matters to the next meeting.

**Council Business terminated at 9.30pm**

**Signed .....** **Date .....**

**Chairman**