

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 6th February 2019 at the Reading Room, Hendy**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

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

Vice-Chairman Councillor T Higgins 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 Councillors A Blackley and C Higgins.

Minute no. 3 - Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

Minute no. 4 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor G Thomas declared an interest as a County Councillor who sits on the County Council Planning Committee.

Minute no. 5 – Public Question Time

The Council received representation from a number of members of the public who asked the following questions:

Clive Hanham

Mr Hanham enquired as to the situation with the Council website, in particular that it seems inaccessible. Cllr B Evans reported that there have been technical problems with the website and a new website is currently being written.

Rhian Wyn Jones

Mrs Jones raised a question regarding the fact that there was no reference to her comments during the last meeting. An apology was offered to Mrs Jones for the oversight in the minutes.

Minute no. 6 – Signing of the Minutes 17th January 2019 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 adding in a question which was raised by Mrs Jones as follows, “*How could councillors consider the proposals for the Local Development Plan without reference to the community questionnaire, especially as part of the land was provided by the NCB for community use.*”

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

Minute no. 7 – Matters Arising

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the following matters:

Minute 19. Business Plan

Resolved that the 3 appointed Councillors will seek to provide a draft business plan by the next meeting.

Persimmon

It was noted that no response or money had been received from Persimmon with regard to the payment of the outstanding section 106 payment.

Minute 13 - Consultation Meeting

The Council offered a vote of thanks to the CDO Ruth Taylor-Davies for her work in coordinating the LDP meetings.

Minute no. 8 – Signing of the Minutes 5th February 2019 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: **Reason** – to adhere to the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 Sch 12, para 41 (1) and (4) and section 99.

Minute no. 9 – Terms of Reference – Council Committees

Resolved that Councillor I Barrett and Ruth Taylor-Davies will provide a draft of a terms of reference for further consideration with regard to the Community Development working group. Further agreed that Cllr M Nicholas and Cllr A Evans will sit on the group with the brief extended to consider the terms of reference, delegated authority and dates for all the committee meetings.

Minute no. 10 – Terry Price Award

Resolved that applications for the above award should be received no later than two weeks before the award ceremony which will be held at the Chairman’s dinner.

Minute no. 11 – Financial Assistance

Resolved that the deadline for receipt of requests for financial assistance be set as the end of March with applications being assessed in the April meeting of the Council.

Minute no. 12 – CDO Report

The CDO provided an overview of the previously circulated report, answering all questions and queries as raised by Councillors. This was noted.

Minute no. 13 – Standing Orders

It was noted that no comments had been received prior to the meeting from members with regard to any further amendments to the standing orders. After a detailed discussion it was **resolved** to approve the Standing Orders subject to making the following amendments:

- time for questions from the public needs to be reduced to 5 minutes.
- Inclusion of terms of reference and delegated authority as discussed in further working groups.

Further **resolved** that the current working group will complete a review of the Council's Financial Regulations reporting back with any recommendations to the Council meeting.

Minute no. 14 – Finance Reports

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

- Bank Reconciliation Report;
- Report on Income Received;
- Report on proposed Expenditure;
- Report on receipts and payments by budget heading;
- Annual Budget by Centre.

Resolved that the cheques for the various purchases for parks is clarified as part of the report in future.

Minute no. 15 – Precept and Budget

It was reported that the Council has agreed a budget of £216,209 which will generate a Council tax for Band D property of £96.73.

Minute no. 16 – Financial Assistance

It was **resolved** to offer the following organisations a donation in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the LGA 1972, which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

Llanedi Church Hall	£1,000
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There was a discussion regarding the level of funding to be provided for Tycroes Hall. It was proposed by Cllr A Evans and seconded by Cllr C Davies that in future an annual grant of £3,500 be provided to the hall. An amendment was proposed by Cllr M Nicholas and seconded by Cllr E Davies that in future an annual grant of £4,000 be provided to the hall.

It was **resolved** that in future an annual grant of £4,000 be provided to the hall.

Councillors L Griffiths and T Higgins declared an interest in the above items and took no part in the discussion.

Minute no. 17 – Budget for funding Community Halls

It was noted that the Council's current policy is for all applications for financial assistance to be presented to the Council meeting at the end of March for specific consideration by members. A request was made that a separate budget is allocated each year for the funding of community halls in order that there is some certainty in the management of the halls.

Resolved to establish a separate budget heading for community halls in the sum of £5,000, with the money allocated to the following halls:

Llanedi Church Hall	£1000
Tycroes Community Hall	£4000

Minute no. 18 – Pontarddulais & Hendy Festival Committee

Concern was expressed by members that it was inappropriate that emails which had been exchanged between Councillors, were shared with the Chairman of the Festival Committee.

It was noted with concern that there is a proposal for the carnival to cease. The Council received a request for further financial assistance from the committee and it was **resolved** to enquire what sum has been provided by Pontarddulais Council prior to considering the application.

Minute no. 19 – Suspending Standing Orders

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

Minute no. 20 – Land Use Planning – Town and Country Planning Act

(a) Proposed Development

Resolved that the following applications be noted onto the minutes.

Reason: Members did not request that observations/objections be conveyed to the County Planning Authority in respect of the proposed developments.

S/38295	Construction of New House with Integral Garage at Plot 3, Heol Bronallt, Fforest. Mr Neil Eborn.
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(b) Decision Notices Granted

Resolved that the following applications be noted onto the minutes.

None received.

(c) Decision Notices Refused

None received.

(d) Decision Notices Appealed

None received.

Minute no. 21 – County Councillor Reports

Councillor G Thomas gave the following report.

Traveller Site

Members of the Council expressed concern regarding the Traveller site at Llannon Road, Hendy. It was noted that an application has been made for a further caravan for the site. It was reported that there is an issue with the adequacy of the visibility splay at the entrance.

Cwrt y Bedw

There continues to be a problem with the collection of refuse on this estate due to the road not being adopted. Cllr Thomas reported that it may be the case that Persimmon will be responsible for future maintenance of the road.

Cricket Club

A site meeting has been organised with Zoe James to discuss the requirements for a planning application to be submitted for the site.

Councillor T Higgins gave the following report:

- There were many consultations received from members of the public on the LDP.
- There continues to be a problem with street lighting and pothole in the community.
- The timing of the 20 mph flashing lights at Tycroes School has been adjusted to 8 am.

Cllr G Thomas left the meeting and did not return.

Minute no. 22 – Hendy Park

It was reported that there has been consultation with NRW regarding the problem of river erosion at Hendy Park.

Minute no. 23 – Councillor Complaint

The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint from a councillor regarding another councillor. It was resolved that as the Council had recently established a complaints committee that the matter be referred to the complaints committee for further investigation and recommendation as appropriate.

Cllr S Evans left the meeting and did not return.

Minute no. 24 – Local Development Plan

The Council received a report from the CDO regarding the consultation which had been completed recently with the 3 communities. **Resolved** that the general views as expressed by members of the public should be represented in all responses to the County Council.

Tycroes

Concern was expressed regarding the infrastructure and traffic regarding sites 007,002 and 006.

Hendy & Fforest

The Council wishes to object to all development in the area with the exception of small scale development of 5 units or less.

Llanedi

Resolved to reflect resident's views on the sites in Llanedi.

Minute No. 25 To consider "In Camera" issues upon exclusion of the Press and Public. (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act)

Resolved that the Council request the Vice Chairman consult with the Chairman with regard to the Chairman's allowance.

Minute no. 26 - General Correspondence

Resolved to note the following general correspondence onto the minutes: -

Writer	Subject
Rachel Thomas	River Erosion
Lyn Anthony	Festival Committee

Council Business terminated at 10.09 pm

Signed Date
Chairman