

**Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Llanedi Community Council held on
Wednesday 17th January 2019 at the Tycroes Hall, Tycroes**

Minute no. 1 – Members Present

Councillors:

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

Minute no. 3 – Declarations of Interest

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

Minute no. 4 – Public Question Time

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

Ms Wendy Evans

Ms Evans reported that she would like to make a complaint against the Clerk more specifically alleging that the Clerk had failed to collect a registered delivery letter from the post office sorting office. The Clerk responded outlining that he had not received any notification from the Post Office with regard to this matter. He confirmed that a second letter which was also sent by registered post from Ms Evans had in fact been collected. It was apparent that the post office had not safely delivered the card to his home and therefore that was the reason for the letter not being collected. The Chairman explained that the matter will need to be dealt with in accordance with the Council's complaints policy and therefore it was **resolved to** refer the complaint to the complaints committee to investigate the matter.

Mr Clive Hanham

Mr Hanham explained that he wished to provide information to the Council on behalf of his wife who had recently been corresponding with the Council. Mr Hanham read

out a transcript of text messages between Mrs Hanham and the Clerk. He then addressed a question to the Council, “Were our Community Council members made fully aware of these covenants and conditions of any sale income, before they took their vote on the inclusion of the park woodland in the new LDP 2018/ 2035”?

It was confirmed that the Councillors had been made aware of these matters.

Rhian Wyn Jones

Mrs Jones requested 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.

Delme Davies

Mr Davies expressed concern regarding a problem of vehicles accessing Ffordd y Deri, Tycroes. Cllr T Higgins reported that this is a matter which needs to be addressed by the County Council and that she has already referred the matter to the relevant County Council officers.

Darren Hall

Mr Hall made a request for the Council to arrange meetings in the 3 wards of the community with regard to the current public consultation with regard to potential sites to be included in the Local Development Plan.

Minute no. 5 – Signing of the Minutes 5th December 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:

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 – Signing of the Minutes 4th January 2019 Finance Committee Meeting.

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 amendments as agreed:

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 – Signing of the Minutes 11th January 2019 Community Development Committee Meeting.

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. 8 – Matters Arising

The Clerk provided a verbal update on the following matters.

Hendy Cricket Club

The Clerk reported that he had received no further information from Mr Shingler regarding proposals for the redevelopment of the Cricket Club field. It was noted that the Hendy Ward committee has not yet considered this proposal.

It was **resolved** to convene a site meeting with the local Planning Officer of Carmarthenshire County Council on Thursday 24th January at 10.30 am to discuss the options for potential residential development on the frontage area of the Cricket Club.

CCTV

It was reported that the new cctv system has been installed at Tycroes Park. It was noted that there is scope to provide a further camera on a different pole within the park which would enable a clearer picture to be provided of the MUGA area.

Website Project

The Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged for January 21st with the appointed contractor to commence development of the new website.

Minute no. 9 – Appointment of Chairpersons

It was noted that the Council has not appointed chairpersons for the sub-committees of the Council. It was resolved to appoint the following persons accordingly:

Finance Committee	Chairperson – Cllr A Evans Vice Chairperson – Cllr S Lyle
Community Development Working Group	Chairperson – Cllr Iain Barrett Vice Chairperson – Cllr M Nicholas

Minute no. 10 – Delegated Authority CDO Working Group

It was **resolved** to place this matter on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

Minute no. 11 – Tools Purchased for Play Areas

The Clerk provided a breakdown of the schedule of tools which have been provided during the year. This was noted.

Minute no. 12 – To Review decision on Minute no. 8 from Extraordinary Council Meeting held on the 28th August 2018

Councillor M Nicholas provided an overview of his concerns regarding the fact that the land referred to in the minute had not been correctly allocated in the LDP in accordance with the decision of the Council which related to part residential use. He expressed concerns that the wishes of the Council had not been properly communicated to the County Council as the land had not been allocated for any residential use. There was a detailed discussion on the matter with the following motions considered:

“It is proposed that the Council writes to the County Council to request that it reconsiders the zoning of this area such that a proportion of the site is allocated for residential development. A note should be appended to this request outlining that local residents had attended the meeting and objected to any residential development in this area.”

Upon a vote, this motion was rejected with councillors voting as follows:

In favour – Cllrs L Griffiths, C Higgins, T Higgins, A Blackley.

Against – Cllrs A Evans, G Thomas, B Evans, C Davies, M Nicholas, E Davies, B Davies, S Evans

The following motion was then considered:

*“It is **proposed** that the Council writes to the County Council to request that it reconsiders the zoning of this area such that a proportion of the site is allocated for residential development.”*

Upon a vote, this motion was carried with councillors voting as follows:

In favour – Cllrs A Evans, G Thomas, B Evans, C Davies, M Nicholas, E Davies, B Davies, S Evans, E Phillips

Against – Cllrs L Griffiths, C Higgins, T Higgins, A Blackley.

Minute no. 13 – LDP Review

Cllr G Thomas declared an interest in the LDP process as he is a County Councillor who sits on the Planning Committee.

Resolved to defer consideration of this matter until such time as there is a public consultation exercise in every ward with a report provided to a Special Council meeting on the 6th February. The CDO was requested to arrange a public consultation at the following venues in the next 2 weeks:

Tycroes Hall
Llanedi Church Hall
Hendy Rugby Club

Minute no. 14 – Suspending Standing Orders

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

Minute no. 15 – Cllrs G Thomas and S Evans

The above Councillors left the meeting at 9.00pm and did not return.

Minute no. 16 – CDO Report

The CDO provided an overview of her report and the following matters were agreed:

- **Resolved to** employ a touch typist for the completion of the data entry in the community consultation exercise to be completed by the end of January.
- The Council received a copy of the proposed Public Sector Board Annual Report document which the Council needs to complete for presentation at the end of the year. Delegated authority was provided to the Community Development sub group to assist in the development of this report.
- **Resolved to** make a payment to Sarah McColl Dorion for the work completed in the entry of data with regard to the community consultation based upon the number of hours worked.

Minute no. 17 – Standing Orders

Resolved to defer consideration of the review of standing orders until the next Council meeting.

Minute no. 18 – Community Café

Resolved to accept the recommendations of the CDO in relation to the involvement of the Council with the Community Café.

Minute no. 19 – Budget

Resolved to defer this item to the next meeting.

Cllr I Barrett suggested that a provisional business plan is supplied for the Cricket Club prior to the budget meeting. It was suggested that Councillors A Evans and B Evans will work with Ruth Taylor-Davies in developing a high-level budget for this purpose.

Minute no. 20 – Persimmon Homes

Resolved to request the Clerk to write to Persimmon Homes to make an enquiry as to why the section 106 money has not been paid to the County Council with regard to the improvement work to Hendy Park.

Minute no. 21 – 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.

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| S/38254 | Proposed side and rear extension and construction of front porch at 55 Maesyderi, Hendy, Swansea. Mr W Daniels. |
| S/38264 | Proposed new dwelling to the South of house no 34 with a provision of new parking amenities for no. 34 at land adjacent to 34 Penygarn Road, Ammanford. Michael Watts. |
| S/38118 | Proposed side and rear extension to A 3 Storey House at 2 Heol y Felin, Fforest, Swansea. Mr Neil Bendle. |

(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

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| S/35645 | Residential dwelling and garage at land off Hafod Road, Tycroes. B Williams. |
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e Pre-Application consultation

Proposed construction of 19 no. dwelling houses with formation of estate road and associated infrastructure at land at Parc Gwernen, Tycroes.

Minute no. 22 –Objection to Application

S/38255 Residential development for 35 dwelling and associated works (resubmission of S/35215) at land off Clos Benallt Fawr at Persimmon Homes, West Wales.

Members of the Council considered the above application which had previously been refused by the County Council. Although the number of houses allocated for the site had been reduced, members were of the opinion that a number of the concerns regarding the proposal remain including the following:

- The proposed density of the site is not in keeping with the adjacent development which will result in the site being prominent when viewed.
- The proposal may have an adverse impact on the community in particular the potential impact on the Welsh language.
- Members are of the opinion that the design of the proposed houses does not compliment the design of the adjacent housing in the community.
- As this is an elevated site which is clearly visible from a number of areas in the community and also clearly visible from across the valley, it is appropriate that the design fits with the local vernacular.
- Members are of the opinion that the site and adjacent fields have a valuable environmental value to the local community, and this should be preserved wherever possible.
- The play area at Bronallt Rd is inadequate to cater for the scale of development in this part of the community. Is there a contribution to be provided for community benefit to enable a development of this area?
- The Council is particularly concerned with regard to the current problems with highway traffic through Hendy in particular at peak periods; it is reported that it is the second most busy highway in the County. Can the Developer please provide a traffic impact assessment in relation to the effect the proposed development will have on what is a very serious problem at present in the community and what it is able to do to relieve this unsatisfactory situation.

Minute no. 23 – Council Reports

Councillor T Higgins gave the following report.

- An enquiry is being made with the County Council regarding the current policy that there are no contributions to be made available to communities in Carmarthenshire County Council from the windfarm development at Mynydd y Gwair.
- The County Council is considering a road safety scheme for Tycroes Road.
- Observations have been provided to the Planning Department with regard to the Local Development Plan.
- Mudiad Meithrin – Currently providing assistance to the group in registering as a charity.
- Parc yr Hendre – Investigations are proceeding with regard to road adoption.
- Ffordd y Deri – Enquiries being made with officers at the County Council regarding issues at this location.

Councillor C Davies gave the following report.

There are significant problems with litter in the area and Cllr Davies suggested that the Council support the establishment of a litter group within the community.

Resolved to support Cllr C Davies in establishing this group.

Minute no. 24 – Complaints Committee

As outlined previously in the meeting, there is a need to establish a Complaints Committee to deal with recent complaints. It was noted that the following Councillors will sit on the committee.

Cllrs A Blackley, A Evans, B Evans and I Davies.

Meetings will need to be organised by the members of the committee as one of the complaints relates to the Clerk.

Minute no. 25 – Budget Meeting

The next budget meeting will be held on February 5th in Hendy.

Minute no. 26 - General Correspondence

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

Writer	Subject
Carmarthenshire County Council	Talyclun Park lease
Hywel Dda	Big NHS Change - report on findings
Nalc	2018 Model of Standing Orders
Local Boundary Commission for Wales	Review of Electoral Arrangements for the County Council

Council Business terminated at 9.55pm

Signed **Date**

Chairman