

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANWINIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The meeting of Llanwinio Community Council was held on Wednesday January the 8th 2025 at 8.00pm at Llanwinio Hall.

PRESENT: Councillors Christopher Smoothy (Chairman), Sarah Pask, Iori Saer, Dorian Lewis, Huw James, Wyn Evans, Elgan Williams & County Councillor Jean Lewis

APOLOGIES: none

MINTES TAKEN BY THE CLERK: Liza Jones

2: MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of November 2024 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed and signed as a true account.

3: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Huw James would leave the meeting when matters relating to land rented by him were discussed.

The clerk would leave the meeting when clerks wages were discussed.

County Councillor Jean Lewis would leave the meeting when planning matters were discussed

4: MATTERS ARISING:

The owners of Blaenllain had sent an email thanking for the saplings and noted that they had been planted on the hedgerow of the land rented from the Council.

County Councillor Jean Lewis was arranging a meeting with Mike Jacobs from Carmarthenshire County Council in order to ascertain what could be done to alleviate highways issues when school pupils were meeting the buses at Passby junction.

The clerk had noted the Councils' interest in obtaining a top up package from Keep Wales Tidy and was awaiting a response.

Edward Harries Solicitors' had replied with a few queries regarding the land to be registered. The email was discussed in detail and it was resolved that the clerk ascertain the solicitors advice on how to proceed.

County Councillor Jean Lewis had requested that the vandalized Sign posts be repaired and would follow up.

5: CORRESPONDENCE

- A.** The clerk had been notified that the defibrillator in Blaenwaun had be un-operational for a period but had ascertained that a new battery had been installed and was now available to use again.
- B.** One Voice Wales had emailed Community & Town Councils Digital Guidance on 1. Use of Email and 2. Procurement. The clerk had read both and ascertained that the community council was compliant with both.

- C. Russell Vickers of Sarnau, Cwmbach had emailed asking if the Councillors had any recommendations or suggestions regarding their proposed planning application and its development. The email was read to all.
- D. Llanwinio Community Association made a funding request to have available funds to pay for the repair of the doors, insurance and electricity bills. It was agreed to donate £2000 and look into the future of the association and whether the association should be dissolved with the Hall being transferred to the responsibility of the Community Council as the funds to purchase the Hall had originally come from the Council.

6: BUDGET including PRECEPT, PAYROLL & CLERKS WAGES

The Clerk circulated a draft budget for discussion.

Each item was discussed individually.

The clerk left the meeting while the clerks wages was discussed. It was resolved to increase the clerks wages from April to £4500pa.

The budget was amended accordingly.

The clerk noted that she had been a payroll clerk for over 30 years and offered to undertake the payroll duties of the Community Council which would mean that the services of DM Payroll Services would not be required in the next financial year. It was resolved that the clerk undertake the payroll from April.

The clerk would ascertain if the Vision ICT costs were flexible.

The budget for 2025-26 was approved.

It was resolved to keep the Precept at £6000 for 2025-26.

7: Financial Regulations 2024

One Voice Wales had circulated the new Model Financial Regulations for Community and Town Councils in Wales. The clerk had amended the regulations to be appropriate for Llanwinio and the new Financial Regulations were adopted.

8: RECEIPTS:

Interest- £16.57

Wind Turbine (Plasparcau) - £1,177.50

Precept - £2,000.00

Wind Turbine (Rhydgoch) - £3,695.31

9: BILLS:

Liza Jones – Clerks wages November & December £560.00

HMRC – Paye & NIC £210.00

All invoices were approved for payment by the clerk via bank transfer.

10: FINANCIAL REPORT:

Business Account £4,932.05

Treasurers Account £6,572.82

Total £11,504.87

The Budget v Spending report to 31/12/24 was circulated and discussed and found to be correct.

11: PLANNING:

PL/08562 – Proped change of use of land to tourism with 3 glamping pods (resubmission PL/07646) @ Sarnau, Cwmbach, Whitland, SA34 0DR

12: A.O.B.

The following requests/concerns were raised to County Councillor Jean Lewis:

- a. A request for a salt bin at Blaendyffryn Bend, Cwmfelinmynach
- b. Concerns regarding the standard of workmanship of the road repairs near Lion Farm, Blaenwaun
- c. Subsidence on the hill by Bumper Farm
- d. Flytipping between Passby and Rhydfawr

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 5th of March 2025 at 8:00pm at Llanwinio Community Hall.