

**LLANPUMSAINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**DECISIONS TAKEN AT COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023 at 8 pm**

**Attendees:** Councillors Arwel Nicholas (Chair), Kumi Ariyadasa; Clare Bishop; Dylan Jones; Derick Lock; Ann Pettitt; and the new Co-Opted Councillor Felix Merry

**Apologies:** None

Also in attendance (for part of the meeting): County Councillor Brian Davies

<b>Decision /Minute Ref.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>
1/23/1	Minutes of previous meeting	AGREED: To approve the draft minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th November 2022 as a correct record of the meeting.	
1/23/2	County Councillor's update	<p>County Councillor Bryan Davies provided an update and information on the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Esgair road and Bridge - NOTED that the bridge reopened as planned in November 2022.</li> <li>b) There had been a number of landslides in the village and it was NOTED that these had been inspected and made safe by the County Council.</li> <li>c) NOTED that the County Council had been requested to refill grit bins in the village.</li> <li>d) Governing Body vacancy – NOTED that the Community Council was invited to nominate one of its members to fill a vacancy for an LEA Governor for the Village school; and AGREED that the Chair, Councillor Arwel Nicholas, be nominated by the Community Council for this position.</li> </ul>	
1/23/3	Wales Audit Office update	<p>NOTED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) responses had been submitted, providing all available information requested by Wales Audit and their response was awaited;</li> <li>(ii) a bill for Wales Audit fees for 'additional work for the 2018/19 audit' had been received totalling £7,395 and the fees for audit of the 3 subsequent years was estimated to be approx. £200 per year; and</li> <li>(ii) good progress was being made on the Council's Action Plan to address the</li> </ul>	

		recommendations of the Wales Audit Public Interest report.	
1/23/4	Finance: Update & Budget 2023/24	<p>NOTED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. the Clerk's update on the Council's current financial position; and</li> <li>ii. that the Chair, Clerk and members of the Finance Committee had met informally to discuss and agree the Council's draft Budget 2023/24, which had been circulated to all Councillors in advance of the meeting; and</li> </ul> <p>AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. to approve the draft Budget 2023/24 on the basis that no change would be made to the current precept level of £30 per Band D property.</li> </ul>	
1/23/5	Payments for Approval	<p>AGREED: To approve the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Wales Audit fees £7,395</li> <li>b) Planning Aid Wales, £35 for training course fees</li> <li>c) Gerald Vaughan £120 for valuation of Council assets</li> <li>d) Village Hall Hire fees £30</li> <li>e) Christmas Tree event expenses, totalling £234.78</li> <li>f) Clerk's photocopying and postage expenses £9.05</li> </ul>	
1/23/6	Assets - Inspection for repairs and maintenance	AGREED that the Clerk be asked to arrange for inspection of the Council's assets and to seek quotes for any required repair and maintenance works; and those quotes be presented to the next Council meeting for consideration.	
1/23/7	Recruitment of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer	<p>NOTED that the application for the joint position with Llanllawddog Community Council had been withdrawn; Llanllawddog had successfully appointed a new Clerk to their Council; and that no further applications had been received for the position of Llanpumsaint's Clerk.</p> <p>AGREED that the vacancy be re-advertised more widely, potentially including online job search sites.</p>	
1/23/8	Highways matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 20 mph speed limit Consultation</li> </ul> <p>AGREED to respond to the consultation as follows:</p>	

		<p>(i) From the bottom of Coopers Hill to Panteg, to submit that the speed limit should be reduced to 30mph; and</p> <p>(ii) On the Llandysul Road, from the bottom of Coopers Hill to Pantawel, to support the proposed speed limit reduction to 20mph.</p> <p>(b) Condition of Llandysul Road up to the Forestry turning – AGREED to ask the Clerk to report the potholes and poor road condition.</p>	
1/23/9	Christmas Tree event	NOTED that the event was a great success and AGREED: that a working group be established to meet in the Summer to discuss plans for a similar Christmas Tree event for 2023; and that a letter of thanks be sent to Skanda Vale for their kind donation of the tree and assistance in putting it up.	
1/23/10	Coronation commemorative gift for Village school pupils	NOTED that the school had indicated they would welcome a commemorative mug for each pupil and that estimated costs were £360; and AGREED to approve a budget of £360 and authorise the Clerk to obtain quotes and place an order within this budget.	
1/23/11	Requests for financial support	<p>The following requests were discussed and it was AGREED, having regard to the Council's limited financial resources, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Carmarthen Federation of Young Farmers - not approved;</li> <li>b) Urdd National Eisteddfod - a grant of £100 be approved;</li> <li>c) Cerebral Palsy Cymru - not approved;</li> <li>d) Wales Air Ambulance - grant of £100 be approved;</li> <li>e) Gwyl Canol Dre 2023 - not approved; and</li> <li>f) Yes Cymru - not approved.</li> </ul> <p>NOTED the letter of thanks received from the Village School's After School Club.</p>	
1/23/12	Training Plan	AGREED to approve the draft Training Plan.	
1/23/13	Biodiversity Plan	NOTED: the draft Plan which had been prepared; and AGREED to review and amend the Plan, having regard to the Council's limited resources and assets, to ensure it is proportionate and deliverable; and receive a revised draft Plan at a future Council meeting.	

1/23/14	Forward Plan	AGREED to note and approve the draft Forward Plan.	
1/23/15	Urgent Items:	<p>a) Skanda Vale traffic – NOTED a suggestion that the Council should keep this matter under review in light of the forthcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations and anticipated traffic issues.</p> <p>b) Calendar of future Council meetings – NOTED Cllr Merry’s request as to whether future Council meetings could be held on a day other than Tuesdays; and AGREED that this would be reviewed and discussed when the Calendar of meetings 2023/24 is considered.</p> <p>c) Temporary Road Closure in Cynwyl Elfed – NOTED the proposals and AGREED to make no comments.</p>	a) Cllr Ariyadasa declared a personal prejudicial interest as a trustee of Skanda Vale

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023, 8PM**

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