

## LLANPUMSAINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 at 8.15 pm

**Attendees:** Councillors Arwel Nicholas (Chair), Kumi Ariyadasa; Clare Bishop; Dylan Jones; Derick Lock; and Felix Merry.

**Apologies:** Councillor Ann Pettitt

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

Decision /Minute Ref.	Agenda Item	Decision	Declaration of Interest
5/23/8	Graig Junction	<p>The Chair welcomed the 40+ members of the public who were in attendance to express their concerns regarding the new traffic measures at Graig Junction.</p> <p>AGREED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To repeat the request for Carmarthen Council to remove the traffic measures and reinstate the Graig Junction, until Llanpumsaint Community Council is properly informed and consulted about any proposed traffic measures, and the safety concerns raised are properly considered and addressed.</li></ol> <p>IF Carmarthen Council will not agree to point 1 above, then:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. To arrange a public meeting, to be attended by appropriate representatives from the County Council, to discuss the concerns of the community of Llanpumsaint about the new traffic measures at the Graig Junction (provisionally proposed date of Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm, in Llanpumsaint Village Hall.</li><li>3. To pursue the formal complaint submitted to Carmarthen Council in relation to the Council's failure to consult with Llanpumsaint Community Council, provide requested information or provide timely and appropriate responses to our enquiries in relation to the traffic measures installed at the Graig Junction.</li></ol>	

		<p>4. To submit a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to the apparent breach of the Members' Code of Conduct by a Bronwydd Community Councillor arising from an undisclosed personal interest in this matter.</p>	
5/23/9	Financial Matters	<p>NOTED: the Clerk's update on the Council's current financial position, including the Annual Return which would be internally audited and signed off by the Acting Clerk and RFO prior to consideration at the next Council meeting.</p> <p>AGREED that the Community Council would not engage in further correspondence with the former Clerk in relation to his dispute with the Wales Audit Office, in line with the Council's decision of November 2021 to draw a line under this matter and move forwards.</p>	
5/23/10	Appointment of Internal Auditor	<p>AGREED: to reappoint Ashmole and Co as Internal Auditor for the Community Council's accounts for 2022/23.</p>	
5/23/11	Payments for Approval	<p>AGREED: To approve the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Trywydd, translation for March 2023 meeting (£94.20) and Co-Option Form (£43.20), total £137.40</li> <li>b) Carmarthenshire Council – Recharge for Community Elections 2022, £161.66</li> <li>c) Carmarthenshire Council – Street lighting charges for 2022/23, £1,166.60</li> <li>d) One Voice Wales, training course fees £38</li> <li>e) Bunny and Moo, Coronation commemoration mugs, £180</li> </ul>	
5/23/12	Recruitment of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer	<p>NOTED that:</p> <p>(i) The vacancy had been advertised online and a number of expressions of interest received. Applicants were asked to explain how they meet the Person Specification for the role; and the Personnel Committee would then shortlist and</p>	

		<p>interview as appropriate and bring any recommendation on appointment to the Council for approval; and</p> <p>(ii) Pending the appointment of a new Clerk, the Council would continue to focus on essential business priorities only, due to the limited capacity of the voluntary Acting Clerk.</p>	
5/23/13	<p>Planning Application PL/05873 Ffynnon-Las, Barn conversion</p>	<p>AGREED: that there were no objections to this application.</p>	
5/23/14	<p>Village Fun Day, Saturday 10th June 2023</p>	<p>AGREED to award £15 as requested, towards the cost of putting on fun activities.</p>	
5/23/15	<p>Biodiversity Plan</p>	<p>AGREED to approve the revised finalised Biodiversity Plan and receive updates from the Biodiversity Champion in due course.</p>	
5/23/16	<p>Correspondence</p>	<p>The following items of correspondence were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Brechfa Wind Farm – Noted the funding offered to reopen the public toilets; and the Fund Manager’s request to meet with Councillors: AGREED that the Wind Farm Fund Manager be invited to attend the next meeting;</li> <li>b) Skanda Vale, letter from Chair of Board of Trustees to Carmarthenshire Council, copied to the Community Council Chair for information – NOTED concerns raised by members of the public about levels of traffic to and from Skanda Vale; the suggestion that these issues could be discussed at the public meeting about the Graig; and that the Chairman had been invited to attend Skanda Vale’s 50th Anniversary celebrations.</li> <li>c) Carmarthenshire Young Farmers Annual Rally, 13th May 2023 – invitation noted.</li> </ul>	<p>(b) Cllr Ariyadasa declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a trustee of Skanda Vale and withdrew from the meeting during discussion of this item.</p>

5/23/17	Forward Plan	AGREED to note and approve the draft Forward Plan.	
3/23/16	Urgent Items:	Rose Cottage – Concerns raised about obstruction of part of the public highway by parked vehicles outside property. AGREED that Clerk should write to residents explaining concerns and asking if they could kindly make alternative parking arrangements to avoid any potential incidents with agricultural vehicles.	

**Signed:**

**Date:**

**Chairperson**