

**LLANPUMSAINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th May 2024 at 8.15pm**

**Attendees: Councillors Arwel Nicholas (Chair), Dylan Jones, Felix Merry,  
Ann Pettitt; Lyn Thomas, Derick Lock and Clare Bishop.**

**Apologies: County Councillor Bryan Davies and Councillor Kumi Ariyadasa  
(Vice-Chair)**

Minute Ref.	Agenda Item	Decision
5/24/6	Declarations of Interest	Cllr Lock, declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the planning application set out in (agenda item 18), and minute reference 5/24/18 below.
5/24/7	Minutes of previous meeting	AGREED: To approve the draft minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 12th March 2024
5/24/8	County Councillor's update	After a meeting with the Clerk, the Cllr advised that whilst his health is improving, he is not yet back to full duties. He expressed his hope to be at the meeting but had to send his apologies. He also confirmed that should we need to contact the County Council, the clerk should do so directly for now. This need has arisen to speak about the conditions of the roads West of the Railway Inn and the road to Ffynnonhenri Chapel. Due to the poor weather conditions, and the road closure at The Railway Inn, causing a diversion, the tarmac is being severely eroded causing hazardous driving conditions and large potholes. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Highways department.

5/24/9	Graig Junction	A letter from the Clerk to Bronwydd Community Council was circulated This advised the Bronwydd Cllr had completed the training requested and is now fully aware of his responsibilities as a councillor. It was agreed to draw a line under the matter. The Clerk is to compose an article for the Village Voice confirming this. The BCC letter will be posted onto the website.
5/24/10	Standing Orders & Financial Regulations	Noted and Agreed to adopt.
5/24/11	Financial Matters	<p>A. We are still awaiting the return of the previous year's audit from Audit Wales. Also the fees for that year.</p> <p>B. The annual return has been approved and ready for sending to the internal auditor.</p> <p>C. Budget Monitoring. 23/24 had an underspend largely due to the Asset budget not being spent nor having a paid clerk. The 24/25 budget is on target at present.</p> <p>It was noted that current funds are not in an interest paying account. Cllr Bishop has agreed to look into the matter. It was also noted that some monies should need to remain in an ordinary account to raise cheques against.</p>
5/24/12	Internal Auditor	AGREED: to reappoint Ashmole and Co as Internal Auditor for the Community Council's accounts for 2023/24

5/24/13	Correspondence	<p>The correspondence was noted and discussed.</p> <p>Kids Cancer Charity (Agenda item 13B) and Air Ambulance(Agenda item 13C) are requests for donations. Donation requests are usually submitted in January or September for discussion and it was agreed to re-submit these at the September meeting.</p> <p>Cllrs Merry and Thomas agreed to sign up for the Code of Conduct course (Agenda item13E) Cllrs Bishop, Pettitt and Ariyadasa have already completed this course. The remaining councillors are unavailable for this course date.</p>

5/24/14	Payments for Approval	<p>It was agreed to approve the following payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Trywydd £93.60</li> <li>B. Audit Wales 18/19 std fees £200.00</li> <li>C. Carmarthenshire Council - Street Lights £1625.24</li> <li>D. OVW Membership Fees £129.00</li> <li>E. Clerks Salary £255.87* &amp; Stationery Expenses £23.31 Total £279.18</li> <li>F. Acting Clerk Stationery Expenses £24.93</li> <li>G. Hall Fees 14.05.24 £20</li> </ul> <p>* This figure increased due to changes made by HMRC after the agenda was posted. It was agreed as a late revision.</p>
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5/24/15	Assets-update	<p>The Clerk advised the telephone box by the church is now empty of the books. It was also noted that the telephone box near Gladstone Hall is in a very poor state. Ysgol Llanpumsaint have agreed to repaint the bus shelter opposite Gwili Terrace. Cllr Pettitt has agreed to liaise with the school contacts. It was noted the information board outside the hall is damaged. Cllr Nicholas has agreed to remove it temporarily, for safety reasons, with a view to getting it repositioned on the hall wall. Cllr Bishop, who is also a hall committee member, agreed to follow this up with them. A dedicated Community Council noticeboard was also discussed and Cllr Bishop agreed to get pricing for suitable boards and again speak to the hall committee to put it alongside the present one. Cllr Thomas advised that a parcel of land has been offered to the council for potential recreational and biodiversity use. The Cllr has agreed to gather further information and send it to the Clerk who will raise a Letter of Intent. There were concerns with regards to legal costs, however it was suggested that the Brechfa Fund may assist with those if there are any. Ty Hys was discussed at length. The Clerk was unable to find contractors to quote. It was agreed finding contractors was difficult in general. Cllr Bishop agreed to inspect Ty Hys with the current tenant, photograph the areas that need to be repaired and report back at the next meeting.</p>
5/24/16	Jenny Eirian Davies Fund	<p>Councillor Ariyadasa was unable to attend the meeting. An update will be given at the July meeting.</p>

5/24/17	Biodiversity Update	Cllr Bishop advised the Facebook page has 65 members to date. There is an article in the Village Voice giving updates such as the garden bird count and water testing up and downstream of the sewage works. Also there will be a biodiversity table at the Funday, Saturday 29th June, explaining everything you need to know. The draft biodiversity plan was updated adding 734 residents and an area of 2611 hectares per the 2021 census.
5/24/18	Planning Application	Cllr Lock expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in this application as he is a neighbour (Agenda item 6) minute item 5/24/6. The remaining councillors had no objection to application PL/07614
5/24/19	Forward Plan	The updated forward plan was noted and agreed.
5/24/20	Hall Fees	The Clerk suggested that these fees be paid for the year in advance for the dates noted in the AGM minutes. It was also suggested that for this advance payment, it might incur a discount. This has been put to the Treasurer of the Hall Committee who will raise it at their next meeting in June.  Noted and agreed.
5/24/20	Date of next meeting	Tuesday the 9th July 8pm.

SIGNED: DATE: CHAIRPERSON: