

**LLANPUMSAINT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10th September 2024 at 8.00pm**

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

**County Councillor Bryan Davies**

Minute Ref.	Agenda Item	Decision
9/24/1	Declarations of Interest and apologies	Cllr Lyn Thomas expressed a personal and prejudicial interest for ref 9/24/3 as a resident. Cllr Ariyadasa was not present at the meeting having resigned the week before.
9/24/2	Minutes of previous meeting	AGREED: To approve the draft minutes of the ordinary meeting 9th July 2024
9/24/3	Skanda Vale	Per the discretion of the Chair, the Standing Orders were suspended for the discussion of this item only and to allow members of the public to speak. 4 members of the public requested this opportunity. One resident asked if Skanda Vale's postcode could be changed which would redirect the traffic on GPS. This was noted and agreed to discuss. Another resident advised visitor traffic was causing damage to her property and when Skanda Vale was approached on this matter they could not help. The speed and volume of traffic was the main concern of another resident, also the noise beginning at around 4am. A resident, and a member of the farming community, advised how difficult it was to do his job due to the volume of traffic, especially at weekends. Cllr Thomas agreed he had the same issue. There were quite a few complaints of trespass, though none had been reported to the police. It was noted that none of the emergency services have complained to Cllr Davies of any difficulties gaining access in this area. The Cllrs noted and agreed that Cllr Davies would arrange for a meeting to be convened, in camera, with the various authorities, Skanda Vale representatives, and LLCC to find a way forward. Once that has happened, an extraordinary meeting can be called for the public to attend. The Standing Orders were then reinstated to continue the ordinary meeting.
9/24/4	Financial Matters	A. Budget Monitoring was noted and agreed. B. The bank statements were checked and signed per the Financial Regulations by Cllr Pettitt.
9/24/5	Payments approved.	A. Trywydd (Translation) £93.60 B. E.C. Bishop (50% Noticeboard) £375.00 C. WD&MM Thomas & Son (Welding) £61.14

		D. Air Ambulance (Donation 9/24/6) £200.00
9/24/6	Grant Applications	Noted and approved a £200 grant to Air Ambulance. The grant application for Kids Cancer was rejected on the premise that LLCC prefers to support charities that benefit the community.
9/24/7	Asset Update	As noted in ref 9/24/5, a new noticeboard has been purchased in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee. Cllr Thomas arranged for the welding repairs of the information board. Both will be put on the Village Hall wall once the renovations of the hall are completed. Cllr Pettitt will liaise further with the Chair of School Governors, who was present at the meeting, regarding the painting of Gwili Terrace bus shelter. It was also agreed to purchase a dedicated laptop. See 9/24/10.
9/24/8	Biodiversity- update	Cllr Bishop was able to advise that she, along with quite a few people from the village, that the Himalayan Balsam from the Recreation Ground was cleared in 2 sessions. Further sessions need to be arranged.
9/24/9	Christmas Tree Event	It was agreed to hold this popular event again this year. The date to be confirmed. Cllr Pettitt agreed to arrange the purchase of the tree again. Cllr Jones agreed to play the role of Sion Corn with a budget of £75 for small presents for the attending children.
9/24/10	Risk Assessment Review	The adjustments made were agreed and updated. Time permitting, a final review will be made at the next meeting. It was noted and agreed as part of the Clerk handover section and the Cyber Security section, the Clerk should have a dedicated laptop for council business. It was agreed the Clerk would investigate costs and report back to the Chair.
9/24/11	Highways	Cllr Davies' response to queries made at the last meeting was noted. All trashing is up to date. The Cllr has written again to CCC requesting a barrier be erected near Bronallt. It had already been agreed that the speed limit could not be reduced to 20mph in this area as it would make it difficult for tractors and HGVs to climb the hill out of Llanpumsaint.
9/24/12	Land Acquisition	A response was received from the landowner. Due to time constraints, this item could not be discussed fully and agreed to be tabled for the next meeting. It was noted that the land offered does have Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam and this needed further investigation. There also appears to be a wayleave on the land too. The clerk will investigate further and advise at the next meeting, time permitting. However, whilst no payment is required for the land, should LLCC decide to acquire it, Cllr Thomas advised the landowner would like a bench seat there with a

		dedication on it. This was noted.
9/24/13	Correspondence	<p>All correspondence was noted and again due to time constraints some could not be fully discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Cllr Lock made a report regarding a briefing on the new South West Wales Regional Transport Plan.</li> <li>B. Request for a new school governor. Unfortunately, no councillor could offer their time to fill this role.</li> <li>C. DPI Development Plan was noted.</li> <li>D. My Health My Choice was noted and agreed not within LLCC's remit.</li> <li>E. Powers and Policies was noted and agreed to be discussed at the next meeting, due to time constraints at this meeting.</li> <li>F. 5 emails and a letter received from residents regarding Skanda Vale visitors. See 9/24/3. These were noted and agreed to be sent to Cllr Davies to pursue. Also, the letter received from Skanda Vale.</li> <li>G. It is with regret that the Chair received an email of resignation from Cllr Kumi Ariyadasa. Everyone wished her well in her future endeavours and the council will always be grateful for her help as acting clerk. This has created a vacancy for a councillor and a Vice Chair. The vacancy for the post as councillor will be advertised shortly. Cllr Thomas was immediately nominated as Vice Chair, and this was carried unanimously.</li> </ul>
9/24/14	Forward Plan	The forward plan was noted and agreed additions were made.
9/24/15	Date of next meeting	It was noted the next meeting would be the 12th of November at 8pm.

DATE & SIGNED

CHAIRPERSON