

Cyngor Cymuned Llannon Community Council



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llannon Community Council

on

Wednesday 27th March 2024 at 6.30pm

Held remotely via Zoom

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

The Chair, Cllr. Julie Owen presided over the meeting.

Minute No. 137 – Members Present.

Cllr. J. Owen (JO)
Cllr. R. Lloyd Davies (RD)
Cllr. P. Owen (PO)
Cllr. N. Thomas (NT)
Cllr. E. G. Evans (EGE)
Cllr. S. Eldridge (SE)
Cllr. S. Stewart (SS)
Cllr. G. Jones (GJ)

Also Present:

Mrs. C. Hope – Clerk (CH)
Mrs. Ff. Lewis – Deputy-Clerk (FL)
Mrs. L. Davies – Welsh Language Interpreter

Minute No. 138 – Apologies and reasons for absence.

Cllr. Ll. Davies - Away on holiday.
Cllr. C. Davies - Away on holiday.
Cllr. S. Stewart - Away on holiday.

No other apologies for absence were received via the Clerk.

Minute No. 139 – Declarations of Interests.

PO declared an interest regarding item 19 of the agenda.
JO declared an interest regarding item 19 of the agenda.

JO informed the Council that prior to the discussion for item 19 that she would have to leave the meeting and asked RD, as the Deputy Chair, if she would be willing to take over the meeting at that time. RD agreed to do so.

Minute No. 140 – Policing Matters.

The Clerk informed the Council that the Police hadn't called a meeting this month.

The Clerk reported to the Council that she has had to deal with a Policing matter this week which hasn't been a pleasant experience and due to data protection and ongoing enquires she can't inform the Council of its nature at this point in time.

Minute No. 141 – The Chair's report.

A copy of the Chair's report was sent previously to all members of the Council via email by the Clerk. The Chair informed the Council that she has received a letter from Ammanford Town Council since her report was sent out. The Chair read the following letter to all members present:

Dear Julie

Due to recent events that have deeply shocked and upset me, I feel compelled to write to you, as Chair of Llannon Community Council.

Without the volunteering work and support that Mrs Hope has done for Ammanford Town Council we would not have been able to try and move forward.

Some background of where we were prior to Mrs Hope volunteering to support us.

Our Clerk was on long term sick. Many issues were being raised among them were financial concerns that needed expert advice on how to best manage these. This expert advice was given by Mrs Hope. This expert advice was invaluable due to many new councillors having been elected to Ammanford Town Council who needed this professional expert advice to guide us through this extremely difficult time.

Ammanford Town Council will be forever grateful to Mrs Hope who has given of her time freely without any financial rewards. This speaks volumes for the type of person Mrs Hope is and how unique she is.

Llannon Community Council are very fortunate to have Mrs Hope as their Clerk and I hope that they cherish her. Ammanford Town Council has employed an Interim Clerk that Mrs Hope again has volunteered to mentor.

May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hope for her unwavering support to Ammanford Town Council at such a difficult time

*Sincerely
Heulwen Howells
(Deputy-Mayor Ammanford Town Council)*

The Chair thanked the Clerk for her dedication and hard work and stated that LICC are very fortunate that they have such a high quality of a Clerk and that the Council appreciates everything that she does for LICC.

Minute No. 142 – To receive County Councillor’s reports.

Cllr. Ll. Davies sent her report via email to the Clerk who in turn forwarded the report to all Councillor’s via email.

The Clerk has not received a report from Cllr. D. Jones.

GJ asked the Council if it was possible to have the reports earlier in future.

The Clerk informed the Council that these reports were for information purposes only and the Council do not need to discuss or make any decisions on these reports.

Minute No. 143 – Public Participation.

The Chair welcomed the members of public to the meeting. The Chair explained the protocol and procedure of the meeting to the members of the public and asked the Clerk to take note of any questions raised from the members of the public. The Chair asked the members of the public if anyone wished to address the Council.

A MOP stated that the question was in relation to item 9, 11 and 12 of the agenda. The MOP asked if there was funding in the 2024-25 budget for these projects and whether this would have an impact on the following years budget setting and precept as the MOP was concerned with any further rises that could affect the taxpayers.

The Clerk asked permission from the Chair to answer the MOPs questions. The Chair granted the Clerk permission to do so.

The Clerk stated that with regards to the development of the tennis courts at Cross Hands (item 9), the budget that's already been set for the financial year 24-25 has £50,000 allocated to future projects and the £25,000 needed can be taken from here, hence there will be no impact on future budgets.

The Clerk explained that for the future development of the pavilion at Parc Y Mynydd Mawr (item 11), until the project has been finalised then the Clerk cannot currently confirm the cost of the development. Once all the costings have been done the Clerk will bring this to the Council for them to make a decision on the matter.

RD stated that she didn't think that this was the right time to go in to these matters further as all information would be explained further during the agenda items.

JO asked if there were any other questions from the MOPs present. There were no other questions.

Minute No. 144 – Confirmation of the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 31.01.24.

RD proposed that these minutes were a true record. SE seconded the proposal. GJ abstained. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 31.01.24 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

Minute No. 145 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Well-being and Events Committee Meeting on 12.02.24.

RD proposed that these minutes were a true record. JO seconded the proposal. GJ abstained. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Well-being and Events Committee Meeting on 12.02.24 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

Minute No. 146 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Assets Committee Meeting on 12.02.24.

PO proposed that these minutes were a true record. RD seconded the proposal. GJ abstained. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Assets Committee Meeting on 12.02.24 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

Minute No. 147 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting on 12.02.24.

RD proposed that these minutes were a true record. PO seconded the proposal. GJ abstained. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Personnel Committee Meeting on 12.02.24 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

Minute No. 148 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 12.02.24.

JO proposed that these minutes were a true record. RD seconded the proposal. GJ abstained. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 12.02.24 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

Minute No. 149 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting on 21.02.24.

SE proposed that these minutes were a true record. EGE seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting on 21.02.24 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

Minute No. 150 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting on 18.03.24.

SE proposed that these minutes were a true record. PO seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting on 18.03.24 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

The Clerk asked the Chair if it was possible to change item 8 and 9 around in order for the guest speaker to be able to participate in the meeting. The Chair agreed to change the order of the agenda.

Minute No. 151 – Discuss the Lawn Tennis Association’s proposed investment into the tennis courts at Cross Hands Park.

The Chair welcomed Mr. Hill to the Council.

Mr. Hill gave an outline of his tennis background and how he has helped develop schemes such as the proposal made for the tennis courts at Cross Hands. Mr. Hill informed the Council that he has experience in finding funding opportunities for such projects and that he would be happy to help. The idea behind these projects is to try and introduce people to tennis and help get people out in the open air. Mr. Hill felt that the modest £39 per year for a family membership would help maintain the courts and make it sustainable. Mr. Hill has spoken to other tennis clubs who stated that there is a need for tennis courts within the Cross Hands area and were very surprised that there weren’t adequate facilities readily available.

SE asked Mr. Hill if he knew how much demand was in the area for tennis courts?

Mr. Hill felt that there is a great demand within Cross Hands, and this sport is for all ages. The idea for redeveloping tennis courts is to encourage all ages and abilities. There are many schemes that LICC could participate in. Different groups within the community could organise their own type of activities in order to fit in with them.

EGE asked if Mr. Hill was aware that Tumble has the eldest tennis player in the land.

RD asked Mr. Hill if he would be interested in setting up a club for the area.

Mr. Hill informed the Council that this programme allows any volunteer to set up their own club as they are not restricted to coaching criteria and extra insurance. This allows a larger scope of volunteers. The idea behind this scheme is to encourage as many members of the public to get involved and interested in the sport.

RD thanked Mr. Hill for the information and his valuable advice.

The Clerk informed the Council that she had previously been involved in the England & Wales Cricket Board’s ‘All Stars’ programme that encouraged over 72 children to participate in cricket in the Ammanford area. The Clerk

suggested that a similar scheme could be set up for the use of the tennis courts.

JO stated that the schools within the community could use the tennis courts as part of their curriculum.

Mr. Hill informed the Council that he has previously been involved with a scheme that involved local schools and felt that this would be beneficial for the community.

The Chair thanked Mr. Hill for attending the meeting and for sharing his knowledge and experience with the Council.

The Chair asked the Clerk if she would like to say anything with regards to the redevelopment of the tennis courts at Cross Hands.

The Clerk informed the Council that the reason for writing a detailed report for the redevelopment was to provide as much information as possible in order that the Councillors and members of the public could fully understand what the project entailed.

The Clerk stated that in order to accept the LTA proposal, the Council would have to match fund £25,000 from the Future Projects Budget. The Clerk informed the Council that the tennis courts currently at Cross Hands aren't up to standard and they will become a health and safety risk if they're not resurfaced soon. If the tennis courts become a health and safety concern, then there is a possibility that these courts will need to be closed in the future.

The total cost for the project will be £60,000, £35,000 of which will be grant funded. The Clerk stated that investing in the tennis courts now will help future plans that the Council have for Cross Hands, this project will help secure future funding towards other aspects of the park that need upgrading. These tennis courts are the only tennis courts in the ward.

The Chair asked the Council if there were any questions.

GJ expressed his concerns with regards to the security of the tennis courts. GJ asked how will the Council keep the tennis courts secure?

The Clerk informed the Council that CCTV that is currently in Cross Hands Park can be tweaked slightly to ensure that the courts will be covered. The Clerk also informed the Council that the access gates to the court will have a pass code that will only be shared with the users who have booked the courts.

PO stated that he was glad that the CCTV can incorporate the tennis courts.

GJ stated that CCTV is very good for after incidents have taken place but not when the incidents happen. To ensure this the tennis courts would need to be monitored 24 hours a day.

7.15pm Cllr. N. Thomas joined the meeting.

RD believed that the refurbishment of the tennis courts at Cross Hands will be a good opportunity for the community and will help encourage more outdoor activities and the development of tennis in the area. RD also believes that the local schools would be interested in using the facility.

EGE agreed with RD but also agreed that the safety and security of the tennis court is important.

PO proposed that the Council accept the grant from Tennis Wales and that the Council allow the Clerk to move forward with the project. SE seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that the Clerk moves forward with the redevelopment of the tennis courts at Cross Hands and accept the grant from Tennis Wales.

Minute No. 152 – Clerk’s Report.

The Clerk reported to the Council on the following:

• ***FOI’s and Correspondence.***

The Clerk has received the following FOIs from a member of the public which she has responded accordingly:

- i. 31st Jan and 4th Feb – a request for the video recording of LICC’s meetings.
- ii. 13th Feb - a request for budget monitoring reports.
- iii. 17th Feb – asking when the next meeting for LICC will be held and chasing up the request for the video recordings of the meetings.

- iv. 18th Feb – requesting if they can propose a community vote to see if the community agree with the rise in the precept.
- v. 19th Feb – request for correspondence between the Council, them, and Cllr. D. Jones regarding the questions that they asked Cllr. D. Jones in February 2023.
- vi. 20th Feb – Finance related questions.
- vii. 20th Feb – A request for a copy of LICC’s social media policy.
- viii. 20th Feb – Asked whether the EGM held on 18.03.24 was replacing tonight’s meeting.
- ix. 21st Feb – Clerk sent a response to a MOP
- x. 28th Feb – Further questions received after the previous response was sent. The Clerk responded further.
- xi. 29th Feb - Further questions received with regards to the above response. The Clerk responded on the 5th March.
- xii. 22nd March – A request for information regarding the old chairs that were in Tumble Hall.
- xiii. 23rd March - A request for information regarding the Hall and Outdoor Cinema event, also requesting personal information about the Clerk.

The Clerk had received the following correspondence and has responded accordingly:

- i. Email received from GJ informing the Clerk that he had received complaints from MOP’s stating that they could not get access the last Full Council meeting. The Clerk asked GJ for the screenshots but hasn’t received a response yet. The Clerk informed the Council that following the previous meeting, there were three MOPs trying to join the incorrect meeting. The Clerk asked GJ if he could send her the screenshot so that she can verify whether these MOPs are the same.
- ii. 11th March – Email received from Cllr. D. Jones regarding the bus stop in Cross Hands.
- iii. 13th March – Email received from Cllr. D. Jones with regards to the Roman Road.
- iv. 14th March – Email received from Cllr. D. Jones regarding the defibrillator/kiosk outside Heol Stores. The Clerk informed the Council that she has been unable to find any paperwork to prove ownership of the kiosk. The Clerk also informed the Council that LICC hasn’t received a bill or paid electricity for this kiosk, which could indicate that the kiosk hasn’t been transferred over to LICC. The Clerk has tried to contact BT, but they were unable to help as the Clerk can’t get passed the security

questions asked by BT. The Clerk has been in contact with the shop owner asking if they were willing to try and contact BT.

GJ informed the Council that LICC has adopted the kiosk and that the decision to adopt the kiosk are in the minutes of the Council. GJ also informed the Council that Cllr. D. Jones sorted this out.

The Clerk confirmed that the agreement to adopt the kiosk is in the Council's minutes but there is no formal paperwork to confirm the adoption. The Clerk also informed the Council that the kiosk does not appear on the asset register that was agreed by the Council prior to her employment. The Clerk asked GJ whether he would be willing to ask Cllr. D. Jones if she would be able to provide any paperwork to show that LICC had formerly adopted the kiosk. The Clerk would be very grateful for any help with this matter.

GJ informed the Council that Cllr. D. Jones contacted BT on behalf of the previous Clerk and it was agreed that BT would continue to pay the electricity for the kiosk. He can't guarantee that there will be any paperwork due to the fire at their family home and if there was any paperwork then it would have gone up in flames.

- ***Precept for 2024-25.***

The Clerk informed the Council that the paperwork for the 2024-25 Precept has been completed and sent into Carmarthenshire County Council.

- ***Audit Wales.***

The Clerk has had to work alongside Audit Wales providing them with historic information that they have requested. This is why the Clerk could not hold a meeting at the end of February. Audit Wales has informed the Clerk that they will be issuing a report with regards to historical issues in due course.

- ***Playgrounds.***

The Clerk has had a meeting with a playground company to discuss Tir Waun Park and Y Graig. The playground company that she met with can provide equipment over a three year period finance agreement. The Clerk is waiting for the company to send their proposal so that she can present this to the Council.

- **Complaints.**

The Clerk informed the Council that a complaint was made to the Public Service Ombudsman of Wales against PO. The PSOW have responded stating that they will not be upholding the complaint.

A MOP has emailed the Clerk making a complaint against JO. The Clerk has responded accordingly.

A MOP made a complaint to a member of the Council with regards to Tumble Football pitch. The complaint has been forwarded to the Clerk. The MOP complained about the length of the grass and that some MOPs had to cut the grass with their own mowers. The Clerk informed the Council that she liaises with the secretary of the football club regularly, who keeps the Clerk updated with regular fixtures and informs the Council when the grass needs to be cut. A member of the maintenance team had been in contact with the secretary on this occasion to inform the club that it wasn't possible to cut the grass with the ride on mowers as the ground was too wet. The Clerk informed the Council that the MOPs that cut the grass had not been granted permission to do so from the Council nor the Club. The Clerk has received a letter from Tumble Football Club confirming that they had not granted permission to the MOPs.

The Clerk has received a letter from a MOP complaining about the rise in the precept. The Clerk will respond to the letter accordingly.

- **Tumble RFC Juniors Festival.**

Tumble RFC Juniors Festival will be held on the 7th April 2024. The Clerk informed the Council that they have requested the same set up as last year, with the use of the pavilion.

- **Tumble Hall**

- i. The roof had been leaking, this was due worn sealant around the solar panels. The leak has been fixed but the roofer wanted to keep the scaffolding in place to enable him to check that everything is fine. The scaffolding will be removed once the roofer is happy that there are no further leaks in the roof.
- ii. There was a leak in the toilets. This has been fixed.
- iii. The ladies and the gentlemen's toilets needed lights replacing, this involved replacing the old strips as they no longer produce these. This issue has been resolved.

- ***Llannon Square.***

Llannon Square needed an urgent Health and Safety upgrade. There were many loose stones on the square and this issue had to be resolved as a matter of urgency. The Clerk informed the Council that Pro Axe have been carrying out the work and has had very good feedback from the passing residents regarding the work done. The Clerk thanked Mr. Snaith and his team for carrying out the work to such a high standard.

- ***The Family Centre.***

The Clerk has received full payment from the Family Centre for the use of Y Cwtsh.

- ***Carmarthenshire County Council.***

Carmarthenshire County Council have paid LICC early this year for the footpath maintenance, this will be reflected in the 2023-24 budget and that the Council need to take this into consideration for the 2024-25 budget.

- ***St David's Day Concert.***

The concert was held at Tumble Hall and organised by Cllr. C. Davies. The Clerk informed the Council that it was a success and thanked CD for organising the event.

- ***Playground Inspections.***

Llandybie Community Council have been using LICC to help carry out their playground inspections. The Clerk for Llandybie Community Council has been very pleased with the reports, and this will be third month that the inspections are carried out. The Clerk has invoiced Llandybie Community Council, and this money should be paid into LICCs Bank Account by the end of the financial year. Hopefully moving forward LICC can outsource other work within CCC to increase the income generated.

- ***Defibrillators.***

The two new defibrillators have arrived. The Clerk is currently waiting for the cabinets to be able to install them.

- ***Councillor Allowances.***

The Clerk has emailed all Councillors the paperwork needed in order for the members to complete, whether they wish to receive their allowance or not.

The Clerk asked the Council that these forms are complete and returned via email by 31st March 2024.

- ***VAT Reclaim.***

The Clerk informed the Council that the Council have received £103,370.96 back from the VAT reclaim submitted. The reason for the delay was that the details held by HMRC were of the previous Clerk's home address and to correct the details was a very timely process. The issue has now been resolved and all future VAT reclaim will be done quarterly.

JO and SE thanked the Clerk and Deputy-Clerk for their work in retrieving the money on behalf of the Council.

GJ asked the Clerk why they haven't been recording meetings.

The Clerk informed the Council that previous meetings were recorded to enable the Deputy-Clerk to check the minutes, once the minutes were ratified then these recordings would get deleted. The Clerk also informed the Council that she has been in contact with the ICO to seek advice on this matter. The ICO informed the Clerk that there is no need for the recordings to be saved as the minutes written provide the information of the meetings held.

GJ asked if there was any reason why the Council don't and shouldn't record any future meetings.

The Clerk stated that the legal advice that she had received from the ICO was that there was no need to record any meetings and the Clerk felt that the Deputy-Clerk's minutes are very precise.

GJ stated that he would like all future meetings recorded.

The Clerk informed the Council that she can only work from Council policies and asked GJ that he can formally request a motion ready for the Annual Meeting that will be held in May.

Minute No. 153 – Information regarding an application for funding submitted to the Sustainable Communities Fund.

The Clerk informed the Council that she had received an email during the meeting confirming that SCF application for £40,000 that she had submitted

was successful. The Clerk also informed the Council that CCC are holding a £35,000 maintenance grant and hopefully now that LICC has received the SCF then this money will be released to the Council soon.

The Chair congratulated the Clerk and stated that this is an exciting time for LICC.

Minute No. 154 – Update regarding the potential development/funding of The Pavilion, Parc Y Mynydd Mawr.

The Clerk informed the Council that she has had a meeting with the consultant that is working on behalf of the Rugby Club. The application for funding has nearly been completed. The Family Centre are making a video to submit alongside the application. The first part of the application will involve the Cymru Football Foundation, who believe that the submitted bid is a very strong one. If the bid with CFF then the second step will be to look at potential funding from the National Lottery who are very supportive of these types of developments. The Clerk will bring this back to Council for a decision once they are at this stage. The Clerk stated that there has been positive feedback within the community regarding the potential development.

Minute No. 155 – Discuss proposals for the development of a new Council website.

The Clerk informed the Council that one of the companies approached have withdrawn their quote as they no longer offer website development. The Clerk has contacted another company and will bring this back to the Council for a decision when the quote has been received.

Minute No. 156 – Discuss arrangements for Cinio a Chlonc.

The Clerk informed the Council that LICC's well-being plan states that the Council will set up a weekly activity, such as Cinio a Chlonc. The Well-Being Committee have met and taken part in workshops who have also looked at ways of starting such a scheme. The Clerk informed the Council that there is an allowance in the 2024-25 Budget to help with the Cinio a Chlonc.

The Clerk has advertised that the Cinio a Chlonc will be available every Friday between 12pm and 2pm starting from the 5th April 2024. This will cost £5 for residents of LICC and £7.50 for non-residents which will include entertainment and a meal. The Community Bus will also be available but will need to be

booked in advance via the Clerk. The Clerk asked the Councillors that if anyone would like to volunteer to get in touch as soon as possible. The Clerk felt that it would be a good idea if at least one Councillor per week could attend and if they could email her their availability. The Fish and Chip shop will be providing meals once a month. The Clerk is in the process of contacting other businesses within the community to see if they too would like to be involved.

The Chair stated that she will help when she can and is looking forward to seeing this up and running.

Minute No. 157 – Discuss bus shelters within the Llannon Ward.

The Clerk and an Officer in CCC have been emailing back and forth with regards to the bus shelters. The Clerk stated that this has been going on for some time. The Officer in CCC has informed the Clerk that some of the bus shelters were taken on as a 50/50 responsibility by the Community Council and County Council but there is no paperwork to prove this. The Clerk informed the Council that LICC's maintenance staff are currently looking after the bus shelters. The Clerk asked the Council whether they wish to keep maintaining the bus shelters?

GJ proposed that LICC keep maintaining the bus shelters. SE seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that LICC keep maintaining the bus shelters.

Minute No. 158 – Financial Matters.

Council's Cashbooks.

The Clerk previously circulated the following to all Councillors via email:

- Council Account Cashbook for January 2024.
- Hall Account Cashbook for January 2024.
- Precept Account Cashbook for January 2024.
- Reserve Account Cashbook for January 2024.
- Council Account Cashbook for February 2024.
- Hall Account Cashbook for February 2024.
- Precept Account Cashbook for February 2024.
- Reserves Account Cashbook for February 2024.

GJ noted that £600 had been paid out in respect of dance lessons and queried how much if any profit had actually been made on the dance lessons.

The Clerk stated that the Cashbook shows the income received for the dance lessons and the expenditure paid.

SE stated that the dance lessons had proved to be extremely popular and they were making money for the Council.

GJ asked again for confirmation of the figures. The Clerk stated that she did not have a breakdown as Cashbooks show income and expenditure.

GJ requested that the Clerk “Just answer the question.” The Clerk confirmed that she did not have a breakdown as this paperwork is just relating to Cashbooks.

PO proposed that the Council ratify the above Cashbooks. NT seconded the proposal. GJ abstained from voting. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that the Council Account Cashbook for January and February 2024, Hall Account Cashbook for January and February 2024, Precept Account Cashbook for January and February 2024, Reserve Account Cashbook for January and February 2024 are ratified.

Update of the prospective year end 2023-24.

The Clerk gave the Council an update of the prospective year end 2023-24. The Clerk informed the Council that the Income and the Expenditure are both currently on par. The Cemetery income and expenditure is higher than expected due to the insurance claim that LICC had to make to restore the memorial stones after the accident. The Room Hire income is larger than what was expected at the start of 2023, this is due to Lloyds Bank and the Hwb using the Hall. There has been an overspend on the Maintenance and Repairs Budget, this is due to the unexpected repairs at Llannon Square and repairs needed at Tumble Hall. The Clerk thanked the Deputy-Clerk for her hard work with the finances and appreciates the time taken in order to get LICC where they need to be financially.

The Clerk informed the Council that other Community Councils don't publish as much information and reports as LICC do, this is evident if they were to look at other Council's websites. LICC provide the members of the public far more

information than what is required by law to ensure openness to their residents.

The Chair thanked the Clerk and Deputy-Clerk and stated that LICC are lucky to have a dedicated team of staff.

Ratify payments made.

The Clerk previously circulated the payments made in February 2024 for ratification to all Councillors via email.

RD proposed to ratify the payments made in February 2024. SE seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved payments made in February 2024 are ratified.

Ratify outstanding payments.

The Clerk previously circulated the outstanding bank transfer payments for March 2024 totalling £31,333.48 to all Councillors via email.

PO proposed that the Council pay the outstanding Bank Transfer payments totalling £31,333.48. SE seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved to pay the outstanding Bank Transfer payments totalling £31,333.48.

8.20pm due to the bad weather the Clerk's internet had gone down. The Clerk left the meeting and did not return.

The Deputy-Clerk asked the Chair and the Council whether they would like her to continue Clerking the meeting. The members present agreed.

Minute No. 159 – Appoint an Internal Auditor for the 2023-24 financial year.

The Deputy-Clerk suggested that the Council ask M.I. Morris & Co Ltd to conduct the internal audit for the financial year 2023-24 as they were the ones that did LICC's previous internal audit.

SE proposed that the Council use M.I. Morris & Co Ltd as LICC's Internal Auditor for the 2023-24 financial year. GJ seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that LICC use M.I. Morris & Co Ltd as LICC's Internal Auditor for the 2023-24 financial year.

Minute No. 160 – Appoint an additional signatory to the Council's Bank Accounts.

The Deputy-Clerk informed the Council that the Clerk contacted the Bank during the week to manage the signatories on the account. Whilst on the phone to the Bank the Clerk was made aware that the Bank hadn't carried out previous instructions correctly which meant that LD hadn't been added as a signatory. The Deputy-Clerk informed the Council that this issue is in the process of being corrected. The Deputy-Clerk also informed the Council that they need to appoint another signatory to the Bank account. Former Cllr. Michael Jones also needs to be removed from the account.

EGE proposed that SE becomes a signatory to the Council's Bank Accounts. NT seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that SE becomes a signatory to the Council's Bank Accounts.

Minute No. 161 – Councillor Training.

The Chair informed the Council that the Clerk has emailed all Councillors the new training schedule sent from OVW. The Chair asked all members present to contact the Clerk or Deputy-Clerk to make arrangements to attend the necessary training.

Minute No. 162 – Discuss whether polling cards are required for the forthcoming election in Tumble Ward.

The Deputy-Clerk informed the Council that Carmarthenshire County Council have quoted £3100 as the cost for the polling cards and that the Councillors present need to decide whether they would like to purchase polling cards for the upcoming election.

EGE felt that it was unnecessary to purchase polling cards due to the extra cost for LICC.

GJ stated that he was in favour of purchasing polling cards as after the last election he had received complaints from residents stating that they were unaware of an election taking place within the ward. RD agreed that there was

a need for polling cards on this occasion and was hopeful that the polling cards would encourage residents to come and vote.

GJ proposed that the Council purchase the polling cards. RD seconded the proposal. All in favour.

Resolved that the Council purchase polling cards for the forthcoming election in Tumble Ward.

8.33pm EGE left the meeting.

Minute 163 – Discuss separate collection of waste materials for recycling.

The Deputy-Clerk informed the Council that there will be a change to how the waste will be collected. There will be extra charge if recyclable waste isn't separated correctly. The Deputy-Clerk informed the Council that she has been in contact with Cwm Environmental is currently waiting for a quote from them, once the quote comes through, this information will be passed on to all Councillors.

8.35pm JO asked RD to Chair the meeting and stated that she needs to leave the meeting as she has an interest in the planning application. JO left the meeting. PO left the meeting as he had an interest in the planning application.

The Vice-Chair informed the Council that the meeting was not quorate and that the meeting would have to end. RD thanked the members present and closed the meeting,

The Vice-Chair closed the meeting at 8.36pm

Signed

Date

(Chair)