

Cyngor Cymuned Llannon Community Council



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Llannon Community Council

on

Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 6.30pm

Hybrid via Teams and in Tumble Hall

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

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

Minute No. 130 – Members Present.

Cllr. J. Owen (JO) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. R. Lloyd Davies (RD) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. P. Owen (PO) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. Ll. Davies (LD) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. J. Anderson (JA) – Teams.

Cllr. S. Stewart (SS) – Teams.

Cllr. S. Blackmore (SB) – Teams.

Cllr. G. Jones (GJ) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. C. Davies (CD) – Teams.

Cllr. E. G. Evans (EGE) – Teams.

Also Present:

Mrs. C. Hope – Clerk (CH)

Mrs. L. Davies – Welsh Language Interpreter.

Miss. B. Davies - Welsh Language interpreter.

Mr. L. Andrews – Security.

Minute No. 131 – Apologies and reasons for absence.

Cllr. N. Thomas (NT) – Unwell.

Cllr. T. Stillman (TS) – Away.

Cllr. R. Jones (RJ) – Work commitments.

Cllr. A. James (AJ) - Work commitments.

Minute No. 132 – Absence without apologies given.

Cllr. S. Eldridge (SE).

Minute No. 133 – Declarations of Interests.

There were no new declarations of interests.

Minute No. 134 – Policing Matters.

There were no policing matters to report.

Minute No. 135 – The Chair’s Report.

A copy of the Chair’s report was sent previously to all members of the Council via email by the Chief Officer.

Minute No. 136 – County Councillor’s Report.

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

The Chief Officer has not received a report from Cllr. D. Jones.

Minute No. 137 – Public participation.

A Member of the Public quoted the Council’s bank balances in December and stated that salary payments outstanding would bankrupt the Council. They also noted that the public are not allowed to see the finance documents.

The Chief Officer stated that all quarterly reports are published in the Finance section of the Council’s website. The Chief Officer stated that all electors have the right to exercise their right to inspect the Council’s financial information during the Summer and notices are published on the Council website and in

the window of Tumble Hall every year. The Chief Officer stated that since she has been in post, nobody has requested to inspect the accounts.

The Chief Officer explained that during December and January, final invoices were paid in relation to the Shared Communities Fund grant of £40,000 awarded to the Council to create the Cross Hands Park Masterplan.

The Chief Officer stated that she had received communication from Carmarthenshire County Council stating the money would be processed and paid into the Council's bank account within the next week. The Chief Officer also stated that a VAT refund of £10k is expected from HMRC over the next few days. The total expected is therefore approximately £50,000.

The Chief Officer stated that only January and February's salary will be paid in this financial year as March's invoice will not be received until April. The Chief Officer confirmed that the Council will not be bankrupt and there will be funds in the bank account at the end of the financial year.

The Chief Officer advised that reserves will be used for cash flow purposes as and when required.

Minute No. 138 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 27.11.2024.

LD proposed that these minutes were a true record. SB seconded the proposal. All members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 27.11.24 (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. 139 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 09.12.24.

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

Resolved that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 09.12.24 (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. 140 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 13.01.25.

LD proposed that these minutes were a true record. SS seconded the proposal. GJ abstained from voting. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 13.01.25 (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. 141 – The Chief Officers' report.

The Chief Officer reported to the Council on the following matters:

- ***Cinio & Chlonc Christmas Lunch*** – 72 people attended the Christmas lunch. One Voice Wales was also in attendance which has resulted in the Cinio & Chlonc being OVW's next case study. This case study will be circulated to all Community and Town Councils and the Welsh Government.
- ***Storm Darragh*** – There was damage to Tumble Park after the storm. The cost to repair the damage will be in the region of £1900 and will commence in the warmer weather.
- ***Cross Hands Bowls*** – A thank you letter received from Cross Hands Bowls. The Chief Officer will forward this letter to all members of the Council via email.
- ***Staff*** – Ffion has passed the iLCA to CiLCA qualification and will be starting the CiLCA qualification later this year.
- ***Y Graig*** – The bracken and gorse has been cleared at Y Graig.
- ***Tumble Hall*** – The stairs and the landing have now been painted. The new carpet has been laid, and the new flooring has been laid in the kitchen.
- ***Y Cwtsh*** – The Chief Officer has applied for funding through the Direct Food Support Fund. The grant was successful and Y Cwtsh has been awarded £7000.
- ***Asset Register*** – All of LICC's buildings have been re-valued ready to prepare the updated asset register.
- ***Shared Community Fund Grant*** – LICC have paid the £40,000 and CCC have confirmed that the claim has been processed so the Council should receive the grant funding in the next couple of weeks.

- **VAT return** – October to December’s VAT return has been completed. £9417.83 from HMRC will be shown on January’s cashbook.
 - **Health & Safety** – Replacement First Aid equipment and hazardous substance cabinets have been ordered for the Cemetery, Y Cwtsh and Tumble Hall.
 - **Cross Hands Cinema** – The Chair, Cllr Julie Owen has paid for Cross Hands Cinema to show a free film during February half-term out of her allowance.
 - **Tree Inspections** – Tree inspections will need to be carried out asap.
- Cllr. G Jones asked if Tumble Hall was open to support residents affected by Storm Darragh who were without electricity.

The Chief Officer advised that that Tumble Hall was not open as there is no plan in place. A red weather warning had been issued so the Council cannot force any staff members to open the Hall. GJ stated that the Caretaker only lives next door so he could have opened the building. The Chief Officer reiterated that the Council cannot make any staff member work during these weather conditions.

The Chief Officer stated that Cllr. Jones could request a motion to discuss an Emergency Plan for these types of incidents which Cllr Jones then requested.

Cllr. Sarah Stewart noted that Tumble Workingmen’s Club had opened and local people did have a place to go to.

A Member of the Public asked to speak but was reminded that the Public Participation session had closed. The Chief Officer advised that she may put her question in writing following the meeting.

Minute No. 142 – To approve the Council’s Schedule of Maintenance Report.

The Chief Officer previously circulated the Council’s Schedule of Maintenance Report to all members of the Council via email.

PO proposed that the Council accept the Council’s Schedule of Maintenance Report. EGE seconded the proposal. GJ was against the proposal. All other members present in favour.

