

LLANYBYDDER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING 29 JANUARY 2025

- 1 Chairman's Welcome.
2. In attendance: C Wagner, Chairman, T Gordon, D Owen, N Morris, M Morris, K Jones.
- 3 Personal or Prejudicial Interest.
None.

MINUTES

4. Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as correct.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES :-

May 2.3 Markings on Tennis Court: matter is ongoing.

May 4.1 Container – 3 quotes were received:-

Mark Jukes £2900.00 + Vat with a free security lock valued at £55.00.

ATG Site Services Ltd, Bridgend £2350.00, delivery £500.00, £65.00 padlock = £2915.00 plus Vat.

Willbox £2450.00, delivery £290.00 = £2740.00 plus Vat.

A Teams meeting took place on 26/1/25. T Gordon, D Owen, M Morris, N Morris and the Clerk attended. It was decided to choose Mark Jukes' tender. Clerk is to notify Mark Jukes of this and notify the 2 other companies they were unsuccessful.

May 5.1 & 5.2 Xmas Lights storage – K Jones is to purchase a new padlock for the disabled toilet at the RFC in order to store our Xmas lights as the RFC has kindly granted our Council permission to temporarily store our lights there. K Jones will forward Invoice to Clerk.

May 8 Bus shelter - Awaiting replacement pane & cleaning. A B Jones has said he has been told that the work has been issued to contractor to replace the broken panel. Clerk is to send another reminder to A B Jones.

May 14 Rubbish between Nisa and Gwynfryn Terrace. No reply received from J E Collins. As we have heard nothing, Clerk is to send another reminder to A B Jones.

May 24 NatWest Bank query – The debit card for the Clerk is on its way.

July 6.2 Tennis courts – There is dog poo and broken glass bottles on the tennis courts. Clerk has contacted the Council to see if they could supply new signs to the effect of “no glass bottles, dog fouling signs and no alcohol signs”. Clerk is to remind A B Jones.

6. LLANYBYDDER MATTERS

- 6.1 Toilets - There is an increased mis-use in the toilets, requiring more cleaning, resulting in K

Jones requesting £20.00 per week more in addition to the £90.00 he already receives. Councillors all agreed with this request which will take place with immediate effect.

- 6.2 Toilet at the far end - it was decided for T Gordon to purchase a blackout window film to cover the small window; the problem appears to be the sensor catching movements outside resulting in the light being on more than necessary.
- 6.3 Toilet heater - frost activators – Clerk is to ask Eddie Davies for a quote to install a facility to enable the electric heaters to come on automatically in frosty weather.
- 6.4 Anti social behaviour – D Owen is chasing the matter.
- 6.5 Llanybydder wi-fi Email received from Linda Morris telling us that Llanybydder wi-fi has come to an end. If any organisation in Llanybydder would like to take this over then L Morris will be happy to discuss this with them. D Owen is looking in to this matter and a decision should be made by 26/2/25.
- 6.6 Xmas lights: The 4 lights at the Black Lion Hotel will need replacing. It was decided for the Clerk to write to all business premises in Llanybydder to ask them if they would like to be considered to receive a Xmas light on the front wall of their premises. The letter needs to state our Council will be responsible for the supply, erection and removal of all lights, but each business owner would be responsible for the payment of electricity consumed. The Clerk counted approximately 30 premises which have been listed to receive this letter.
- 6.7 Pavement parking Station Terrace – Lorries and cars are parked on pavements making it difficult for vehicles to pass. Clerk is to send an email to Gary Owen.
- 6.8 Obstruction on pavement at Brynduar – This was reported to the Police due to the danger posed. The vehicle is parked on the drive but the 4” box is overhanging on to the pavement. During the day it is dangerous but even more so when dark at night.

7. RHYDCYMERAU MATTERS

- 7.1 The Xmas tree delivered was below standard.

8. TEN TOWNS

- 8.1 Public conveniences charging - this matter is ongoing. When M Pemberton receives the 3 quotes needed she will contact our Council.
- 8.2 The Celtic Folk Festival had to be cancelled due to terrible weather & some of the acts that could not attend due to ill health.
- 8.3 Mural - Council officers are looking for a suitable location for a mural.
- 8.4 There will be banners installed on lamp posts depicting scenes from the village.

9 COUNCILLOR & CLERK'S TRAINING

Latest report: 12/12/24 D Owen Code of Conduct – Module 9.



10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Letter received from Lyn Jones. Clerk is to reply as instructed.
- 10.2 Cenotaph - Letter received from G Evans requesting more attention given to the Cenotaph. N Morris will speak to Tomos Evans.
- 10.3 Dyfed Powys Police report for December 24 and January 25 received, prepared by PC Awen Thomas.

11. PLANNING

- 11.1 PL/08551 – To build a timber framed outbuilding/workshop – Ashcroft, Llanybydder SA40 9TX.
There was no objection to this Planning case.

12. FINANCE

12.1 Bank Statements

NatWest Bank Current A/c	20/11/24 - 19/12/24	£30709.97.
	20/12/24 - 17/01/25	47452.80.
NatWest Business Reserve A/c	19/10/24 - 17/01/25	£4559.17.
HSBC Bank statement No 160	Balance	£4100.09.
161		£4119.60.

PAYMENTS

12.2 STANDING ORDERS

BT Invoice 07/12/24 £42.44.
BT Invoice 07/01/25 £45.26.

TALK TALK Invoice 20/12/24 £94.27.
TALK TALK Invoice 24/01/25 £147.67.

12.3 ON LINE PAYMENTS

05/12/24	EDF Energy	£252.74	Toilets electricity.
30/12/24	K A Electrical Services Ltd	1380.00	Xmas lights installation.
31/12/24	M Y Beynon Salary 12/24	924.58	
31/12/24	HMRC Tax 12/24	231.20	
02/01/25	K Jones 12/24 Invoice	467.99	Toilets cleaning.
07/01/25	EDF	253.40	Toilets electricity.
28/01/25	M Y Beynon Salary 1/25	924.78	

28/01/25	HMRC	Tax	1/25	231.00	
30/01/25	Aberduar Chapel			150.00	Vestry rent.
30/01/25	Llanybydder Family Centre			250.00	Donation S137.
30/01/25	Wales Audit Office			256.00	Annual audit fee.
30/01/25	DTS Tree Services Ltd			£696.00	3 Xmas trees.
30/01/25	K Jones	1/25 Invoice		360.00	Toilets cleaning.
30/01/25	O V Wales			40.00	D Owen training fee.
05/02/25	N Smith			150.00	Maintaining of website.

12.4 M Y BEYNON SALARY

Dec 24	£1155.78
Less Tax	231.20
Payable to Clerk	£924.58

Jan 25	£1155.78
Less Tax	231.00
Payable to Clerk	£924.78

The Clerk made enquiries at our October 24 meeting as to which NALC rate she should be on, i.e. should it be .23 or .24 as it needed to be sorted out before 31/01/25 as it could affect the annual Precept request for the coming year. One Voice Wales could not speak to the Clerk as there was a conflict of interest as the matter related to her salary. Due to some reasons and no meeting in December 24 time went by, this matter was not resolved like it should have. In the meantime, T Gordon very kindly picked up the pieces where she contacted OVW for advice and spoke to Mr Alun Harris who provided information on pay scales. After reviewing the information provided T Gordon needed clarification so contacted OVW again, this time speaking to Mr Paul Egan. It was explained that due to the criteria that Llanybydder council meets that the clerk's pay scale is capped at .23. During the conversation with Mr Egan it was mentioned how much additional work had been given to the clerk since the review of her hours was carried out by Mr Egan. His reply was that a member of the council should complete an assessment and deliver the findings for approval by other councillors. If an agreement could not be met, he said it would require an assessment by OVW at a cost to the council. The decision was made a Teams meeting had to take place to further discuss the Clerk's salary which took place on 5th February 25. C Wagner, T Gordon, D Owen, K Jones, N Morris, M Morris and the Clerk attended. T Gordon had created projection figures to which the Clerk looked over and agreed, and arrived at 3.83 hours per week, to which she felt should be rounded up to 4 hours extra per week, now making a total of 20 hours per week. Voting took place to which the 6 Councillors present agreed for the extra salary to be paid to the Clerk with immediate effect which will be 2/25. Clerk thanked all Councillors by email for the new salary agreement.

The calculation will be as follows:-

Previous salary £13,869.36 per annum - £1155.78 per month.

New salary hourly rate increased from £16.67 to £17.29 per hour. £17,981.60 per annum,
 £17.29 x 20 hours = £345.80 per week x 52 divide by 12 = £1498.47 per month.

Feb 25 salary will be	£1498.47
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Add: back payment of £42.99 per month	
10 months @ £42.99 per month	<u>429.99</u>



	£1928.46
Less Tax	385.80
Payable to Clerk	<u>£1542.66</u>

12.5 INCOME

£20,000.00 Precept paid in to Current A/c.

12.6 DONATIONS

Llanybydder Family Centre S137 £250.00

Donations to date: S137 £1600.00 S19 £250.00

12.7 CHARITY COMMISSION

Clerk completed and submitted the Annual Return for y/e 31/03/24.

12.8 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS -

Madison Bevan, Audit Wales, emailed the Clerk on 21/11/24 requesting information. The Clerk replied to her questions and she thanked the Clerk for the co-operation which was greatly received by her. She emailed again on 13/12/24 and asked for more information, concentrating on the Clerk's salary with all correspondence relating to the last few years. She also needed details of previous years' budgets which the Clerk sent to her. Several questions were asked regarding larger tenders and what the Clerk had in her possession was sent to her.

All emails were fully read out by the Clerk at our meeting in order for all Councillors to be properly updated.

12.9 BUDGET 2025/26 REPORT

Costs / payments from 01/04/24 – 05/02/25	<u>£36,348.40.</u>
Forecast figures payments from 02/25 - 03/25	£31,219.13
Payments request from 01/04/25 - 31/03/26	<u>£67,929.60</u>
	<u>£99,148.73</u>
Less Bank Balance 05/02/25	44,349.76
Precept required	<u>£54,798.97</u>

The decision was made to ask for a Precept amount of £70,000.00 in order to ensure smooth financial running for the year 01/04/25 - 31/03/26.

13. XMAS LIGHTS & ELECTRICIAN TENDER

13.1 A Teams meeting had to take place on 2/12/24 – K Jones, T Gordon, D Owen, M Morris and the Clerk attended, in order to agree the extra cost charge of £260.00 from K A Electrics. All agreed the £260.00 extra charge was justified.

14. ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

Teams meeting 26/01/25 – Container.

Teams meeting 05/02/25 - Clerk's salary.

15. AOB

None.

16 MARKET STALLS

Markets have commenced. D Owen is getting in touch with Amy in respect of invoicing.

Meeting closed 10.20pm.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT ABERDUAR CHAPEL VESTRY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 2025 - 7.00pm.