

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANSTEFFAN A LLANYBRI
LLANSTEFFAN AND LLANYBRI COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2024 AT 7pm

PRESENT: Cllr Carys Jones : Chair Cllr Hugh Jones Cllr Lauren Stacey : V. Chair Cllr Jim Laws Cllr Daff Davies Cllr Darren Sainty Cllr Ian Roberts Cllr Cerian Lodwick Cllr Caroline Curtis (remotely)	In attendance: 15 members of the public (MoP) The meeting commenced at 7pm Tina Roberts – Clerk/RFO Anthea Evans – Temporary Clerk/RFO (December)
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Eitem / Item

It was proposed to move item 7 forward (I ystyried materion yn codi mewn perthynas â'r gorlifo diweddar yn Llansteffan a Llanybri / *To consider issues relating to the recent flooding in Llansteffan and Llanybri*) to allow a number of members of the public to speak regarding the flooding that occurred over December and January and to give this slot one hour.
 Proposed: Cllr C Jones Seconded: Cllr Davies

7. I ystyried materion yn codi mewn perthynas â'r gorlifo diweddar yn Llansteffan a Llanybri / *To consider issues relating to the recent flooding in Llansteffan and Llanybri*
Summary of comments and questions

Standing orders suspended: 7:01pm

Summary of comments and questions from members of the Public:

- 37 homes in Llansteffan have been affected by flooding alongside other impacts from high rainfall over the last month. Some homes will be uninhabitable for a year.
- The drains, despite emergency services pumping, did not remove water. The level of water was mid-thigh. Member of the public wishes to know who is responsible for the drains and wishes to have a map of the drains in the village.
- The level of water at the back of the houses on The Morfa was very high and consequently water was coming back into houses from the back.
- There were two events, Sat 30th Dec and 2nd Jan (Storm Henk). The pumping station couldn't cope and sewage was coming up into house. There were no officials on the scene to tell householders what was being done. Villagers felt abandoned.
- The speed of the water rising was frightening. Villagers kept ringing Delta Wellbeing (CCC emergency out of hours service) and Welsh Water asking for sandbags but none forthcoming. No guidance or advice given.
- Villagers put messages onto social media to request that toilets not be flushed and washing machines not be used to reduce contamination of the water flooding homes.
- One resident took samples for analysis but was told that contaminated water would have toilet paper in it therefore there was no need to test.
- Cllr Sainty detailed the volume of water moving down Old Road was very intense and not able to be contained by the brook.
- It was suggested that Flood Mitigation/Resilience Committee may be able to be set up to be proactive in promoting mitigating measures. There is expertise in the village to build a resilience plan.
- A MoP recalled the work done on the beach outlet pipe in 2023 to bury non-return valve outlets at a cost of £115 – 150,000. It was assumed that water would sump out. The chamber appears to be a pumping station but without a pump. In 2016 Llansteffan & Llanybri Community Council minutes (Feb) recorded that expert drainage engineers believed that a pump was required.
- Dwr Cymru have regularly pumped excess water from the pumping station at the back of the

	cottages on The Green and tanker drivers reported that this was mostly surface water not sewage. On 30th Dec Dwr Cymru reported that CCC had not returned calls and emails. Dwr Cymru were clear that the surface water had nowhere to go and so assisted by arranging a pump to alleviate the flooding. • Mop believes that surface water from The Morfa cannot discharge at high tide. In addition, the non-return valve is shut at high tide further preventing egress of surface water. The second buried pipe was dug out post-flood event by CCC Flood Defence and Coastal Defence team which then allowed surface water to rapidly drain away. • MoP suggested that Dwr Cymru should be a statutory consultee in CCC commissioned flood drainage schemes as it is believed that this lack of joint working may have impacted on the flooding experienced by residents. • It is evident that Nant Jack cannot cope with the volume of water moving through in such a short time. • A resident of Llanybri wanted to also raise the issue of lack of passable roads from the village for some days over these storms. All exit roads were flooded and carers could not either access or exit the village. There were no passable routes for an ambulance or for residents to access Glangwilli Hospital. • It is believed that agricultural practices over the winter months are exacerbating the issue of flooding as top soil and slurry are being washed off the fields as they are without cover crops. Whilst slurry dumping is illegal it appears to be common practice within this locality. National Resources Wales do not have an enforcement team to prevent. • Cllr Stacey evidenced that Nant Jack has flooded three times over the past year but that it has only flooded once or twice in the last thirty years. • The public thanked Cllr Jones and Cllr Sainty for the work they had done during the flooding events Cty Cllr C Jones: • CCC were ringing 40 affected families • NRW do not have enough resource to be an enforcing authority • Has requested straw bale bunds to be put in place at field entrances over the winter where there are no cover crops • Nant Jack was dredged by the owner of adjoining property and LLCC two years ago to alleviate any drainage issues but this is not the Community Council responsibility. NRW should dredge Nant Jack. • 30th Dec 2023 saw 9.7mm of rainfall in one hour at the height of the storm so it was an unusual event. • The first multi-agency investigation meeting to take place on Tuesday 16th January. A full consultation will be brought back. Standing Orders reinstated: 9:03pm
1.	Ymddiheuriadau / <i>Apologies</i> • Cllr Rod Griffiths • Cty Cllr Phillip Hughes
2.	Datganiadau Buddiant a Gollyngiadau – eitemau agenda yn unig / <i>Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – agenda items only</i> • Cllr Carys Jones has dispensation to speak on matters pertaining to the Village Green. • Cty Cllr Jones – Item 11: Member of Carmarthenshire County Council Planning Committee.
3.	Cyhoeddiadau'r Cadeirydd / <i>Chair's Announcements</i> • All members of the public (MOP) to be aware that the meeting is being recorded and that permission for this recording to be made public (if requested) is inherent should MOP remain
4.	I dderbyn a chadarnhau cywirdeb cofnodion y cyfarfod cyffredin a gynhaliwyd ar Ragfyr 18^{fed} 2023 / <i>To receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th December 2023</i> It was resolved to accept the minutes. Proposed: Cllr H Jones Seconded: Cllr Stacey For: All
5.	Materion yn Codi: Rhagfyr 18^{fed} 2023 / <i>Matters Arising: 18th December 2023</i> • A quote has been received from John Evans regarding the bench at Ferry Point. This will be

	discussed with Ferry Point residents. • Further investigation is required to look into the surface water drainage required for The Morfa. A full investigation being undertaken regarding the flooding will also look into the issues here and establish maintenance responsibility, the role of Dwr Cymru and use of the existing ditch. This investigation will be undertaken over the next three months. • Plastic waste used to construct a level base to locate an office for the development of Maes Griffiths is a temporary measure and will be removed upon completion of works. • Scotts Bay areas of landslip have been checked by the Public Rights of Way team and are safe to walk.																																				
6.	Cyfranogiad y Cyhoedd (15 munud) - eitemau agenda yn unig / <i>Public Participation (15 mins) - agenda items only</i> Standing Orders suspended: 9:20pm • A Member of the Public requested that it be minuted that the comments of the public regarding the floods would be taken to Carmarthenshire County Council. Standing Orders reinstated: 9:21pm																																				
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8.	I benodi dyddiad ar gyfer cyfarfod i gytuno'r Gyllideb a'r Presept ar gyfer 2024-25 / <i>To nominate a date for a meeting to agree the Budget and Precept for 2024-25</i> Thursday 1st February 6pm Llanybri Community Hall																																				
9.	I apwyntio aelod ychwanegol ar y Pwyllgor Adnoddau Dynol / <i>Appointment of additional member to the Human Resources Committee</i> It was resolved to appoint Cllr Sainty and Cllr Curtis to HR Proposed: Cllr Laws Seconded: Cllr Davies For: All																																				
10.	I dderbyn adroddiadau meysydd chwarae Y Morfa a Parc Adrian / <i>To receive playground reports for Y Morfa and Parc Adrian</i> It was resolved to move this item to the February agenda when the budget had been set for 24/25 Proposed: Cllr Lodwick Seconded: Cllr Laws For: All																																				
11.	Cynllunio / <i>Planning</i> PL/06867 - reserved matters at Maes Y Meillion, Llanybri. https://carmarthenshire.my.site.com/cy/s/planning-application/a0bQv00000062tZIAQ/pl06867 It was resolved to have No Objection Proposed: Cllr Lodwick Seconded: Cllr Roberts For: 8 Abstain: Cty. Cllr. Jones Planning update: PL/07012 - non material amendment at Maes Y Meillion, Llanybri - granted 20.12.23																																				
12.	Cyfrifon - cytuno taliadau a derbyniadau / <i>Accounts - agree payments and receipts</i> <table><tr><th colspan="4">INCOME</th></tr><tr><th colspan="4">Income received</th></tr><tr><th>DATE</th><th>DETAIL OF INCOME / PAYER</th><th>AMOUNT (£)</th><th>RV No.</th></tr><tr><td>31.10.23</td><td>Bank Interest</td><td>32.07</td><td>14</td></tr><tr><td>30.11.23</td><td>Bank Interest</td><td>28.71</td><td>15</td></tr><tr><td>22.12.23</td><td>Carmarthenshire County Council - precept</td><td>6,666.67</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>29.12.23</td><td>Bank Interest</td><td>26.66</td><td>17</td></tr><tr><th colspan="4">EXPENDITURE</th></tr><tr><th colspan="4">Expenditure incurred paid and pending authorisation since 18th Dec 2023</th></tr></table>	INCOME				Income received				DATE	DETAIL OF INCOME / PAYER	AMOUNT (£)	RV No.	31.10.23	Bank Interest	32.07	14	30.11.23	Bank Interest	28.71	15	22.12.23	Carmarthenshire County Council - precept	6,666.67	16	29.12.23	Bank Interest	26.66	17	EXPENDITURE				Expenditure incurred paid and pending authorisation since 18 th Dec 2023			
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	15.01.23	T. Roberts & HMRC (Jan)	594.97	66 & 67
	15.01.23	A. Evans & HMRC (Temp Clerk Dec)	274.60	68 & 69
	15.01.23	AuditWales Invoice ARINV/010014 17/18	240.00	70
	15.01.23	AuditWales Invoice ARINV/010015 19/20	315.00	71
	15.01.23	AuditWales Invoice ARINV/010016 20/21	275.00	72
	15.01.23	AuditWales Invoice ARINV/010016 21/22	230.00	73
	15.01.23	Carmarthenshire County Council Replacement of lanterns annual payment	625.50	74
It was resolved to pay all invoices EXCEPT AuditWales until LLCC has confirmation of each year being billed from Audit Manager Deryck Evans. It was resolved to sign these cheques at the Finance Committee meeting once this confirmation has been received. Proposed: Cllr Laws Seconded: Cllr H Jones For: All				
13.	Adroddiadau Cynghorwyr Sir / <i>County Councillors' reports</i>			
14.	Iechyd a Diogelwch / <i>Health and Safety</i> • Cllr Saintry to communicate what to do with sandbags via Facebook			
15.	Gohebiaeth / <i>Correspondence</i> • Relevant items of correspondence were brought to the attention of Cllrs. • A letter received regarding the flooding was read and detailed during Item 1. • Planning Aid Wales circulated to Planning Committee.			
16.	Dyddiad cyfarfod misol mis Chwefror 2024 / <i>Date of February 2024 monthly meeting</i> 19th February 2024 Llanybri Community Hall at 7pm			
17.	Materion er gwybodaeth / <i>Matters for information</i>			

*Rheolau Sefydlog Cyngor Cymuned Llansteffan a Llanybri 2023

**Llansteffan and Llanybri Community Council Standing Orders 2023*

Tina Roberts: Clerc/Clerk : 22/01/2024