



*Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Coracle Hall, Llechryd at 7pm on September 4th 2023 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.*

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Present:

Chairman Cllr Iwan Davies. Cllrs: Jan Culley, Hywel Davies, Iwan Davies, Ruth Davies, ~~Amanda Edwards~~, Gareth El Tawab, Colin Lewis, Ken Symmons, Nicky Redmond, Richard Rose, Clive Wychwood

CC A Edwards

~~CC C James~~

Clerk

Members of the public: 1

Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Community 15 minutes maximum. In the event there are no members of the public who wish to speak the meeting will start promptly after the Annual Meeting.

Mr John Curran from Llechryd Sports Club explained, in more detail, the project for which grant funding had been applied for. He answered questions from Cllrs and agreed to forward the full specification of works to the Clerk. He was thanked for his time and left the meeting.

**1. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb / Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr A Edwards.

**2. Datgan Diddordeb ar faterion sy'n codi o'r Agenda / Declarations of Interest on Matters Arising from the Agenda**

None.

**3. Confirmation of Order of the Agenda** and identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session

The agenda was accepted as presented.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of 03-07-23**

Resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record.	Seconded	
Cllr C Lewis	Cllr H Davies	Carried

Chairman's signature:

Dated: 02-10-23

## 5. Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning

Nothing brought forward.

Planning documents can be found at: <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/planning-building-control-and-sustainable-drainage-body-sab/planning-building-control/>

### Planning Enforcement

Nothing brought forward.

### LDP2 update

Nothing brought forward.

## 6. County Cllr's Report

The County Cllr had advised that while Council business had been quiet in August she had been working on issues for a number of residents.

## 7. Cyllid a Gweinyddu / Finance & Administration

### 7.1 Monthly Payments

26.07.2023	Ray Ceredigion	Grant	500.00
	Danfo	Repairs 7224 clean 7196	559.50
	Amanda Edwards	Wheelie bin for litter pick equipment storage	59.99
	Groundsure land management	Grounds maintenance	1,440.00
	Coracle Hall	Hall hire 991	40.00
30/07/2023	Las	Litter	26.21
17/03/2023	SSE Business services	Electricity toilet block	170.77
	Playsafety Ltd	Playground inspection	102.6
10/08/2023	Danfo	7254	319.5
	Coracle Hall	Hall hire 998	40
	S E Davies gross		563.30
23/08/2023	Las		48.94

Payments for approval September 23

S Davies gross

458.22

E M I Jones

Translation Nov 21 to May 23

495.76

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the payments be accepted as presented.	Carried

### 7.1.2 Bank Reconciliation / Budget update / Reserves

Bank Reconciliation noted

### 7.2 Future meetings

#### 7.2.1 Translation at Council meetings – update.

Chairman's signature:

Dated: 02-10-23

No further progress had been made but the Clerk advised that she was speaking with the newly appointed One Voice Wales Digital projects officer.

### 7.3.2 Use of Old School, Llangoedmor

The Chairman had been trying to contact a member of the Committee.

### 7.4 llyr.gov registration

The arrangements were progressing.

### 7.5 Land registration

#### Update

The Solicitor had forwarded a number of questions to the Clerk which she was unable to answer as it was about Charity registration. The Clerk suggested that the Solicitor was better placed, with access to all the Charity documents, to answer the queries.

### 7.6 Newsletter

#### Update.

The call for an editor, posted on FB, had received only one response which was 'That is a good idea'.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That, with regret, the item would be removed from the agenda until such time as practical support for the project could be found.	Carried

### 7.7 Bequest of land

The Clerk had not seen anything in writing to confirm that the estate of the late Mr Salis had not been able to establish ownership of the land. The Council's sole claim lay with Mr Salis' ownership being proven so the bequest could take place.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
Contact the Estates solicitor	Carried

### 7.8 Grants

#### Football Club Grant

The Council had allocated the £2k in the budget and any further grant funding will be from reserves.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That Council would supply some grant funding to the project. That, £5k would be initially ringfenced in the budget subject to further discussion on the final amount to be grant funded and at what point in the project. The full works specification would be shared and it was hoped that Cllrs could attend site to see progress before a final decision was agreed.	Carried

### 7.9 Badge of Office for Vice-Chairman

Ongonig.

## 8. Committees

*The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Town and Community Councils*

Committee members Cllrs J Culley, A Edwards, R Davies, C Wychwood

### 8.1 Meeting Etiquette and Predetermination Protocol

RESOLVED /ACTION	
To adopt the Meeting Etiquette and Predetermination Protocol	Carried

### 8.2 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED /ACTION	
Provisional date of 18/09/23 subject to Hall availability.	Carried

## 9. Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddu / Highways and Public Rights of Way

### 9.1 Action areas – Highways to include Croes-y-Llan

It was queried if a sign for Llangoedmor could be placed on the A484 in an appropriate location between Cardigan and the village access. Concern was raised that other access roads did not have signage.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That a map be provided at the next meeting to allow clearer discussion of where any signage might be requested.	Carried

#### 9.1.1 Bus stop Croes Y Llan

Survey was still a work in progress but sending out in August would not have been good practice.

#### 9.1.2 Crossing in Llechryd

Deferred until bus stop complete

### 9.2 Footpaths / open spaces

Nothing brought forward.

#### 9.2.1 Llechryd Bridge/River - To note current situation and agree any further actions

The recent clearance of dead trees was noted and it was hoped that this might prevent significant blockages during the winter months.

## 10. Mwynderau/Amenities

### 10.1 Toilet Block

#### Water meter readings

Cllr C Lewis agreed to take two water meter readings two weeks apart to enable the Clerk to apply for a refund on some of the last water bill which had been extremely high due to a leak.

#### Heaters

Cllr R Rose agreed to look for and cost suitable heaters.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
The decision to purchase was delegated to the Clerk in consultation with Cllr R Rose and the Chairman.	Carried

### 10.2 Play Area/Field – all decisions subject to approval by Llechryd Playing Field Association

#### 10.2.1 Outstanding works

The Clerk advised that she had compiled a list of outstaying works, including those from the 2023 annual inspection and would now seek quotes.

#### 10.2.2 Boundary path

Chairman's signature:

Dated: 02-10-23

## Boundary Path – Field

The Clerk had met/spoken to two contractors and she understood the Quartzcoat had been contacted.

- Both have recommended that the path brought in from the chain link fence as any repair in its current condition would be temporary.
- Both agreed that better edging would be required throughout.
- Both agreed that current surface should be removed, sub base inspected and improved if required.
- There was a suggestion that if the path is increased in width to meet disability access requirements then grant funding might be available.
- Both to quote for current width and also widening path to meet disability access requirements.

The Charity should apply for any funding and pay for the works. This might mean applying to the Council for matching funding or full funding if grants are found.

*10.2.4 Replacement climbing frame – will remain property of CC*

*Update*

<p><b>21-07-23</b> <b>Post meeting with installation manager</b></p>	
<p>Manager stated that it was not a significant fault.</p>	<p>Sovereign now offering a two year post installation guarantee on post stability. Clerk to check what the company guarantee covers.</p>
<p>Sovereign explained the air cracks in the timbers are normal and are of no concern</p> <p>The heavily splintered posts were sanded down on site.</p>	<p>The Council was unhappy with the quality of the timber. Clerk to check the warranty period and what was covered.</p> <p>If the warranty would not cover failure of the posts to contact Sovereign.</p>
<p>The trip hazard discussed on site. Sovereign explained that the area can be top dressed with soil and/or turf to eliminate the trip hazard. However, the area would have to be closed off for a number of months to allow the turf to establish.</p>	<p>While unhappy that the hazard existed it had not been raised as a major issue in the annual playground inspection. The Council could see the issues with making the hazard good and the need to close of the play equipment for a protracted period of time.</p> <p>It would accept that the issue could not be resolved at this time.</p>
<p>The soft spots in the wetpour - This was agreed no action is required as this is not a fault. Explained it is as a result of differences in the surface depth which is dependent on the sub surface.</p>	<p>The Council was concerned that the additional flexibility due to the depth of areas of the surface might result in early failure.</p> <p>Clerk to raise this with Sovereign</p>

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RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the Clerk contact Sovereign as detailed above.	Carried

*10.3 Church of the Holy Cross, Llechryd*  
Update.

The Architects information had been sent to the Church in Wales in hopes that a full faculty submission will not have to be repeated.

*10.4 Millennium building*  
Nothing brought forward.

*10.5 Memorial bench for residents*  
Cllr I Davies would follow up on the installation schedule.

*10.6 Allotment provision*  
Ongong.

*10.7 Bus shelters*

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the Clerk contact CCC to clear the gutters at the shelter at the bottom of Lady Road.	Carried

*10.8 Defibrillators*

Coracle Hall

Dimensions of the defib and carry case were still needed by the Clerk in order for her to be able to source a larger box.

Llangoedmor  
Working.

Signage was still to be purchased.

*10.9 Noticeboards*  
Nothing brought forward.

*10.10 Replacement bins (cover, play area)*  
Ordered.

*10.11 Planters*  
Nothing brought forward.

**11. Events**

*11.1 River Teifi clean up*  
Nothing brought forward.

*11.2 Mari Lwyd*  
Cllr C Wychwood

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That Cllr Wychwood develop the idea further and report to the Council	Carried

*11.3 Community First Aid Grant*

Chairman's signature:

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*Cllr G El Tawab*

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the Council apply for funding.	Carried

*11.4 Christmas Lights*

The Clerk expressed concern that she had not received the required paperwork from the electrician for the past two years and that if these could not be supplied the unmetered connection would be withdrawn.

She would contact the electrician again.

**12. Adroddiad / Meeting reports**

To receive any reports.

*12.1 Cllr R Davies - School Governors*

Nothing brought forward.

*12.2 Cllr A Edwards – Coracle Hall*

Cllr N Redmond advised, in Cllr A Edwards's absence, that the Hall needed to seek grant funding for a new roof and if anyone would be willing to help with the grant applications the Hall would be most grateful.

*12.3 Cllrs A Edwards and G El Tawab - PACT meeting*

Meeting to take place later in the week.

*12.4 Resilience Group (to include updated information re flooding)*

Meeting to be arranged.

*12.5 Cllr J Culley OVW regional committee*

No scheduled meetings.

*12.6 Cllr J Culley Ethics and Standards Committee*

Work was ongoing to revise the remit of the Committee.

*12.7 Cllr C Lewis River Stakeholder Event/Digwyddiad Rhanddeiliaid Afon*

Cllr C Lewis advised he would be sent the minutes of the last meeting as he had been unable to attend.

*12.8 Cllr K Symmons Cardigan Hospital League of Friends*

No meetings had taken place.

**13. Correspondence / Gohebiaeth (to include consultation documents not covered under any other heading)**

Nothing brought forward.

**14. Materion Personol / Personal Matters - Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth**

It was noted that the current Vicar was leaving and her impact on the Church and community were noted with thanks.

Cllr N Redmond advised that funding might be sought for the senior citizens Christmas meal and an application might be made for the Council to organise it.

Dog incidents, request from local policing team that they are advised via 101 or using online system. Clerk to post on FB

**15. Date of Next Meeting – 02-10-23**

*There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.24pm*