

Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom

**1. Present:** Susan Jones (Chair), Darren Pollard (Vice), Kevin Ford, Steven Latham, Hannah Munro, Cllr. Terry Mendies, Norma Wright (Clerk); 18 members of the public.

**2. Apologies:** Trevor Brand (Holiday), Richard Rogers (working)

**3. Meeting Open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes** (Code to attend via zoom is available via the Clerk).

Residents no longer wish to be named.

a. A resident felt the council should object to the planning 15/20 22/0378 application. LCC were biased with the management of the application and the minutes of meetings. A separate public council meeting, held in Llanarmon to discuss this planning was required. She pointed out that in a resident's public meeting held May 2022, in the Raven, they had been provided with a sheet of objections to use the wording along with their own objections, and then advised to put them on to the DCC portal. She asked why LCC hadn't attended that meeting; (informed they hadn't been invited). She wanted the same list of objections to be supported by LCC and sent to DCC; as previously such a sheet of objections had been sent with a different local planning application.

b. A resident stated that Llanferres and Llanbedr councils objected to their LDP, why hadn't Llanarmon?

c. Another resident stated he fully supported the 33 homes development, as the village needed to expand, which would support the school, plus there was a need for housing. He confirmed there has been intimidation and bullying taking place by locals, which left some residents scared to show support for the new dwellings. The land has been in the LDP for years. He asked what the point of another public meeting was. He stated locals should stop harassing the community council, who had no powers over planning, but write directly on the DCC planning portal.

D Pollard (Chaired this part of the meeting) stated, two parcels of land had been accepted 2006 into the LDP. One has just had planning passed for 10 houses to be built. The planning application 15/2022/0378 for 33 dwellings had previously been discussed both in the public part and by Council Members in previous meetings. Concerns over drainage, phosphates, parking, increased traffic, and the design of the estate had been minuted back in June 2022. There had already been several public meetings held by residents in Llanarmon, which had resulted, in a vast variety of objections being placed on the DCC portal; LCC couldn't add any different planning objections. As previously stated the council had heard of support for the dwellings, as well as objections. LCC didn't accept the need for another separate public meeting as all members of the public are welcomed to attend and speak at the beginning of every council meeting. Also, the public AGM will be held on 7th May.

Continuous amended documents were to be expected. Unfortunately, several working councillors hadn't had time to fully read all these latest amendments; due to them arriving so late from DCC. However, the council are aware of the outline of the latest amendments and are still being advised by Cllr Mendies that there are still restrictions from NRW in place. Most importantly 15/2022/0378 is not yet before DCC Planning Department; as the other application mentioned was due, plus the comments on the list were supported by the council.

D Pollard stated that although we believe that all complainants have the right to be heard, understood and respected; Councillors have the same rights. We, therefore, also expect the public to be polite and courteous in their dealings with the council. If the council do not succeed in resolving complaints, then contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

d. Hugo Watts attended, and updated the Council on maintenance issues.  
Session Ended 7.25pm.

**4. Declaration of Interest & Gifts:** S Jones declared a family interest in planning 15/2022/0378 she sat in the public section at the beginning of the meeting as a member of the public; then left the building when the council discussed the planning application. D Pollard Chaired when LCC discussed the planning application.

**5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes:** of the Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025. **Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record by the Council. Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

**6. Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda:**

The issue of the speed limit outside the school in Llanarmon has been raised several times by the community council. Thanks to Cllr T Mendies, DCC confirmed they will be reducing the speed limit to 20mph on School Lane.

LCC wanted to thank the pupils of Ysgol Bro Famau for petitioning for the speed restriction. Pupils will be invited to come along to the AGM and raise any matters that they would like to discuss with the council.

### 7. Cllr Terry Mendies Report:

**PLANNING APPLICATION 33 HOUSES IN LLANARMON:** I am asked repeatedly about this application which is on hold until Welsh Water upgrades the wastewater treatment plant in Llanarmon. WW have no plans to do that for at least 4 years. Having spoken to the Planning Officer on Tuesday 1st April, changes made to the application have been submitted (which I haven't fully read yet to the lateness of them arriving). However, this does not change the above restrictions regarding the Phosphates. Can I draw residents attention to the NRW letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 24, second page, first paragraph, also the DCC Ecology Officers response dated 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**PARC FARM PLANNING APPLICATION:** This has been sent back, to the applicant for further information.

**BURLEY HILL PLANNING APPLICATION:** Although in Llanferres Community; 21/2021/1194/PS Tarmac Company has requested a 15 years extension: There is a site visit which I will be attending on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. This application will come before the Planning Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**HEN ARDD & CAE'R ODYN CAR PARKS, ERYRYS:** The plans are still on the drawing board, at no cost to LCC, for Hen Ardd. The DCC Officer doing the plans is on leave at the moment for personal reasons.

I will pursue additional car parking in the avenues/ cul de sacs of Eryrys, now the new financial year has begun.

**SCHOOL LANE UPGRADE:** The speed limit on School Lane will be reduced to 20mph. This road has also been earmarked for a full resurfacing.

**8. Planning: 15/2022/0378** Erection of 33 dwellings includes accesses, internal estate roads, open space landscaping: Land rear of Maes Garmon, Ffordd Rhiw Ial, Llanarmon. **Resolve:** LCC hear the objections of residents in Llanarmon and urge them to put their concerns on the DCC portal. However, there are other residents who do support this development as shown tonight, and they too should feel able to freely express their comments. LCC's previous infrastructure concerns raised remain the same. LCC have **No Comments** on the amendments; this planning is not yet before DCC due to the NRW.

**Burley Hill Planning Application:** Although in Llanferres Community 21/2021/1194/PS Tarmac Company has requested a 15 years extension: The site visit will be attended by S Latham on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### 9. Finance Matters, Accounts, and Schedule of payments:

a) All accounts and documents ready for the annual Audit will be emailed to councillors.

b) D Pollard checked the process of the transactions then signed all bank statements against all transactions made, on all accounts; they were accepted. S Jones confirmed, signed authorisation for internet banking / card payments; balances and the transactions were accepted. **Resolve:** Adopted Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

c) Council agreed and voted to authorise the following Payments Schedule. To prevent being over-due, and when required some invoices may already be paid, Council agreed with the procedure; all payments transactions on all accounts are minuted. **Resolve:** Adopted Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions motion carried.

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| £5.00   | HSBC charges (21st April taken)                         |
| £601.33 | Clerk Pay April   |
| £149.20 | HMRC April  |
| £7.94   | Home Bargains (dog bags & bin bags)                     |
| £48.53  | Amazon signs, Litter Pickers & Hoops                    |
| £47.00  | Information Commissioners Office renewal (direct debit) |

d) As part of LCC Biodiversity considerations, boxes for nesting Swifts will be purchased for the community.

e) A new Laptop and software has been ordered for the Council Clerk.

f) **LOTTERY:** Clerk had an appointment with the Lottery agent today 3/4/25 and will take advice from the DCC Procurement Officer, so the correct procurement process will be followed for Llanarmon Playing Field play equipment. The Lottery funding application had been successful. LCC had been awarded £91,805 for play equipment. The designs and plans will be published for consideration with the community.

### 10. Maintenance

1. Several more moles have been caught on Graianrhyd Community Field. Moles reported in St Garmon's.

2. Rats reported in Dewi Sant graveyard.

3. Again, the problem of an anonymous quantity of glass-bottles dumper has returned in St Garmon's graveyard. S Latham volunteered to take them home for disposal. Local residents are asked to keep watch over St Garmon's as the church doors also have graffiti on them.

4. An electrician has been contacted to install an outside electric supply for the two cameras required for St Garmon's graveyard. CCTV warning signs have been installed.
5. The storm damaged telephone kiosk door and frame in Eryrys repairs are ongoing. LCC wished to thank Gwyndaff Jones for his excellent, emergency work both in Eryrys kiosk and Graianrhyd kiosk. Also, for making and providing a table and flower-boxes for the shelter in Graianrhyd Community Field FOC.
6. Councillors agreed that the area used for the bonfire in Llanarmon playing field will be fenced off. This is due to the continuous amount of nails coming to the surface, after many attempts to clear them.
7. **Defibs:** D Pollard checked Eryrys; Graianrhyd by N Wright, Sue Hanahoe checked Old School Room; Martin the Llanarmon Shop

**11. Dates of (a) Meetings, Events and (b) Training (future or attended)**

- ai. AONB forum meeting 15<sup>th</sup> May, 6,30pm Neuadd Eleanor Village Hall, Llanfair DC
- ii. V E Day Concert 8<sup>th</sup> May St Thomas Church Rhyl.
- b. **Training:** Steve Latham attended training; 'Code of Conduct Training'.

**12. Correspondence: Councillors agreed appropriate correspondence had previously been forwarded by the Clerk during the course of the month.**

1. Clerk will reply to emails requesting information by residents. Emails concerning the Chair, mentioning slander allegations, request for evidence and for apologies, complaints the Clerk is biased and minutes are incorrect; will be discussed in Part 2.
2. Following a resident previously asking about the possibility of the Open Reach masts having reliable battery back-up the Clerk has contacted Becky Gittins AM for assistance, who replied her office is making enquires.
3. Darren Millar's was contacted concerning the white dust that lands on property around Graianrhyd and Black Mountain late at night and early morning; thought it may come from Padeswood Cement Works. He was informed that *"Continuous monitoring equipment is checked annually in accordance by an external contractor to the Operator. They review all monitoring returns relating to any Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems with periodic monitoring every 4 years. The last was undertaken in June 2022; by announced and unannounced inspections. If officers identify anything that should not be happening at the site they will take appropriate and proportionate enforcement action."* S Latham will continue to monitor and report any further dust.
4. DCC had attended to the reported pot holes on B5430 severe bend.
5. Request for donation from Llangollen Eisteddfod. Resolve: Council had already donated this year to the Urdd.
6. The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru has published its Final Determinations for the 2026 Review of Senedd constituencies; confirmed 16 new Senedd constituencies have been created.

**13. Unrhyw fater arall / other Matters Brought to Councillor/Representatives Attention:**

1 The excessive number of occasions that there hasn't been any water supply in the villages is becoming unacceptable. Several reasons had been given from a cracked main water supply pipe, and the failure of the local water pump. Hopefully, the water company will solve these problems quickly.

**14. PART 2**

**Emails with concerns were discussed. Resolve:**

**15. Meetings:** Public AGM Meeting of the Council 6.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Canolfan Dewi Sant. **All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair.** Meeting ended 20.20pm

Signed ..... Dated.....