

Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom

1. Present: Susan Jones (Chair), Darren Pollard (Vice), Kevin Ford, Richard Rogers, Steve Latham, Cllr. Terry Mendies, Norma Wright (Clerk); 8 members of the public.

2. Apologies: Trevor Brand (Health), Hannah Munro (Holiday).

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

D Pollard stated that the public session is only for 10 minutes. No one person will be allowed to speak for longer than 3 minutes. Subjects previously discussed will not be given time. Emails received from residents (not wanting to be named) will be discussed in the Confidential Part 2 of this meeting. The Council feel that most questions have already been previously verbally answered. Councillors do their best and there are vacancies if others feel they can do better.

a. Mr Pilkington raised concerns over the property of Glan Alyn, on the B5430 between Valley Lodge residential home junction and the junction turning into Llanarmon. Trees have been removed, 4 containers have been installed, a lodge with linking paths constructed; commercial vehicles and signs of a business being carried out are on site. There is a large flood-light which stays on long periods of time, causing a hazard for road users. He asked if the property owners had change of use and planning permission. Reply: Cllr T Mendies stated he is fully aware of the property. Police have been notified of the light.

b. Mr Pilkington also reported his concerns over large potholes. Reply: T Mendies asked him or a councillor to always take a photo if possible/ or drop-a-pin then report it on the DCC portal and include him, so he can chase it up.

c. A resident complained about the lack of local NHS dentists available. Reply: Councillors agreed that there is a shortage. They advised residents to contact and complain to Becky Gittins, and Darren Millar – as there is an online petition, concerning the shortage.

d. A question was asked concerning the rumour that Cholomendy Out-Ward Bound Centre was to be used for asylum seekers/ homeless immigrants? Reply: Cllr T Mendies hadn't heard about this, as the property is in Flintshire. Residents should contact them directly.

e. Mr Nash on 24/2/25 wanted to catch a bus to Ruthin none arrived/ nor the one expected after. M+H stated the bus couldn't get into Llanarmon village, due to inconsiderate parking, by a Skoda car. Reply: Cllr T Mendies stated residents need to take a photo of any vehicle dangerously/ inconsiderately parking then send it together with its registration number to the police; and DCC portal. This is important for if a bus cannot get into the village then it would be difficult for the emergency services! There are continual complaints about parking in Ffordd Rhiw Ial Road, with no clear vision; especially by the Raven and Church. Cllr T Mendies stated that everyone needs to be more considerate when parking, as the only other alternative is to have double-yellow lines in the village and fines will then be issued. This will be further discussed at the public LCC AGM in May.

f. Hugo Watts attended, and updated the Council on maintenance issues.

Session Ended 7.30pm.

4. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: S Jones declared a family interest in planning 15/2022/0378

5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: of the Meeting held 5th February 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:

a. Apologies due to a technical problem, this month's agenda was delayed being placed late on the Website.

b. The burst and leaking water- pipe under the path in Llanarmon Church yard will be fixed on Monday 10th March, after a planned funeral and memorial service.

7. Cllr Terry Mendies Report:

PARC FARM PLANNING APPLICATION. Following on from the public meeting in February, concerns remain. The concerns from the NRW letter: Pre planning Application for Apartments: The development is in the Dark Skies area and AONB. The potential for the increase in the number of Caravans: The potential for noise and the commercial viability of this project. The Planning officer is waiting for an Eco report (Bats), larger swimming pool, and there is still an issue with Welsh Water. This will not go to the Planning Committee before June.

PLANNING APPLICATION 33 HOUSES IN LLANARMON: Both the community council and I are asked repeatedly about this application, which is on hold until Welsh Water upgrades the waste water treatment plant in Llanarmon. WW have no plans to do that for at least 4 years. On 4th March the Planning Officer stated, the applicant has submitted minor changes to the application; this does not change the above restrictions regarding the Phosphates.

Burley Hill Quarry Although in Llanferres Community; 21/2021/1194/PS Burley Hill Quarry, Tarmac Company has requested a 15 years extension: Cllr T Mendies requested more public feedback; site meeting 3rd April. Please contact him directly.

PLANNING BREACHES There will be local site audit visits by DCC Planning Officers with Police in attendance, conducted in the coming weeks. Llanarmon has one of the most breaches of planning in DCC; a recent prosecution gave a local resident a £1,200 fine and a criminal record which prevents him from becoming a community councillor again.

Green Waste Charges by DCC will be frozen for this coming financial year.

8. Planning: Members and the public should always view applications prior to the LCC meeting on DCC website. When planning applications are made available from DCC, before a LCC meeting then the planning application reference numbers will be included on the agenda. However, if due to the timing differences of the LCC Agenda being published before planning applications have been received; the public must be aware that these additional planning applications may still be discussed. This is due to LCC's not missing the DCC recommended deadline of a 21-day observation period. Members of the public can always make their own comments directly on DCC website.

15/2025/0040/PS Capel Bethel, Ffordd Rhiw Ial, Llanarmon. Variation of planning 15/2023/0319 to allow alterations to plans to include conversion of existing loft space. Supported.

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

a) Bank Account 8680 £13,633.42: Account 7818 £1,301.70 (Fireworks): Account 3981 £22,261.49 (projects) D Pollard checked the process of the transactions then signed and dated all bank statements against all transactions made, on all accounts; they were accepted. S Jones confirmed, signed and dated authorisation for internet banking / card payments; balances and the late transactions were accepted. **Resolve:** Adopted Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

b) Council agreed and voted to authorise the following Payments Schedule. To prevent being over-due, and when required some invoices may already 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.

£ 5.00	HSBC charges (21st March taken)
£104.99	Webroot Virus protection
£609.13	Clerk Pay March
£141.40	HMRC March
£36.00	Canolfan Dewi Sant (Feb March Rent)
£40.00	One Voice Wales Steve Latham training
£150.00	SLCC Membership
£50.00	D J Pollard Training Planning Aid Wales
£214.00	One Voice Wales Membership
£40.95	Ebay signs CCTV, pickers
£65.00	White Oak (tree planting)
£341.60	N Wright office/post/phone expenses
£78.00	MFS CCTV maintenance /call out
£34.20	J&G Payroll services
£5,000	to be transferred from 8680 main to 3981 project account (to gain interest)

c) New Laptop has been ordered for the council.

d) Clerk has appointments with the Lottery agent and DCC Procurement Tendering Officer for Llanarmon Playing Field play equipment; as the Lottery funding application had been successful.

10. Maintenance:

1. Several moles have been caught on Graianrhyd Community Field.

2. Our 'dog-bags' thief has returned and taken all the rolls on the gates from Llanarmon Field. Also, the problem of an anonymous glass-bottles dumper has returned.

3. Defibs: D Pollard checked Eryrys; Graianrhyd had been checked following the machine having been taken out to be used on a local resident; unfortunately that person died in the ambulance. Sue Hanahoe checked Old School Room; Martin the Llanarmon Shop.

4. An electrician has been contacted to install an outside electric supply for the two cameras required for St Garmon's graveyard. Signs will be purchased and installed.

5. The storm damaged telephone kiosk door and frame in Eryrys repairs are ongoing.

6. The council would sincerely like to thank the community in Graianrhyd for replacing and filling the damaged flower boxes at the Rose & Crown junction; it is beautiful. Thank you!

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

a. AONB forum meeting 15th May, 6,30pm held Neuadd Eleanor Village Hall, Llanfair DC

b. i. Steve Latham has attended training; One Voice Wales ‘An Induction to being a Community Councillor’ 11th February: 18th March he will complete ‘The Council’; then April ‘Code of Conduct Training’.

ii. N Wright 25th February ‘Internal Audit Requirements 2025’ and 5th March ‘Play-area Inspections and Maintenance’

iii. D Pollard will attend 27th March the ‘Joint Event One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales, "Understanding the Planning System 2025"’.

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

1. Emails received requesting information by residents – Clerk will reply. Emails mentioning slander allegations made against members of the public, the request for evidence and for apologies to be made in person. Complaining the Clerk is bias and minutes are incorrect. Resolve: to be discussed in Part 2.

2. Clerk for Llanfair DC Community Council, reaching out to councils within the bounds of the proposed new National Park, for a meeting between council representatives. Resolve: D Pollard volunteered.

3. Following a resident previously asking about the possibility of the Open Reach masts having reliable battery back-up the Clerk asked Darren Millar AM for assistance.

4. Performance against its current Corporate Plan; Denbighshire County Council is planning to work more closely with City, Town & Community Councils in the future.

5. A request from the Valuation Tribunal for Wales for volunteers to sit on the panel to review Council tax banding.

6. The Welsh Governments review of Senedd constituencies had been circulated for comment. Councillors felt there was nothing they could add that would influence the decisions already made.

7. Denbighshire CC has circulated details of the Commuted sums available to Councils for 2025-26 but Llanarmon CC is not eligible for anything.

8. DCC short flag raising ceremony to celebrate Commonwealth Day, 10am 10th March, flagpoles, County Hall, Ruthin.

9. Ombudsman’s letter and Decision Notice not to proceed against a community councillor.

10. DCC highways will close Eryrys Caer Odyn Road to Old School Lane for 3 days (26/3/25 to 28/3/25). The work is for the Ash dieback survey.

11. Scottish Power prohibiting vehicles using Caer Odyn Road, Eryrys (pedestrians can still pass) extending southwards from junction with Ochr y Foel for approximately 100 metres. The closure is necessary for electrical works by Scottish Power; from 14th April to approx 21st April 2025.

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

1. Local flooding, highway problems, and pot-holes in the community reported by S Jones to DCC. Chair instructed all Councillors to take photos of the problems then report the various local highways faults directly on DCC portal.

2. T Brand had cleared more bonfire nails/metal with his magnets; as more had been reported.

3. Darren Millar and FCC will be 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.

4. S Latham reported pot holes on B5430 developing exactly opposite each other on a severe bend. The offside one is particularly hazardous to motorcyclists as they will be leaning left on the bend; on the uphill left side of the road into Llanarmon just before the Old Schoolroom.

5. S Latham reported the lights were still on at 5am in St Garmon’s Church – perhaps the Church wardens could use Facebook or WhatsApp to ask for more volunteers from the village, to help with opening/locking the premises.

6. Once again the danger of the traffic speed limit outside Ysgol Bro Famau, Eryrys is causing concern. Cllr T Mendies was asked to press this issue. DCC have been working on a Traffic Regulation Order to make the speed limit 20mph.

14. PART 2

15. Meetings: General Meeting of the Council 7pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at Canolfan Dewi Sant.

All minutes are ‘draft’ until signed off by the Chair. Meeting ended 21.05pm

Signed Dated.....