

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LLANGENNITH, LLANMADOC AND CHERITON COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HELD
AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 5th March 2025 IN LLANGENNITH PARISH HALL**

Present:

Chairperson: John David

Vice chairperson:

Councillors: John Barker Tom Wentworth Gareth Hopkins Jackie Royall

Clerk to the Council: Kathy Browning

No:	Agenda Items	Action
	The meeting was attended by a member of the public. The Assistant Chief Fire Officer and a First Responder attended until the end of item 4.	
1. (25/32)	Apologies for Absence: Received from Councillors Jonathan Bale, Martin Pashley and Matthew Cowley	
2. (25/33)	Declaration of interest: The Clerk declared an interest as a member of Friends of the Gower Commons (see item 10).	
3. (25/34)	Minutes of meeting held on 5th February 2025: Minutes agreed as a true record, proposed and seconded by Councillors Tom Wentworth and Gareth Hopkins.	
4. (25/35)	First Response Vehicle – Attendance by Assistant Chief Fire officer and a First Responder: The Welsh Ambulance Service has determined that the local first responder unit, which can only be called out by them, is only to be called out for category Red, or “life critical”, calls, which are also given priority by the ambulance service. The advantages of the first responder unit responding to amber calls in the climate of long waiting times for ambulances was discussed and it was decided to make efforts to support this by writing to local representatives and the cabinet secretary with responsibility for Fire and Rescue. Their possible attendance at the Dog Show in Llangennith was discussed as a way to encourage more volunteers.	KB
5. (25/36)	Questions from public: Nil	
6. (25/37)	Biodiversity: A working party of two community councillors and the clerk met with two members of Swansea Council regarding potential biodiversity projects in the local area, such as swift callers & nest boxes, bat houses, barn owl boxes and grassland improvement. They will come and survey the area and make suggestions, which can then go out to locals for feedback. The community council (CC) will contact the local hall committees to see if they are happy for the halls to be included in these surveys. It was discussed whether the community council should join the Local Nature Partnership, which will be added to the next agenda. Kathy has received advice and costs for bat and bird boxes.	KB
7. (25/38)	Footpaths: - Cllr Pashley and the Clerk attended a meeting with Natural Resources Wales (NRW), the National Trust and Swansea Council regarding the installation of a crossing at the breach of the sea wall on Cwm Ivy Marsh. Swansea Council is very keen to install one, the community council will support them by writing to NRW and will let local residents know, via the parish magazine and village Facebook pages, how to support this if they wish to. - The community council will look into inviting our local Countryside Access Officer to Llangennith Dog Show to advertise the Adopt a Path scheme, possibly being launched by Swansea Council.	KB KB

8. (25/39)	Policies update: The updated Standing Orders were voted on, agreed and adopted by the council. The Finance Policy will be reviewed this month.	KB/JD								
9. (25/40)	Consider matters arising: Llanmadoc Hall refurbishment: No further update. The bench by the bus stop in Llanmadoc will be repaired soon and the bench outside St Madoc Church is to be replaced by residents in Llanmadoc, the Community Council (CC) agreed to offer a donation up to £200 to assist with this – no update. The community council has received quotes, voted and agreed to commission a tree survey on its land by Tree Care Consulting. No response has yet been received from Swansea Council regarding the streetlight on Cock Street, which is on all night. Kathy will chase this up. Burry Green pond has been cleared. Dark Sky Community – There are to be a yearly celebrations of the DarkSky Award in Gower and the community council will look at plans to celebrate it next year. The red phone box in Llanmadoc is either to be adopted by the land owner or removed by BT. The community council does not own that piece of land and discussions are underway between the history society and the landowner.	KB KB								
10. (25/41)	Finance: The councillors have approved the below payments: <table><tr><td>Payment to clerk plus expenses</td><td>£219.55</td></tr><tr><td>Gower Timber Co. Cleaning out Burry Green pond.</td><td>£390</td></tr><tr><td>Gower Timber Co. Emergency tree work</td><td>£240</td></tr><tr><td>Membership of One Voice Wales</td><td>£158</td></tr></table> Balance in bank at the end of February £5,554.75 A request for funds from the armed forces charity SSAFA has been turned down as it does not directly benefit the local community. A request for funds from Friends of the Gower Commons has been received and further information has been requested from the CC as to its role.	Payment to clerk plus expenses	£219.55	Gower Timber Co. Cleaning out Burry Green pond.	£390	Gower Timber Co. Emergency tree work	£240	Membership of One Voice Wales	£158	
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11. (25/42)	Planning: New planning applications: 2025/0157/FUL: Highbury, Llangennith, Swansea SA3 1HU. Replacement front porch, fenestration alterations and additions including two first floor side windows, replacement roof covering, installation of rear and side roof lights and external log burner flue. No objections. Decisions received and noted from City and County of Swansea: 2019/2409/FUL: Well Park Hall, Llangennith, Swansea SA3 1HU. Front and rear extensions and installation of 4 rooflights to garage to facilitate conversion of garage to annexe and front porch. Approved subj to S106.									
12. (25/43)	Highways Issues - Reported: Hole outside the village hall in Llanmadoc. Potholes & deterioration of side of road at Lower Muzzard. Kathy will re-report this for repair. Water leak from BT cover in road near the entrance to The King’s Head car park: A soakaway cannot be installed, Open Reach have said they will jet the drain to clear the blockage. Kathy has chased this up. Fixed: Pothole outside Overway House on Rattle Street. New issues to report: Potholes outside The Narrows and down to the Old Post Office in Llangennith.	KB KB								

13. (25/44)	• There has been a large hole with barriers around it on the lane down to Cwm Ivy for about two years, Kathy will approach Highways as to progress with getting this fixed. • The junction sign outside Cadiz Hall that was knocked down has been removed but not yet replaced. Kathy will enquire about this. • There is a large hole at the side of the road at the triangle where the road from Burry green splits to go to Burry or Reynoldston. Kathy will report it. Defibrillators: Monthly checks: • The Britannia - KB • Llangennith Hall - KB • Burry Green Chapel - JD • Landimore - KB • Llanmadoc shop - KB • Cwm Ivy – KB • The defibrillator cabinet in Llandimore was letting water in but has been dry for the last few months, Cllr Pashley will look at whether it will help to put some more holes in the bottom for water to get out.	KB KB MP
14. (25/45) 15. (25/46)	Correspondence: Nil Members' questions and matters for publication: Biodiversity update Sea wall breach, Cwm Ivy Marsh First Response Vehicle The May meeting has been moved to Wednesday 14th and will include the Annual Meeting of the Council. Meeting closed at 9.40pm Time and date of next meeting: Wednesday 2nd April 2025, 7.30pm in the Llanmadoc Village Hall If anyone wishes to attend a monthly meeting via a Google Meet link, please contact the clerk.	KB