

Cilymaenllwyd Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at Caffi Beca

Present: Anthony Jenner (Chair), Russell Davies, Dennis Jones, Anthony Eynon, Rebecca Jaimangl Jones, Tudur Lewis, Vivian Williams, Janice Morgan (Clerk)

In attendance: Julie Sweet (community member) for Matters Arising

Apologies: Cllr Dorian Phillips, Geraint James

The meeting was chaired by Chairperson Mr Anthony Jenner.

1. The minutes of the Community Council meeting held on 29th November 2022 were accepted as distributed to the members on AE's proposal and seconded by VW and DJ.

2. Issues arising from 29/11/22 minutes:

- Meini Gŵyr information board: JM reported that the designer Phil Wait had sent a quote of £913.85 for the information board. All agreed to continue with this.
Action: JM to ask Phil Wait to send a draft before final print to ensure all correct
- Ynys Fach picnic site sign: The County Council is responsible for the maintenance of this site and they have confirmed that this work will be carried out in early April. They have given the community council permission to renew the sign but would like to see its design first and also confirm its location.
Action: JM to ask Boomerang to create a draft of the sign and share with all and also with the contact at Carmarthenshire County Council before final print
- Litter is a major problem in the car park next to the picnic site
Action: Ask DP to request that litter is collected more frequently at Ynys Fach
- Public footpath update: JS provided a comprehensive update on the developments that have been made on the public footpaths in the Login area – see Appendix 1 for JS's full update
- Community councils have powers to approach landowners and encourage them to work together in order to clear and keep these routes open. Landowners have a legal obligation to keep the public footpaths on their land open. There are guidelines for landowners about their responsibilities regarding public footpaths. JS asked if the community council would consider negotiating with the landowners and using these powers?
- Carmarthenshire County Council has a new website to report any issues relating to the public footpaths and it shows all the footpaths and what they should look like in an ideal world. This website is a way of measuring the demand for using the different routes. JS will send the link to JM
- Pathways to Welfare funding is available and an application could be considered in the next round
- Insurance was discussed. Volunteers who clear the paths do so on their own responsibility.

Action:

- **Ask DPh about the guide for landowners relating to public footpaths**
- **JM to confirm who are the landowners of the different routes identified at the public meeting and email the list to everyone as the first step**

The possibility of different members going to talk to the landowners in twos. It will be necessary to have this dialogue with all landowners before organising volunteers etc.

- Funding streams - JM will report back on appropriate funding streams at the next meeting.
- Website development – JM said Jamie King's quote is competitive and is local, living in the Llanfallteg area. Llangynin Community Council is pleased with the service he provides. Setting up a website, including 'domain hosting', 'website hosting' and security costs would be between £500 and £700. JM has received a list of things that would need to be included on the website. It was agreed to use Jamie King's services
Action: JM to contact Jamie King and progress with developing a website
- Defib at Ffynnonwen Community Centre - an application for a defib grant was submitted beginning of December which was completed by Julie Sweet. The application was successful and the Chair thanked JS for her work.
 A letter was sent to Ffynnonwen Centre asking if they would agree to install the defib outside the building. They have confirmed that they agree but they would ask for a contribution towards the cost of buying a heated cabinet which is one of the requirements of the grant. A cabinet is approx £520.
 JS stated that she would be willing to be the guardian of the defib and that she had also received training.
 JS said that some residents of the area would be willing to contribute towards the cost. It was agreed that the community council would be happy to make a contribution towards the cost of a cabinet.
Action:
 - **JM to inform Canolfan Ffynnonwen secretary that the community council is willing to contribute towards the cost of a heated cabinet**
 - **DJ to make enquiries about how the cabinet was installed at Caffi Beca**
- Carmarthenshire Urdd National Eisteddfod Appeal 2023 – it was confirmed that a £500 contribution was sent last year.
- 20 mph speed limits – several members said they had added their comments on Traffweb. The closing date was 9th December.

Correspondence

- An appeal letter was received from Y Cardi Bach requesting a contribution towards the cost of producing and maintaining the local paper. It was agreed to give the same amount as last year, i.e. £250. JM will send a cheque to the treasurer of Y Cardi Bach.
- A request for a nomination for an additional community governor was received from the Chair of the Federal Governing Body of Ysgol Beca (Efailwen) and Ysgol Bro Brynach (Llanboidy). They are keen to have representation from the Efailwen area and/or with a connection to Ysgol Beca, and the ability to speak Welsh would be desirable. RJJ was asked but could not commit at this time.
Action: RJJ to ask others if interested in being a community governor
- An invitation received to the seventh Annual St. David's Conference, Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner Dafydd Llywelyn, on Friday 3rd March. RJJ is interested in attending and will register.
- Several emails were sent to members regarding various open consultations.

3. Signing cheques/mandate

- JM confirmed that the mandate has now been updated and confirmed. TE, TL and JM will be able to sign cheques now.
- Clerk's Salary - JM reported that NALC had confirmed the new pay scales for clerks, retrospectively from 1st April 2022. Therefore the clerk's salary would now increase from £1300 per annum to £1398.90 per annum (from £25 per week to £26.90 per week). JM commenced the clerk's role in May 2022, therefore a total of 48 weeks up to 31st March

2023. JM submitted an invoice of £1291.20 for the clerk's salary for the year 2022/23. This was approved by Committee members.

- Cheques payable to:
 - Mr Robert James, Caffi Beca - £25
 - 'Y Cardi Bach' - £250
 - G O James, Hedge cutting a bank near the river Tâf in Login - £35
 - Clerk's 2022/23 salary - £1291.20

4. Planning

- No planning applications submitted within the Cilymaenllwyd community.

5. Precept 2023/24

- The draft precept prepared by JM for 2022/23 was considered. It was agreed to increase the amount from £7000 to £8000 only, as there was a sufficient amount in the fund. JM will return the precept form for 2023/24 asap.

6. Training Plan

- A list of January - March online training sessions was sent to everyone by email. The cost of each training session is £35. JM stated that the community council needs to have a training plan in place; to be discussed further at the March meeting. JM expressed interest in attending a training session in February (21/2/23 Code of Conduct) and will report back.

7. AOB

- JM reported that GJ had decided to withdraw as a member of the community council due to ill health.
- **Action: JM to send a letter of thanks to GJ for all his work with the council community over the years**
- New members - it was confirmed that Julian Williams and Michael Fussell have been co-opted to join as new members of the community council, instead of LO and GJ. It was also proposed to ask Ffion John to join when VW steps down in May.
- **Action: TL to ask Ffion John if she would consider joining as a member**
- Potholes were discussed.
- **Action: All to report any pothole issues to DP**
- Bus shelter questionnaire - a questionnaire needs to be completed giving details about shelters that the community council owns and responsible for. It was confirmed that there is only one, in Efailwen square, made of bricks and roof tiles. JM will return the questionnaire.


8. Date of Next Meeting

- Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 7.30pm at Caffi Beca.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman

Signed:

Chair:



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Date: 28/03/2023

Appendix 1 – provided by Julie Sweet

Cilymaenllwyd meeting Caffi Beca 31.1.23 7.30pm.

Footpaths put forward for Login and Cwm-Miles were – **4/7, 4/12, 4/13, 4/16, 4/19 & 18/42**. I have highlighted in bold the Login footpaths forwarded to the Council by Councillor Phillips. For footpath locations please refer to the Parish Council map for Cilymaenllwyd.

4/7 – is still with the council for footpath consideration.

4/12 – see below.

4/13 – open but unsigned and the Council will be submitting a small path change in the future for entrance from the metalled road in Login village.

4/16 – surveyed and ready for volunteers to start clearance after landowner permission secured. See below.

4/19 – clear apart from one section (as previously reported) map reference SN16516 24908 to SN16487 25097, a length of approximately 200 metres.

18/42 – see below. **4/5** – open unsigned.

4/20 – open apart from one small section.

4/22 – open unsigned.

4/23 – open unsigned.

Jason Lawday from the Council re-visited the area on 10.1.23 to investigate the drainage issue on footpath 4/12 above Lletty and below Llandre. This is part of the Landsker line footpath and the Council have termed it a promoted 'long distance route' which means it gets some maintenance.

Jason has informed the landowner that the drainage issue will have some maintenance in the next financial year. So, from April onwards the work may be started.

The County Council have a new way of reporting footpath issues. The link can be accessed from their website – council services – public rights of way – then click again on public rights of way – see the public rights of way map site – OR (<https://prow-carms.esdm.co.uk>).

Once on this 'public rights of way' map you can see all numbered rights of way in Carmarthenshire and related Parishes. The length of each footpath is detailed and can also see where all associated path furniture should be, e.g. signs, stiles, bridges etc.

You can report an issue and track previous issues. You have to register to log an issue, which is straightforward. It is an improvement on the previous system where previously reported issues have been lost.

I would recommend everyone who has previously reported an issue to re-report the issue through this website, they will automatically receive an email and log number. If all people report any defects or issues then it gives the Council a more accurate picture of demand for rights of ways and related issues. Previously reported issues not done via this website have not always been recorded so the Council may be unaware of any issue.

All rights of way in Cilymaenllwyd Parish other than some sections of the Landsker Line are still unsigned. According to the Council signage is the last bit of path furniture to be placed. Signage is usually done in batches where there are several to be done in one area.

Login village sits on the very edge of Cilymaenllwyd parish so consequently several of the footpaths that lead to or from Login village migrate out into the neighbouring parish of Llanboidy. As footpaths previously linked adjoining Parishes. Many people living and walking from Login village walk or wish to walk the local footpaths without having to get into a car. Footpath 18/42 starts in Login village and initially is part of the Landsker trail but very shortly then splits at footpath junction 18/43. This is one of the footpaths that Login put forward to clear at the initial footpath meeting on 27.9.22. Part of it is in Llanboidy Parish.

The first section footpath is now very clear and is getting lots of footfall which is keeping the path open. Slightly further on footpath 18/42 is partially blocked and volunteers are very willing to make a start on this clearance. One of the landowners on this section is very amenable to footpath clearance but another isn't. The Council have stated there is little or no budget to do this. This time of the year is perfect for footpath clearance due to less overgrowth and volunteers have available time to offer.

Several footpaths within Login have already been cleared with landowner permission and volunteer assistance.

Are the Parish Council willing to use their rights to maintain and keep clear existing footpaths?

Can I propose on behalf of the willing volunteers of Login that one of the solutions to opening up footpaths is for the Parish Council to speak with landowners and then volunteers clear these obstructed footpaths. This organisation and footpath clearance could be extended to the footpath volunteers in Efailwen and Hebron.

We have done this in Login on a low-key level up until now without the Parish Council with good success.

Footpath 4/9 could perhaps be a starting point. Opening up this existing right of way would take walkers off a busy, narrow and sometimes fast section of road and re-join the Landsker Trail or other footpaths. Footpaths 4/16 and 4/11 are other paths that clearance could be started once land-owner permission is sought.

Do Llanboidy Parish have a volunteer footpath group? Are they happy for the Login group to proceed with footpaths from Login that go into Llanboidy? Can we work collaboratively? E.g. footpaths 18/42, 18/38, 18/37, 18/39 to re-open. This will link up Login and Llanboidy communities via footpaths.

I am also involved with the funded campaign through the Ramblers association to map and save lost paths or lost ways prior to the Parish council survey in 1950's but not recorded on the Definitive Map. Carmarthenshire area are looking to recruit more volunteers to assist. More details here <https://dontloseyourway.ramblers.org.uk>

The role of Don't Lose Your Way Researcher is for those who are keen to engage in the process of researching, applying for, and saving these lost paths. The approach taken by researchers will vary in different areas and will be guided by a local coordinator. You could get involved with deskwork, archival research, or surveying potential lost paths on the ground, as well as supportive and administrative tasks.

There is a map which shows historical rights of way. If anyone wants more information, they can contact me or look on the website.