



Minutes of Meeting of Council

Held At / Via: Multi-Location Meeting - Llangyfelach Church, Llangyfelach & Microsoft Teams

On: Tuesday, 7 January 2025 2024 at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor Sharon Phillips (Vice-Chair) Presiding

Councillors: Paul Baker, Jamie Jewell, Daniel Lorey, Julie Rees, Adrian Roberts & Mark Tribe

Clerk to the Council: Huw Evans

144 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Councillors Peter Gibson & Mike Glover.

145 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by Llangyfelach Community Council, no interests were declared:

146 Minutes of Council

Resolved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held on the following date(s) be approved and signed as a correct record:

- i) 12 December 2024.

147 Announcements of the Chair of Council

There were no announcements.

148 Public Question Time

There were no questions asked.

149 Community Reports

i) PCSO (Police Community Support Officers) Report

Councillor Mark Tribe provided an update.

ii) LAC (Local Area Co-ordinators) Report

Councillor Mark Tribe provided an update.

150 Expenditure, Income, Bank Account Transfers & Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk outlined the Expenditure, Income, Bank Account Transfers & Bank Reconciliations since the last meeting of Council. Expenditure was made in accordance with Minute 19 "Constitutional Matters" of the Annual Meeting of Council held on 9 May 2024.

Expenditure (E)		£
E78	Swansea Council. Refund. Hire of Land Train for Christmas Fair.	-200.00
Expenditure - Previous Council Decision (E)		£
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Expenditure - Raised at the Meeting (E)		£
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Income (I)		£
I13	Bank Interest (December 2024)	21.55
I14	Precept	10,000.00
Bank Account Transfers (T)		£
T13	09.12.2024. Business Reserve to Current Account	1,000.00
T14	13.12.2024. Business Reserve to Current Account	2,500.00

Resolved that:

- 1) The Expenditure, Income, Bank Account Transfers & Bank Account Monthly Reconciliations be approved and noted.
- 2) The Clerk be authorised to pay the Payments Raised at the Meeting.

151 Correspondence

The actions / comments made as in relation to the correspondence reported:

Correspondence	Actions
One Voice Wales. Training	Noted.
Swansea Council. Weekly Planning Applications	Noted.
Swansea Council. Weekly Planning Decisions	Noted.
Planning Aid Wales. Training & Events	Noted.
One Voice Wales. News Bulletin	Noted.
Llais. Monthly Newsletter	Noted.
Zurich Insurance. Winter Tips	Noted.
UK Government. COVID-19 Day of Reflection - 9 March 2025	Noted.
Public Technology. Survey	Noted.
Law Commission. Consultation on Burial and Cremation law reform	Noted.
Environment Centre. Workshops	Noted.
Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru. Review of Senedd Constituencies	Noted.
Welsh Government. Age Without Limits Day: Micro-grants for Age-friendly Communities	Noted.
Parish Online. Newsletter	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Cost of Living Crisis Project. Newsletter	Noted.
Welsh Blood Service. Merry Christmas	Noted.
Valuation Tribunal for Wales Tribunal Members	Noted.

Llais. Silly Rules	Noted.
UK Government. Consultation on Reforms to the Compulsory Purchase Process and Compensation Rules	Noted.
Public Technology.net. Your voice matters: Help shape Local Government transformation	Noted.
Planning Aid Wales. Training & Events	Noted.
One Voice Wales. News Bulletin	Noted.
Llais. Monthly Newsletter	Noted.
Zurich Insurance. Winter Tips	Noted.
UK Government. COVID-19 Day of Reflection - 9 March 2025	Noted.
Public Technology. Survey	Noted.
Law Commission. Consultation on Burial and Cremation law reform	Noted.
Environment Centre. Workshops	Noted.
Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru. Review of Senedd Constituencies	Noted.

152 Delegates Feedback on Outside Bodies

There was no feedback.

153 Workplan (For Information)

The Council Workplan was presented.

154 Swansea Council Matters: Planning, Highways, Footpaths, Cycleways & Bridleways

There were no matters raised.

155 Training

The Clerk stated that the Training Plan was adopted on 13 April 2023. It sets out the training requirements for Community Councillors and Staff. The monthly One Voice Wales, Planning Aid Wales and other relevant training schedules have been circulated. Councillors should regularly review their training requirements in line with the Training Plan & Training Matrix. To attend training, Councillors should liaise with the Clerk.

Councillors welcomed the courses provided by One Voice Wales; however, they stated that the timings of the courses didn't suit everyone. They asked that the Clerk enquire to see if the Council could purchase pre-recorded training sessions to listen to when convenient.

Resolved that:

- 1) The update be noted.
- 2) One Voice Wales be asked if they could provide pre-recorded courses for the convenience of Councillors.

156 Llangyfelach Ward Councillor Update

Councillor Mark Tribe, Llangyfelach Ward Councillor on Swansea Council provided a verbal report outlining his work within the Ward. The update included reference to:

- i) The clearing of Three Mile Lane.
- ii) The cleaning of drains & culverts along Swansea Road.
- iii) Funding opportunities from www.grantscape.org.uk

157 Permanent Remembrance Memorial on Village Green

The Clerk provided several images of permanent Remembrance Memorials. Councillors considered the images and favoured a stone work round memorial approximately 1m square with a plinth and accessible path. The design will be discussed at a further meeting; however, the names of individuals would not be included as the memorial would be for all conflicts.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Clerk liaise with Swansea Council for permission to place a permanent Remembrance Memorial on the Village Green.
- 2) The Clerk seek funding opportunities for the Remembrance Memorial.
- 3) The Clerk seek to firm up some design options and provide a report to a future meeting of the Council.
- 4) The Clerk be delegated authority to spend up to £500 in design fees.

158 Model Financial Regulations (Wales) 2024 & Council's Bank Accounts

The Clerk stated that the two new Bank Accounts had been opened with NatWest Bank. The signatories on the accounts Councillors Peter Gibson, Sharon Phillips, Paul Baker & the Clerk were in the process of setting up the Bankline facility. It was likely that the Clerk would continue to use the existing payment methods during January to March 2025; however, wherever possible the Bankline facility would be utilised.

The Clerk will bring the Model Financial Regulations (Wales) 2024 to February or March 2025 Council.

Resolved that the update be noted.

159 Pea Lighting on the Cherry Trees on Village Green

The Clerk stated that the Council's Action Plan 2024-2025 includes the ambition to place Pea Lighting on the Cherry Trees at the Village Green. The Clerk has scheduled a meeting with a specialist Company to discuss the matter in January 2025. The Clerk will provide feedback and bring a formal report to a future Council Meeting.

Resolved that the update be noted.

160 Items for Future Meetings

The following items be added to the Council's workplan:

- i) Presentation – Penllergaer Solar Park.
- ii) Presentation - Funding opportunities from www.grantscape.org.uk
- iii) Review of Council's Action Plan with aim to add projects on Y Llwyni e.g. Benches, Picnic Tables, Christmas Tree.
- iv) Permanent Christmas Tree on Village Green.

Next Council Meeting

6.00pm on Tuesday, 11 March 2025.

The meeting ended at 7.20 p.m.

Chair