



Minutes of Meeting of Council

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

On: Tuesday, 11 March 2025 at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor Peter Gibson (Chair) Presiding

Councillors: Paul Baker, Mike Glover, Daniel Lorey, Sharon Phillips, Julie Rees & Mark Tribe

Clerk to the Council: Huw Evans

177 Apologies for Absence

An apologies for absence was received from Councillors Jamie Jewell & Adrian Roberts.

178 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests

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

179 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) 13 February 2025.

180 Announcements of the Chair of Council

There were no announcements.

181 Public Question Time

There were no questions asked.

182 Community Reports & Invited Presentations

i) PCSO (Police Community Support Officers) Report

There was no report.

ii) LAC (Local Area Co-ordinators) Report

The Clerk provided the report on behalf of the LAC.

iii) Penllergaer Solar Farm Presentation

Jake Geczy & Dominic Richardson of Elements Green gave a presentation on the Penllergaer Solar Farm scheme. They stated that the scheme would generate 40MW which is enough to power almost 20,000 homes.

183 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)		£
E84	Clerk Salary (February 2025)	452.23
E85	CCS Pension Fund (Clerk) (February 2025)	178.89
Expenditure - Previous Council Decision (E)		£
E83	5x Copies of "The Gardening Life of Head Gardener Herbert (Bert) Stacey 1905-1985" Book. Council 13.02.2025	100.00
Expenditure - Raised at the Meeting (E)		£
-	One Voice Wales Membership 2024-2025	474.00
-	Marie Curie. Great Daffodil Appeal 2025	101.01
Income (I)		£
I18	Bank Interest - New Account (February 2025)	29.59
Bank Account Transfers (T)		£
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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.

184 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.
One Voice Wales. Participate in new important Wales community resilience research	Noted.
One Voice Wales. National Awards 30 April 2025	Noted.
Ystadau Cymru. Asbestos Awareness Training	Noted.
Swansea Council. Swansea LDP2 Update / Revised Delivery Agreement and Preferred Strategy	Noted.
WI. Neurodiversity Celebration Week	Noted.

One Voice Wales. News from the Cost of Living Crisis Support Team	Noted.
Boston Seeds. Plant Wildflowers This Spring	Noted.
Parish Online. Newsletter	Noted.
Swansea Bay University Health Board. Focus Group opportunities - The Independent Review of Maternity and Neonatal Services at Swansea Bay	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Digital Guidance	Noted.
Swansea Bay Health Charity. Newsletter	Noted.
Maximus. Mental Health Support	Noted.
On Voice Wales. Cost of Living Crisis Project Team Upcoming Online Events	Noted.
Public Sector Network. Newsletter	Noted.
Swansea Greener Grid Park Community Fund	Noted.
Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. Annual Report 2025	Noted.
Tomato Energy. Launch in Swansea	Noted.
National Association of Local Councils. Clear Councils Newsletter	Noted.
Swansea Council. Notice of consultation - Swansea LDP2 Pre-Deposit Plan (Preferred Strategy) and related documents	Noted.
One Voice Wales. National Awards 30 April 2025	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Latest Development Notes	Noted.
Environment Centre. Seed Swap Saturday	Noted.
One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales. Joint Event "Understanding the Planning System - your questions answered" on 27 March 2025 from 10:00am to 1:30pm, remote via Zoom	Noted.
SSAFA (Soldiers' Sailors' & Airmen's Families Association) Wales. Community Council Appeal 2025	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Senedd Reform Report	Noted.
Marie Curie. Great Daffodil Appeal 2025	See Minute 194.

185 Delegates Feedback on Outside Bodies

There was no feedback.

186 Workplan (For Information)

The Council Workplan was presented.

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

There were no matters raised.

188 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.

Resolved that the update be noted.

189 Llangyfelach Ward Councillor Update

Councillor Mark Tribe, Llangyfelach Ward Councillor on Swansea Council provided a verbal report outlining his work within the Ward.

190 Permanent Remembrance Memorial on Village Green

The Clerk stated that Council at its meeting on 9 September 2024 resolved to investigate the possibility of constructing a permanent Remembrance Memorial on the Village Green. Council at its meeting on 12 December 2024 dedicated £5,000 of its 2024-2025 budget towards the Remembrance Memorial. The Clerk stated that he was in dialogue with Swansea Council regarding permission to build the permanent Remembrance Memorial and other related issues.

Resolved that the update be noted.

191 Pea Lighting on the Cherry Trees on Village Green

The Clerk stated that the Council's Action Plan 2024-2025 included the ambition to place Pea Lighting on the four Cherry Trees at the Village Green. The Clerk stated that a meeting with a specialist Company to discuss the matter was held in February 2025. Lite-Ltd provided a quote to supply canopy lights for the four trees on the Village Green. The lights would provide an elegant warm white lighting effect. The lights are designed to remain in place so that they can be used for other events during the year. Running costs would be in the order of £0.21p per hour. Based on 400 operating hours (average Christmas display duration) then total energy cost would be approximately £84 per year.

The Clerk stated that he was in dialogue with Swansea Council regarding permission to place Pea Lighting on the Cherry Trees and other related issues.

Resolved that the update be noted.

192 One Voice Wales Membership 2024-2025

The Clerk stated that the Council's Membership of One Voice Wales ends on 31 March. A renewal membership letter has been received. The cost being £474. The benefits of membership of One Voice Wales are worthwhile as it provides excellent support, advice, and access to a training programme.

Resolved that the Council continue its One Voice Wales Membership.

193 Statkraft - Swansea Greener Grid Park Community Fund (GrantScape)

The Clerk reminded Councillors that Statkraft were seeking Councillors to sit on the GrantScape Panel.

Resolved that Councillors Paul Baker and Mike Glover be the Council's nominations to sit on the GrantScape Panel.

194 Consider Requests for Grants & Donations

The Council stated that the Council had allocated £1,000 of its 2023-2024 budget to its Grants & Donations Policy. To be eligible for a grant / donation applicants must comply with the conditions set out within the Policy.

<https://www.llangyfelachcommunitycouncil.org.uk/policy-procedures/>

Requests for applications are considered every 4 months (July, November & March). To date, the budget has been allocated as outlined:

Organisation	£
Donation to fund a Book. The Gardening Life of Herbert (Bert) Stacey. Council 09.07.2024	250.00
6 th Llangyfelach Scout Group. Oven & Petrol Mower. Council 14.11.2024	748.99
Wales Air Ambulance. Council 14.11.2024	200.00
St John Ambulance Cymru. West Glamorgan Ambulance Fund. Council 14.11.2024	200.00
Total Allocated	1,398.99
Total Unallocated	101.01

Council considered the request for funding as outlined in correspondence from Marie Curie as part of its Great Daffodil Appeal 2025.

Resolved that:

- 1) The update be noted.
- 2) A donation of £101.01 be made to the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal 2025.

195 Review of Asset Register

The Asset Register has been reviewed. The Council's Assets on 28 February 2025 were outlined in the Appendix to the report.

Resolved that the Asset Register be noted.

Next Council Meeting

6.00pm on Thursday, 10 April 2025.

The meeting ended at 6.47 p.m.

Chair