



## **Minutes of Meeting of Council**

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

**On: Thursday, 8 January 2026 at 6.00pm**

**Present:** Councillor Sharon Phillips (Chair) Presiding

**Councillors:** Peter Gibson, Jamie Jewell & Mark Tribe

**Clerk to the Council:** Huw Evans

**140 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Baker, Mike Glover, Julie Rees & Adrian Roberts.

**141 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests**

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

**142 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) 11 December 2025.

**143 Announcements of the Chair of Council**

There were no announcements.

**144 Public Question Time**

Two members of the public asked questions relating to Minute 150 "Swansea Council Matters: Planning, Highways, Footpaths, Cycleways & Bridleways".

Their questions relating to the parking of business vehicles on the footpath / highway on Swansea Road in the vicinity of the Plough & Harrow Public House. They expressed concern at the highway visibility issues that the parking was causing and also the impact on residents of the area.

**145 Community Reports & Invited Presentations**

**i) PCSO (Police Community Support Officers) Report**

Jackson Foote (PCSO) presented a verbal report detailing his work within the community.

Councillors asked questions relating to indiscriminate parking i.e. the blocking of driveways and other points of access. The PCSO advised any person blocked in to contact the Police on "101".

Jackson Foote (PCSO) may be contacted on 07970 009 885.

**ii) Area Co-ordinators Report**

There was no report.

**146 Expenditure, Income, Bank Account Transfers & Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk outlined all Payments, Receipts, Bank Account Transfers & Bank Reconciliations since the last meeting of Council. The payments were made in accordance with Minute 21 "Constitutional Matters" of the Annual Council held on 8 May 2025.

<b>Expenditure (E)</b>		<b>£</b>
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<b>Income (I)</b>		<b>£</b>
I12	Bank Interest (December 2025)	9.86
I13		10,000.00
<b>Bank Account Transfers (T)</b>		<b>£</b>
T13	Current Account to Business Reserve. 01.01.2026	9,000.00

**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 including:

E71	Swansea Council. Hire of Land Train for Christmas Fair. 05.12.2025	240.00
E72	Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) - Principal Membership 2026	218.00

**147 Correspondence**

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

<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>Actions</b>
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. E-Bulletin	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Cost of Living Crisis Support Team Update	Noted.

One Voice Wales. Llais. Monthly Newsletter	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Biodiversity Team	Noted.
City and County of Swansea Pension Fund. Draft Funding Strategy Statement (FSS) - Consultation	Noted.
Llais. Let's talk about leaving Hospital. 27.01.2026	Noted.
Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) for South West Wales. Informal Specific consultee consultation - Timetable for Draft Delivery Agreement	Noted.
One Voice Wales and Planning Aid Wales. Joint Event. "Improving our local places - Welsh case studies and planning updates". 10.30-13.30 on 19.03.2026	Noted.
Senedd Cymru. (Disqualification) Order 2025 - Notification of Order being made	Noted.
Welsh Government. Managing EV Charging & Lithium Battery Safety A Brief Guide for Estate Managers: October 2025	Noted.
Swansea Bay University Health Board. Pelvic Health Physiotherapy Service - Free Community Classes	Noted.

**148 Delegates Feedback on Outside Bodies**

There was no delegate feedback.

**149 Workplan (For Information)**

The Council Workplan was presented.

**150 Swansea Council Matters: Planning, Highways, Footpaths, Cycleways & Bridleways**

**1) Parking of business vehicles on the footpath / highway on Swansea Road in the vicinity of the Plough & Harrow Public House**

Councillors considered the questions raised by the public earlier in the meeting. Their questions relating to the parking of business vehicles on the footpath / highway on Swansea Road in the vicinity of the Plough & Harrow Public House. The public expressed concern at the highway visibility issues that the parking was causing and also the impact on residents of the area.

Councillor Peter Gibson stated that he had raised concerns separately with Councillor Mark Tribe, Llangyfelach Ward Councillor on Swansea Council. The Clerk reminded Councillors that parking was an issue for Swansea Council.

Councillors instructed the Clerk to raise the following issues with Swansea Council:

- The danger caused by limited visibility for those vehicles needing to turn right when exiting the Plough & Harrow and / or neighbouring properties. What potential actions can Swansea Council do to alleviate this danger? Would a Traffic Restriction Order be appropriate?
- When the Community Council funded the Pelican Crossing on Swansea Road, a Bus Shelter was removed by Swansea Council. Councillors stated that they had received several requests for a Bus Shelter to be re-instated as it would be beneficial to residents of Llangyfelach during periods of inclement weather. As there is already a Bus Stop at this location and as it is close to the Pelican Crossing, is it possible for Swansea Council to re-instate the Bus Shelter at this location?

**Resolved** that:

- 1) The Clerk raises the above points with Swansea Council and feedback to a future meeting of Council.

**Note:**

- i) Councillor Mark Tribe stated that he would raise the issue directly with Swansea Council.
- ii) The public were informed that the issues raised were outside of the remit of the Community Council and were advised to raise their concerns directly with Swansea Council and with their local County Councillor.

## **151 Training Plan**

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.

## **152 Llangyfelach Ward Councillor Update**

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

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

**153 Electricity Supply on Village Green**

The Chair stated that the Council had not received a bill for its electricity use for the Christmas Tree and Pea Lighting on the Village Green during his employment. He stated that he had established that SSE Energy Solutions was the energy provider for the Council's electricity meter on the Village Green. He stated that he had raised a query with SSE Energy Solutions and was awaiting a response.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

**154 Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2026-2027**

The Clerk stated that the Welsh Government had provided formal notification that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales is £11.60 per elector.

Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes.

For clarity, the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 includes provision which enables 'eligible community councils' to exercise the General Power of Competence. The power for Community and Town Councils to exercise the General Power of Competence came into force on 5 May 2022.

**Resolved** that the update be noted.

**154 Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) - Principal Membership 2026**

The Clerk's Membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) lapsed on 31 December. The renewal membership letter has been received. Membership allows access to The Clerk magazine, conferences, courses, specialist advice notes, guidance notes and model documents. The cost being £218.

**Resolved** that the Clerks SLCC Principal Membership fee be paid by Council.

**Next Council Meeting**

6.00pm on Thursday, 12 February 2026.

The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.

**Chair**