

# LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ON ZOOM AT 7PM ON 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

**PRESENT** Councillors: Cllr K Kemp, Cllr T Thomas, Cllr A Rees, Cllr M Hughes, Cllr J Angell, Cllr J Lott, Cllr J Scott-Quelch, Cllr T Bluff-Higgins, and Cllr P Bear.

**Visitors** Cllr G Kemp, Catherine Blyth, Dai Evans, Robin Williams, and Huw Crocombe.

**Apologies** Cllr M Thomas

**In attendance** Mrs J Western – Clerk

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**1811/589** **To receive apologies for absence.**  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Thomas.

**1811/590** **To receive any declarations of interests.**  
There were no declarations of interest.

**1811/591** **To determine any items on the agenda considered to be of a private nature that should be discussed at the exclusion of the Public and Press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2)**  
There were no items that were of a private nature.

**1811/592** **To hear information about Solar Farm developments**  
Mr D Evans presented a background and information about his company, Iolo Energy.

Robin Williams, Mr Evans' consultant, has been involved in this project for about 2.5 to 3 years and he went through the technical elements of the project.

In terms of the team and timetable, the plan involves securing grid connection, planning, and then funding and construction.

The team have had meetings with Welsh Government and ministers. The boundary of the site has been walked and checked that there is no visual impact on properties.

#### Timetable

- There is a legal agreement with Western Power
- The survey is 80% done

- About to submit an environmental scoping report to Welsh Government and they have 5 weeks plus to get back.
- Environmental assessment by Easter.
- Then start process with Welsh government
- A formal preapplication late spring early summer with a submission in the summer.

### Community Benefit

The team is researching different schemes to see whether any models can be adapted for use. This does not impact on the services the Vale of Glamorgan Council provides so is not classed as a Section 106. There is a windfarm development in West Wales which provides funds to a community trust - a fund that will be used for local organisations to put in a bid each year. It is hoped that a model along these lines can be emulated locally.

### Questions

#### **What acreage would have the solar panels?**

The proposal is 40-megawatt development and about 120 acres, both sides of the road. Land from Penn Onn , north and south of the road, extends to one side of the wood to the south boundary, but does not incorporate valley.

#### **Is the proposal just for solar panels or wind turbines as well?**

Just solar panels.

#### **Will there be an impact on St Athan?**

There are no concerns to date and a glint and glare to that effect will be added.

#### **What is the determination procedure?**

36 weeks in the DNS regulations but have a 42-day validation process and there will be an examination of public within 25 weeks of the validation.

#### **How is the power being taken away?**

Dai Evans has 7 pylons on his land and one is seen as being acceptable, everything is under ground and then the infrastructure will be added to pylon until it reaches the grid.

Mr Evans suggested that he is happy to meet with people and show them around the site. A new website has been launched today [www.ioloenergy.co.uk](http://www.ioloenergy.co.uk) . As information goes into the public domain, it will be uploaded to the website. A public meeting will take place as part of the public consultation.

Councillors thanked both for a very informative presentation and asked that they are kept informed.

ACTION – Invite Mr Evans and Mr Williams to the LCC monthly meeting in February or March 2022.

### **Working Group Meeting**

CLlr M Hughes and CLlr T Bluff-Higgins had a successful meeting with Philip Moss from Bonvilston Community Council.

The working group meeting took place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 when it was agreed that the LCC does need to have a policy in place. There is no formal process

in place, and no need to make extra work as Bonvilston Community Council has already formulated and adopted such a policy.

If the two applications in Bonvilston go through, that would be 13% covered in Solar Farms. They have yet to establish what form of benefit for community. They are at a starting point of £1000 per megawatt per year for wind farms.

**ACTION** – Cllr Kemp to contact One Voice Wales for legal understanding and knowledge of other schemes.

- 1811/593**      **To receive the report from PCSO**  
Nothing to report for October 2021.  
PCSO Reynolds asked that residents keep an eye on suspicious vehicles parked up in the night in laybys or pulled into field entrances. Lamping calls have decreased, but it is best to keep on top of it.
- 1811/594**      **To approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**  
The minutes of meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 were **Approved** – Proposed by Cllr T Thomas and seconded by Cllr A Rees.
- 1811/595**      **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes that are not agenda items.**  
There were none.
- 1811/596**      **To discuss and decide on a contractor for the Riverbank wall and footpath maintenance.**  
The third contractor is coming out next week.  
**ACTION** - This item was postponed to the next meeting.  
Since the trees have been felled in the car park, it may be beneficial to erect fencing. It would also benefit from having debri cleared.  
**ACTION** – Clerk to get quotes for fencing.
- 1811/597**      **To discuss the NantCarfan Catchment Project to include areas of water run-off identified by residents**  
There has not been any progress.  
**ACTION** - This item was postponed to the next meeting.
- 1811/598**      **To discuss LCC risk assessments and policies**  
Need to actively be undertaking risk assessments. A working party of Cllr J Scott-Quelch, Cllr K Kemp and Cllr M Thomas will be formed.
- 1811/599**      **To discuss a community allotment in Llancarfan**  
There has been no offer of land for a community allotment.
- 1811/600**      **To discuss any plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.**  
Updated plans were circulated to councillors

- 1811/601**      **To discuss and decide on any maintenance that the burial ground wall may need.**  
This was RESOLVED. Wall is in a reasonable condition and does not need any maintenance.
- 1811/602**      **To discuss and agree on a response for The Quarries planning application.**  
There have been a number of documents uploaded to the planning portal. The only one that is worth looking at relates to highways and it raises a number of issues. Resubmit the response and add about articulated lorry issue. They have responded to the LCC response and this needs to be checked.  
**ACTION** – Cllr J Angel to set up another meeting before the next LCC monthly meeting.
- 1811/603**      **To discuss and finalise the Wellbeing Plan from the Future Generation Act.**  
**ACTION** – keep on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 1811/604**      **To agree on the Christmas Tree Grants for Llanccarfan, Llantrithyd, Llanbethery and Llanccadle.**  
It was **RESOLVED** to continue the annual Christmas Tree Grant for the cost of a Christmas tree for Llanccarfan, Llanbethery, Llantrithyd and Llanccadle. The agreed amounts have remained the same at £100 for Llanbethery, Llantrithyd and Llanccadle and £140 for Llanccarfan, Proposed Cllr M Hughes and seconded by Cllr J Angell.
- 1811/605**      **Committee updates:**  
Road Matters Committee  
Cllr A Rees has applied for a 30 mile an hour speed limit to be imposed in Llanbethery. The village will now be added to the waiting list.  
Residents need to be aware that if the 30 speed limit was imposed, it could then be reduced to 20 miles an hour when the new regulations are passed.  
Local authority workmen were seen patching holes in between Aberogwen and A48 today.
- Cllr A Rees has contacted Gwyn Teague and Andy Broscombe about a tree that has come down on a footpath in Llantrithyd and is impassable.
- Planning Committee: Planning Applications / Approvals / Complaints  
Planning Approvals
- 1. 2021/00708/LBC Trewallter Fawr, Walterston, Barry**  
Proposed internal alterations to first floor master bedroom (new en suite bathroom and dressing room)
  - 2. 2021/00923/FUL Cliff Barn, Llanccarfan**  
Replace 5 wooden doors with composite doors. Replace kitchen window with aluminium bi-fold doors (involves removing stonework below window). Replace 3 wood framed windows with composite frames/double glazed. All frames except bi-folding doors are to be solid composite, pebble grey, UPVC.
  - 3. 2021/01051/FUL Stables at Land South of Greendown, Nr. Llanccarfan**  
Retention of the tractor shed/workshop as built and addition of lean-to trailer shed
- Planning Resusals

**4. 2021/1348/FUL Ty Mawr, Llanbethery**

Demolition of part of boundary wall to create new vehicle entrance off the main lane adjacent to existing pedestrian access.

New Planning Applications

**5. 2021/1379/FUL The Quarries, Bonvilston**

The winning and working of limestone, importation/recovery of inert waste and restoration to agriculture/amenity.

ACTION – Cllr G Kemp will ask for the delegation to be removed due to public concern and interest.

**6. 2021/1432/FUL Ty Mawr, Llanbethery**

Internal and external alterations as described in drawings including new conservatory in place of existing, changes to fenestration and removal and alteration of porches

**7. 2021/1599/FUL Sycamore Cottage, Llanbethery**

Remodelling of an existing two storey dwelling, including demolition of an existing front conservatory, new porch, and dormer loft extension with balcony to rear

The council received a complaint regarding 2020/00834/FUL, Copperfield, Llancarfan, as the roof is not being built as per the drawings submitted when planning was agreed.

Cllr J Angell asked the clerk to contact the Vale planners as it is a breach. The Vale responded that they had spoken to the applicant who is going to submit revised drawings. The clerk contacted the planning department again and received a response yesterday that they had still not received the revised plans, and have advised that the LCC can involve the enforcement officer.

ACTION - Cllr G Kemp will raise with the Local Authority enforcement officer.

Burial Ground Committee

Cllr J Angel has spoken to Nick Renick, a local architect, who would be willing to draw up an ordinance survey and mark up a plan for the new burial area for interment of ashes and area of diversity.

ACTION – Burial committee meeting in January 2022 prior to the monthly Community Council meeting to update the rules and regulations.

Cllr J Angell has seen an informal copy of the ground water proposals for the burial ground. Cllr J Angell reported that the proposed work would be extremely disruptive, with a lot of work with digging, up to two metres deep in some areas, and disruption around grave sites. There would be a loss of the use of some of the footpaths whilst the work is being carried out. Cllr J Angell has made some comments but has not received a response.

Community Engagement and Future Generations Committee

There has not been a meeting.

Finance Committee

The finance committee has not met.

**1811/606**

**Correspondence received**

Email received by clerk from Mrs Wenborn in Penmark which reads:

'Hello, I'm writing on behalf of the Penmark Village committee regarding Community Council. Being a) relative newcomers and b) keep to promote our community, I was wondering if the inclusion of Penmark in the Llancarfan CC had ever been considered?'

Penmark historically goes with Rhose and the new boundaries and wards would make it difficult.

ACTION – Cllr K Kemp to write a response.

**1811/607**

### **Finance**

#### Payments

Clerk Wages October 2021	£441.89
HMRC PAYE Clerk October 2021	£77.60
Top Cut Tree Surgeons	£1450.00
Edenvale payment 3 of 3	£660.00

Cheque 200116 for £100 – HMRC PAYE has not yet been cashed.

All payments were agreed by all. The cheques and audit to be signed by two signatories on the weekend.

#### Receipts

None

#### Bank Balances

General Account opening statement balance as of 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	£24,180.64
General Account projected balance on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	£21,451.15

Following the issues that the Clerk has been having with the laptop, it was proposed by Cllr K Kemp that a new laptop with Windows 11 is purchased, this was seconded by Cllr M Hughes and agreed by all.

ACTION – Clerk and Cllr M Hughes will research potential laptops along with equipment required to run hybrid meetings.

**1811/608**

### **Reports from Representatives and Clerk**

#### Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee - Cllr A Rees

There has not been a meeting.

#### Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

There has not been a meeting.

#### Llancarfan School Governors – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

Cllr J Scott-Quelch passed on the suggestion for a Church service and a letter has been sent out to parents informing them that there will be a church service.

Governors and staff were invited to look around the new school. It is a very impressive building, the first zero carbon school in Wales, with an all-weather sports area etc.

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 will be the last day at Llancarfan Primary School.

1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 all equipment and furniture should have been moved in.

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 the new school will be open for pupils.

One Voice Wales - Cllr P Bear  
There has not been a meeting.

Tarmac Community Liaison Committee – Cllr T Thomas  
There has not been a meeting.

**1811/609**

**Items for consideration for next month's Agenda**

- Notice board replacement plastic
- Hybrid meetings
- Website

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