

LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE HYBRID MONTHLY MEETING OF LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL LLANCARFAN AND VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ON ZOOM AT 7.30PM, 19th MARCH 2026

PRESENT Councillors: Cllr G Kemp, Cllr K Kemp, Cllr H Osborn, Cllr J Scott-Quelch, Cllr T Bluff-Higgins, Cllr G Dunsford

Visitors

Apologies Cllr H Farnell, Cllr M Hughes, Cllr A Rees, Cllr M Thomas.

In attendance Cllr I Perry from Item 1903/479 - 20:05

1903/469 **To receive declarations of personal and personal/prejudicial interests.**

Cllr H Osborn declared a personal interest in item 1903/479 as a neighbour of a resident applying for planning permission.

Cllr G Dunsford declared a personal interest in item 1903/478 Cllr G Dunsford declared a personal interest in the Kenson Project and Fonmon Estate restoration as a resident of the village included in the consultation area.

1903/470 **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr H Farnell, Cllr M Hughes, Cllr A Rees, and Cllr M Thomas.

1903/471 **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).**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2), no items of a private nature were identified for discussion.

1903/472 **To receive and discuss any public questions or comments.**

No public questions or comments were received at this meeting.

1903/473 To receive the police report from PC Stuart Elson.

No report has been received by the Clerk.

1903/474 To approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting of 19th February 2026.

The minutes of the previous monthly meeting on 19th February 2026 were approved.

Proposed by Cllr H Osborn and seconded by Cllr J Scott-Quelch.

1903/475 To discuss any matters arising from the minutes that are not agenda items.

There were no matters arising to be discussed.

1903/476 To consider ideas for future community facilities and possible funding source.

No update was available at this meeting.

1903/477 To receive an update on the trees in the car park.

The Clerk reported that the solicitors have been instructed to proceed with a written advice note and site visit regarding the trees. The Clerk will complete the required ID checks, sign the contract, and make the initial payment of £500 to the solicitors.

1903/478 To discuss the Kenson Project and Fonmon Estate restoration including public access and flood modelling.

Cllr G Dunsford declared a personal interest in this item as a resident of the village included within the consultation area. He remained able to provide factual feedback, having attended the public drop-in session held by Natural Resources Wales. Cllr H Osborn also attended a drop-in session and confirmed that the information presented aligned with Cllr Dunsford's feedback.

Cllr G Dunsford reported that he had attended the public drop-in session held by Natural Resources Wales. At the time of his visit, five NRW representatives were present along with a small number of residents. NRW outlined proposals to reintroduce natural meanders into the river, reflecting its pre-1960s course prior to straightening works. The intention is to improve habitat for plants, wildlife and sediment movement. NRW advised that the lowest residential property is approximately four metres higher than the area where works are proposed and that the scheme is expected to assist with managing smaller flood events. They stated

that the modelling undertaken does not extend as far upstream as Llancarfan. Tidal and river flow impacts have been assessed separately but not in combination. NRW confirmed that the footpath from Llancadle across the mud plain is not included in the works. In response to a resident's question, NRW indicated an estimated project cost of £500,000, funded through ring-fenced grant monies. Councillors noted that the primary concern for Llancarfan relates to potential flood risk and the impact on the Nantcarfan River. NRW advised that reconnecting the river with the floodplain and removing the weir may reduce the severity of larger flood events, and that flood risk in outer areas is considered negligible. Councillors found some of the documentation confusing and expressed a wish for clearer information.

The council is supportive of the biodiversity aims of the project but felt that the ambitions are significant within the proposed timeframe. Councillors indicated support in principle, subject to NRW clearly demonstrating that the works present no increased flood risk to Llancarfan.

ACTIONS:

- The Clerk to invite Natural Resources Wales to attend the April monthly meeting.
- Cllr H Osborn to draft wording for the council's response.
- Cllr H Osborn to submit comments on behalf of Llancarfan Community Council.

1903/479 Committee Reports - Road Matters Committee; Planning Committee: Planning Applications / Approvals / Complaints. Burial Ground Committee; Finance Committee.

Road Matters Committee

There has been no meeting of the Road Matters Committee since the previous council meeting. Cllr G Kemp continues to pursue the outstanding items, and some repairs have been completed. Councillors noted that drains in Llanbethery have been raised as a further issue requiring attention.

Concerns were reported regarding lorries attempting to turn near the Llantrithyd quarry. Quarry vehicle movements were confirmed to be within the permitted annual allowance. Members discussed the ongoing ROMP and associated planning matters,

including the retrospective gateway application and the enforcement proceedings being undertaken by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Vale Cllr I Perry joined the meeting for this item and confirmed that he had requested the application be called into the Vale Planning Committee and that delegated powers be withdrawn, but he had not yet received an update. He advised that he had spoken with officers, and while Enforcement had responded, the information provided was limited. Highways had objected to the gateway works. It was noted that the gateway had been widened and that noise complaints had been submitted; the response received indicated that noise and vibration levels were within tolerated limits. Cllr Perry will report back to the council at the next meeting on 16 April 2026.

Councillors noted that the reflective posts recently replaced in Llancadle have been knocked over again. Two potholes reported by councillors were repaired within two days.

Planning committee

New Applications

2026/000125/FUL Delta Cottage, Llancarfan

Take down existing double garage and replace with new double garage. New garage to be linked to existing house via flat roofed area over existing pathway.

Cllr H Osborn declared a personal interest in this planning application and Cllr M Hughes and Cllr T Bluff-Higgins agreed prior to the meeting and informed the clerk that no comments to be made.

Determinations

There were several tree applications approved.

Ongoing applications

2025/00802/FUL Land north of Llantrithyd Deer Park

Widening of existing agricultural access and provision of permeable aggregate surfacing.

This item was previously discussed under Road Matters Committee.

Burial Ground Committee

The work to cut back the bushes near several graves has been completed. Photographs of the finished work have been sent to the family who had raised concerns regarding the condition of their relative's monument.

A meeting of the Burial Committee will be scheduled following the Annual Meeting in May to review the burial fees.

Finance Committee

There is no update.

Community Engagement and Future Generations Working Party

There has been no meeting of the Working Party since the previous council meeting. Councillors noted the email circulated by Cllr M Thomas regarding the future direction of the group.

Cllr M Thomas reported that she had met with Cllr Alex Rees to discuss ways in which biodiversity could be incorporated into community engagement activities. As a starting point, they are developing a list of simple, achievable actions that residents can take to support local biodiversity. Once completed, the list will be shared with councillors and could be included in a future newsletter and on the council's website.

The date for the annual community litter pick remains to be confirmed.

1903/480 **Payments, Receipts, and Bank Balances.**

Cheques written	Clerks Wages February 2026	£	392.76
	Clerks PAYE February 2026	£	109.29
	Clerks expenses February 2026	£	43.14
	Edenvale additional invoice	£	630.00
	SLCC annual membership	£	139.00
		£	1,314.19
	Amount moved to unity bank	£	3,000.00

1903/481 **To review the Council's operational procedures and working practices.**

There is no update.

1903/482 **Correspondence**

There is no additional correspondence of note.

1903/483 **Reports from Representatives, and the Clerk.**

Community Liaison Committee – Cllr H Osborn

No update.

Southpoint Governing Body Meeting – Cllr H Farnell

No update.

One Voice Wales – Cllr H Farnell

No update.

Tarmac Community Liaison Committee – Cllr G Dunsford

Cllr G Dunsford reported that a liaison meeting was held on Wednesday, 18 March 2026. The meeting included a recap of the recent demolition works carried out the previous Saturday. Police had advised Tarmac not to publicise the demolition in advance due to concerns about urban explorers, as the works involved controlled explosions. The demolition was successful; while it could not be heard in Llancadle, it was audible in Llantwit Major.

The overall demolition programme is scheduled for completion by March 2027, with the removal of the large stack planned for late summer. Viewing opportunities have been agreed for local residents. Tarmac outlined a number of potential future uses for the site, although no decisions have yet been confirmed. The ash mound remains a significant topic of community interest, but analysis of samples has not yet been completed.

Airport Committee – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

Cllr J Scott-Quelch reported that the committee had also discussed the ongoing demolition works at Aberthaw Power Station. Nicola Summerville will notify stakeholders when the large stack is scheduled to come down, and arrangements are being made for a viewing platform.

At the airport, WestJet is due to begin flights to Toronto at the end of May 2026. TUI continues to perform well and is operating flights for Caribbean cruise passengers. The Six Nations weekend was reported to be very busy with high passenger numbers. Transport links to and from the airport remain an issue. Qatar Airways is currently affected by aircraft shortages linked to the ongoing conflict. The airport is working to introduce additional routes and is hopeful of reaching its millionth

passenger shortly. Seasonal flights to Lapland will operate in December, and skiing routes are being expanded.

1903/484 **Items for consideration for next month's Agenda.**

There were no additional items requested.