

Minutes of the meeting of Dyffryn Cennen Community Council held on Wednesday 8th October at 6.30 p.m. at Capel Tabernacl Festri, Ffairfach.

Present: Councillor L. Durgan in the chair

Councillors: D. Beynon, A. Freeman, P. Thomas, D. Saunders, T. Amery, B. Davies
County Councillor E. Thomas

Apologies: Councillor D. Greenish, Councillor L. Griffiths, Councillor D. Davies

3395 – Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising that were not included on the Agenda

Minutes were accepted as correct.

3396 – Declaration of Interest

County Councillor E. Thomas – Planning, Councillor T. Amery – Christmas Tree

3397 – Issues for the County Councillor

All issues following the last meeting had been reported to Carmarthenshire County Council, although pot holes continue to be a problem.

The traffic lights at Ffairfach had again been a problem. The Electoral Commission consultation was discussed and a proposal that the County Councillor for Llanfihangel Aberbythych would join with Llandeilo/Dyffryn Cennen. It was a large geographical area and it was discussed and agreed to send in an objection and request that it remains as it is at the moment.

The road from Broadoak was in a bad state. The Footpaths near Cennen Bridge needed clearing. Trap Bridge had been repaired and an excellent job of work was carried out.

(a) Christmas Lights

Councillor Durgan had not been in contact with the Clerk of Llandeilo Town Council.

(b) Play Area

Emroch Landscapes had commenced the work in the park, the park was now closed and would remain closed until after half term. The Clerk to apply to William Williams Brownhill for a grant/donation.

The Play Area wall was continuing to be in a dangerous state. Ownership of the Play Area was on going.

(c) Defibrillators

Nothing to report.

(d) Cornel y Tywysog planning application, Xmas Tree, Clearing Area, Funding

Further information and paperwork were required regarding the planning application, therefore the application was on going. A full traffic plan was required by the Trunk Road Agency. This would cost £400.00 plus V.A.T.

Work was required to clear Cornel y Tywysog, it had been agreed to ask DHL Gwynne Fencing to clear the area. Anyone available to meet on the 18th of October at 10.30 a.m. Councillor T. Amery agreed to remove the lamppost. The Clerk to add the two benches, water butts to the insurance public liability.

(e) Event attended by members

Mayor's thanksgiving service

(f) Bench Ffairfach Square

This was in the process of being organised.

(g) Remembrance Service

Councillor P. Thomas was arranging wreaths and contacting the charities/organisations that normally placed wreaths during the ceremony. The Clerk had arranged the Last Post. The Flag to be put in place on the 1st November, 2025. Refreshments would be available at the C.F.F.I. hall following the service. The Service to commence at 10.45, Councillor D. Saunders responsible for the Sound, Hymn Sheets would be available.

(h) Christmas Tree

Councillor T. Amery agreed to place the Christmas Tree in Trap in position on 23rd November. Father Christmas and lighting the Christmas Tree would be held on 27th November. Trap first at 6.30 p.m. followed by Ffairfach at 7.00 p.m. Councillor L. Durgan agreed to arrange Father Christmas. Ffairfach School choir to sing in Ffairfach. Councillor P. Thomas to arrange music in Trap.

3398 - Correspondence

- (a) Landfill grants
- (b) Biodiversity training One Voice Wales
- (c) One Voice Wales E bulletin
- (d) One Voice Wales Policy Advice/resources
- (e) Carmarthenshire County Council Bureau information
- (f) Road Closure U4494 Fairfach
- (g) Carmarthenshire County Council review of electoral services
- (h) Carmarthenshire County Council updates
- (i) One Voice Wales area meeting
- (j) One Voice Wales cost of living crisis
- (k) Carmarthenshire County Council Community facilities programme

3399 Finance

(a) Payments

Following cheques were presented and resolved to be paid:

Clerks wages and expenses	£ 337.00 cheque no. 002165
HMRC	£ 80.00 cheque no. 002166
The Dahlia Wood Ltd.	£ 399.25 cheque no. 002167
LVW Highways	£ 480.00 cheque no. 002168
The Telegraph Garden and Indoor plant centre	£ 402.00 cheque no. 002169

(b) Donations

Requests from Urdd Eisteddfod, Y Lloffwr

(a) Signing quarterly income and expenditure reports/bank statements

Prepared on receipt of Bank Statements

(b) Budget 2026/2027

To be discussed at the next meeting.

Audit 2024-2025

Report received from Wales Audit Office and would be included with the minutes of the next meeting.

3400 - Planning Applications/Footpath matters

Nothing to report.

3401 - Any other business**Xmas Dinner**

The Christmas Dinner would be held on 10th December, 2025 at the Hen Vic, Llandeilo

Ffairfach Railway Station

Not all of the Notice Board lights were in working order, also a new Times of Trains Time Table was required. The present notice was dated 1995.

3402 – Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November, 2025 at Capel Tabernacl Festri, Ffairfach.

Charman: _____

12th November, 2025