

Minutes of the meeting of Dyffryn Cennen Community Council held on Wednesday 14th January, 2026 at the C.F.F.I. Hall, Ffairfach.

Present: Chair: Councillor L. Durgan in the chair

Councillors: P. Thomas, L. Griffiths, A. Freeman
County Councillor E. Thomas

Apologies: Councillor T. Amery, Councillor D. Davies, Councillor D. Beynon, Councillor D. Greenish

3412 - Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising that were not included on the Agenda

Minutes were accepted as correct.

3413 – Declarations of Interest

County Councillor E. Thomas – Planning

3414 – Issues for the County Councillor

- (a) The pot holes in Trap had not been filled
- (b) There was an issues with stones on the road near Cwm Isaf
- (c) Pot holes along the road from Trap to Llandyfan

3415 – Matters arising from the minutes:

(a) Play Area

The Play Area equipment had been inspected and there weren't any issues.

County Councillor E. Thomas reported that were no updates regarding the ownership of the Play Area.

(b) Defibrillators

No issues to report.

(c) Cornel y Tywysog

Official planning permission had been received for the Christmas Tree, with one Green Infrastructure Statement. In order to adhere to enhance the character and appearance and adhere to enhance biodiversity and ecological connectivity it would be necessary to plant trees in the area. The family of Charlotte Morgan offered to donate an oak and rowan tree, which the Community Council were delighted to accept.

The grant of £1,416.92 had been received from Carmarthenshire County Council to cover the cost of the benches, Water Butts and bulbs. Public Liability for these items would add £40 to the cost of our Insurance.

(d) Events attended by members

Councillor Pat Thomas had attended a Carol Service at Llandyfan Church
County Councillor Edward Thomas had attended St. Teilo Church

(e) Bench Ffairfach Square

One of the benches definitely needed to be replaced. Carmarthenshire County Council were going to offer grants for benches, if this was successful County Councillor E. Thomas would ask for two for Ffairfach and one bench for Trap.

(h) Christmas Tree – lighting

Councillor T. Amery agreed to remove the Christmas lights from the trees, he was thanked for his work. Councillor P. Thomas agreed to ask Sharon for the Invoice for the electricity for the Christmas tree in Trap.

(i) Ffairfach Railway Station

It was agreed to organise bulbs, etc. later in the year.

(j) St David's day event

It was discussed briefly to organise refreshments and welsh cakes on Sunday the 1st of March, St David's day. The Clerk was asked to book the C.F.F.I. Hall from 10.30 until 12.00. Donations to recipients could possibly take place on the day.

3416 – Correspondence

- (a) One Voice Wales area meeting
- (b) Road closure C2145 Gelli Aur
- (c) Communities together – food
- (d) One Voice Wales bulletins 15, 14, 13
- (e) Carmarthenshire County Council budget consultation
- (f) Carmarthenshire County Council bureau update
- (g) Nantmithil Consultation
- (h) Planning meeting Brecon Beacons
- (i) Biodiversity package
- (j) One Voice Wales free training
- (k) Llandeilo Round Table unsung heroes
- (l) Carmarthenshire County Council updates
- (m) Hywel Dda strategy news
- (n) Dave – Tywi, Usk etc. minutes and updates

3417 – Finance

(a) Payments

Following cheques were presented and resolved to be paid:

Clerks Wages and expenses	£333.60 cheque no. 002176
HMRC	£ 80.00 cheque no. 002177
Pat Llewellyn (poppy wreath)	£ 40.00 cheque no. 002178
Clerks Wages and expenses	£337.00 cheque no. 002179
Capel Tabernacl Ffairfach	£ 54.00 cheque no. 002180
Hywel Lewis (Christmas Tree)	£180.00 cheque no. 002181
Carmarthenshire County Council (lanterns to led)	£437.86 cheque no. 002182
HMRC	£ 80.00 cheque no. 002183

(b) Donations

To be discussed at the February meeting

Audit 2024-2025

Report included with the minutes of the previous meeting.

S137 payments

£11.10 per ratepayer

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

Signed at the next meeting

(b) Budgets 2026/2027 – precept

The Clerk had prepared a financial report, expenditure for 2025-2026, the expenditure from December 2025 until the end of the financial year in March. This was a lengthy discussion and it was agreed that the precept for 2026-2027 would be £40,000.00.

3418 – Planning Applications/Footpath matters

Carmarthenshire County Council – PL/10315 – Proposed first floor and associated alterations to dwelling – Pennant, Heol y Maerdy, Llandeilo, SA19 6PN

There were no issues/comments on behalf of the Community Council.

3419 – Any other business

Bio-diversity

A report would be required for the website by the end of the financial year, confirming how the Community Council supported bio-diversity.

3420 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting would be held at the C.F.F.I.Hall, Ffairfach at 7.00 on Wednesday 11th February, 2026.

Chair: _____
11th February, 2026