**Items 4 to 14**

**Reports of the Clerk to**

**Llanllawddog Community Council of 1 September 2025**

**4. Presentation by David Thomas Project Manager on the Trydan Gwyrdd Cymru Glyn Cothi Wind Farm Renewable Energy Project**

Trydan Gwyrdd Cymru which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Welsh Government has released details of three renewable energy projects throughout Wales, one of which is the proposed Glyn Cothi Wind Farm in Brechfa Forest.

In advance of public consultation events being held later this year, the Council has been approached with an offer to meet with the Project Manager. Accordingly, arrangements have been made for the Project Manager along with Angharad Davies from Cadno Communications to attend the meeting of the Council to introduce the plans for the Glyn Cothi Wind Farm, including:

* a draft project layout plan, an indicative timeline for taking the development through the planning process
* a proposed primary consultation zone
* preliminary socio-economic data

The project is at an early stage, but the company aims to develop its energy projects on primarily publicly owned land, including the Welsh Government’s Woodland Estate. Trydan Gwyrdd Cymru propose to connect to the grid from the Wind Farm in Brechfa Forest via wooden poles to a proposed sub-station in Llandyfaelog. Details of the project together with an indicative timeline can be found in the following link <https://glyncothi.wales/>

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the Project Manager on conclusion of the presentation.

**5. Report of the County Councillor**

To receive a verbal update from Abergwili Ward Councillor, Councillor Neil Lewis in relation to his Ward work.

**6. Parc y Rhyd Play Area**

Council at its Extraordinary meeting on 28 July 2025 resolved to take the Heras fencing off hire to enable the opening of the play area which took place on 29 July 2025. The play area has been well received, and the equipment is being enjoyed by the young children using it. One issue has arisen is the sound produced by the Bongo Drums especially when the largest drum is hit hard. A solution to the problem is to fill the drums with foam to dampen down the sound from carrying.

The Planning Department has been consulted as to the feasibility of increasing the height either side of the play area. The Planning Department has responded and advised that increasing the height of a boundary fence would normally require planning consent, however increasing the height of the fence by one panel (250mm to 300mm) would not require consent as both neighbours and the owner of one of the properties are in agreement with this course of action. The owners of the property either side of the play area along with the tenant to one of the properties will be required to consent to the increase in the height of the fence in writing.

The stainless-steel framework to the nest swing was cleaned up satisfactorily by Sovereign Play who returned to site on 13 August. The retention sum of £3,931.26 was then paid by cheque in full and final settlement of the invoice for the play area (cheque no. 300124 refers). An Income and Expenditure Profile for the play area project is appended, which at present shows a deficit of £4,196.60. However, once the VAT reclaim is submitted at the end of quarter 2 and credited to the Council, there will be a surplus of approximately £1,500.

The Trilingual and BSL signs for the play area have been delivered and will shortly be fixed to the left side fence of the play area.

Despite there being a sign requesting for there to be no litter, there has been litter left at the play area. An enquiry has been made of the Environment Team at the County Council as to whether a litter bin could be added to the rota for emptying if the Council was to purchase a litter bin for the play area. A reply is awaited.

The Council has been notified by Red Kite Law that the Land Registry has now registered the play area in the Council’s name.

**Recommended:** That the content of the report be noted.

**7. Budget Monitoring Relative to the Period 31 August 2025**

The Council holds a balance of £1,415.47 in its current account, and a balance of

£7,881.44 in its savings account resulting in a total of £9,296.91. The Council has made payment in full to Sovereign Play for the balance of the cost of the play area. Payment was made in two instalments of £30,000 (cheque no. 300122) with £3,931.26 held as a retention to ensure Sovereign Play returned to site to clean up the steel framework to the nest swing. The clean-up took place on 13 August 2025 and the balance of £3,931.26 was then released by cheque to Sovereign Play (cheque no. 300124). The second payment of £2,827.00 to the Council of its precept from Carmarthenshire County Council is to be received on 27 August 2025.

A VAT reclaim in the sum of £5,720.13 will be made at the beginning of September prior to the end of the second quarter to aid cashflow into the Council’s bank account.

Attached is the spend profile for the financial year to date.

**Recommended:** That the Council note the Budget Monitoring for the period ending 31 August 2025.

**8. Bills for Payment**

The Council has the following liabilities for which approval is requested to make payments:

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| **Reference** | **Payee** | **Description** | **Amount £** |
| 300125 | Llanllawddog Church Hall | Hire of Church Hall – June and July 2025 | 80 |
| 300126 | Andrew Rees | Administrative Expenses for July and August 2025 | 20.95 |
| 300127 | Andrew Rees | Salary of Clerk for July and August 2025 which includes back pay of £45.76 to 1 April 2025 following the Local Government pay award | 832.69 |
| 300128 | HMRC | Payment of Income Tax for July and August 2025 | 208.00 |

**Recommended:** That the Council approve the above payments.

**9. Preparations for Christmas**

The Parc y Rhyd play area is open Council may wish to consider ideas to mark the festive period with a small event. The Council may wish to consider purchasing a Christmas tree and lights and siting it at the play area. As the play area does not have an electricity source, solar lights would need to be purchased, although given the shortness of daylight such lighting may not be effective. The location is one which is safe and away from traffic on the A485 for a gathering of people.

An alternative location for a Christmas tree could be on the grassy bank adjacent to the former telephone kiosk which houses one of the defibrillators. There is an electricity supply to the telephone kiosk, however its location is on the A485 where there is a narrow pavement. This cannot be regarded as a safe location for a gathering of people, given the Council’s longstanding concerns as to the speed of traffic.

The Council will erect the four festive signs it purchased last year at various locations around the community.

**Recommended:** That Council consider ideas to celebrate Christmas to enable planning to begin.

**10. Road Safety on the A485**

County Councillor Lewis has been informed by the Casualty Reduction Officer of GoSafe that it now has a live site for speed enforcement in the 20mph speed limit in Rhydargaeau. GoSafe has carried out speed enforcement and have spoken to residents.

Despite the escalation of the Council’s concerns within the County Council by County Councillor Lewis there has been no response from the Traffic Management Officer for the introduction of measures such as a raised crossing, speed bumps, speed table, widening the pavement or a chicane where the existing bollards are to improve road safety and the introduction of revised road markings to reduce the speed of traffic. Although the issue of greater speed enforcement is now being looked at GoSafe.

**11. Work Programme**

The purpose of the report is to update Council on the Work Programme which will be reported to each meeting of Council to aid planning.

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| **Date of Council** | **Work Programme Items** |
| All Dates | Standard Items Discussed Each Meeting   * County Councillor’s Report * Budget Monitoring * Bills for Payment * Applications for Financial Assistance * Planning Applications * Play Area * Correspondence * Reports of Meetings |
| June | * Annual Return and Annual Governance Statement and Internal Auditor’s Report * Christmas Planning * Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report |
| September | * Standard Items of Business |
| November | * Completion of Audit * Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Draft Annual Report * Biodiversity Report |
| January | * To agree on a budget for the next financial year, review reserves and to decide on the Council’s precept |
| March | * Renewal of Council’s Insurance * Request for Late Cut of Verges |
| May Annual Meeting | * Election of Chairperson * Election of Vice-Chairperson * Chairperson’s Report * Annual Report * Review of Training Plan * Review of Asset Register * Approval of Dates of Future Meetings * Statement of Accounts |

**Recommended:** That the content of the Work Programme be noted.

**12. Correspondence**

To receive correspondence from the following:

**Public Sector Network**

* June and July Newsletters

**One Voice Wales**

* Cost of Living Crisis Team June Update
* Innovative Practice Agenda July 2025
* Constitution and Governance Framework
* Update Practice Development Notes
* Youth Engagement Webinar
* Training Dates – July to September 2024
* National Forest Landscape Scheme 2025-27
* Member Allowances – Annual Timetable of Actions
* E-Bulletin
* Local Government Pay Award 2025-26
* Financial Assistance for Councillor Training Link
* Cost of Living Crisis Project News
* Constitution and Governance Framework EGM
* Cost of Living Crisis Project Team Upcoming Online Events
* Biodiversity Team News

**Carmarthenshire County Council**

* Emergency Road Closure – C2150 Whitemill
* Temporary Road Closure: C1304 New Inn SA39 9AZ
* Temporary Road Closure: U5579 Rhydargaeau SA32 7JL
* Temporary Obstruction Notice - Pencerrig Road, Peniel
* Temporary Road Closure: C1301 Pencader SA44 4SE
* Temporary Road Closure: C1305 Pencader SA44 4SE
* Temporary Road Closure: B4301 Brynteg Culvert Bronwydd SA33 6BG
* Urgent road closure A482 Llanwrda, SA19 8DA
* Temporary Road Closure: C1317 Llanllawddog SA32 7JQ
* Temporary Road Closure: C1301 Llanpumsaint SA44 4SEA
* Temporary Road Closure: U5550, Pentremawr Road, Rhydargaeau
* Temporary Road Closure C1250 Rhydargaeau
* Town and Community Councils Update
* Revised Local Development Plan
* Code of Conduct Training
* Annual Residents Survey
* All Wales Play Opportunities Grant – Capital

**Welsh Government**

* Child Poverty Strategy for Wales – Lived Experience Engagement Exercise
* Decarbonising the Built Estate Workshops
* National Forest Landscape Scheme 2025/27 Webinar
* Digital Health of Councils
* Transport for Wales – South West Wales Bus Reform
* Older People’s Commissioner Newsletter
* Social Care Question and Answer Session at the National Eisteddfod Wrexham
* Invitation to Sustainable Land Management Indicators Workshop
* Consultation on Revisions to the Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling: A Code of Practice for Wales

**Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service**

* Appointment of Consultants to Support Cultural Transformation
* Narberth Fire Station Open Day
* British Red Cross to Assist Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service During Emergencies
* Calon Tân in Brief: July 2025

**Planning Aid Wales**

* Latest News

**Llais Cymru Health and Social Care**

* Monthly Newsletters

**Dyfed Powys Police**

* Scoping Youth Provision- National Youth Agency Census
* Police and Crime Commissioner’s June E-Bulletin
* Police and Crime Commissioner’s Annual Report
* Police and Crime Commissioner’s Update
* Criminal Justice Board in Wales - Independent Advisory Group – Vacancy

**British Heart Foundation**

* The Circuit Newsletter

**Social Farms and Gardens**

* Invitation to Attend Allotments Forum – 17 July

**Public Services Ombudsman**

* Quarterly Newsletter

**Welsh Local Government Association**

* Rural Crime Survey

**Natural Resources Wales**

* Update

**Eglwyscummin Community Council**

* Petition Requesting Junction Improvements to the A477 Red Roses

**Carbon Trust**

* Overcoming barriers to Net Zero in the Public Sector Webinars

**Repair Café Wales**

* Open Session

**Carmarthenshire Community Food**

* Recruitment of Development Worker

**Carmarthenshire Local Places for Nature**

* Community Activities for Biodiversity
* Changing Mowing to Save Wildlife
* Grant Launch
* Update

**Recommended:** (1)That the correspondence received be noted;

(2) That Members indicate any One Voice Wales training modules they wish to attend for approval by Council.

**13. Planning Applications**

The Council has been consulted on the following planning application as a statutory consultee since the last meeting of the Community Council:

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| **Application No.** | **Proposal** | **Site Address** | **Application Type** |
| PL/09570 | Rebuild of existing dilapidated agricultural machinery and residential garage | Y Bedw, Rhydargaeau SA32 7DT | Full planning permission |

The following planning application has been determined by Carmarthenshire County Council within the Council’s area since the last meeting of the Community Council.

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| **Application No.** | **Proposal** | **Site Address** | **Application Type** | **Decision** |
| PL/0924 | Proposed replacement of existing implement and domestic storage outbuilding (damaged during recent storms) with new implement shed plus home office outbuilding | Geryllan, Llanllawddog SA32 7JE | Full Planning Permission | Granted |

**14. Reports of meetings**

The Council has been represented at the following meetings:

* **Pylons and Wind Turbines Meeting – 25 July 2025**

The Council was represented at a meeting of Community Councils affected by Green GEN Cymru’s Pylons and Wind Turbines proposal convened by Llanfair Clydogau and Cellan Community Council. The meeting was attended by the Vice-Chairperson Councillor Havard Hughes and Andrew Rees.

There was no formal agenda for the meeting and instead was a general discussion focusing on sharing updates, concerns, and plans for engagement regarding infrastructure developments. The Group was informed of Trydan Gwyrdd Cymru’s Glyn Cothi Wind Farm proposal, whilst a further renewable energy project was planned for Nant Ceiment on Pencarreg Mountain. Llanfair Clydogau and Cellan Community Council along with Lampeter Town Council have sought responses from Green GEN Cymru for timelines to respond to the consultation and offering to host presentations. It was noted that taller turbines will require red light warnings affecting dark skies and local astronomy. New windfarms will connect to existing grid lines or substations, with large pre-assessed development areas as outlined in regional plans. Anticipated disruption includes road construction, quarrying, site facilities, and battery storage installations, with safety concerns about fire risks in forested and exposed areas, with an example in in Scotland was cited as an example. It was noted that a company specialising in planning communications, has shown interest in local engagement.

* **One Voice Wales Carmarthenshire Area Committee** **– 1 July 2025**

The Area Committee and AGM was attended by the Clerk. Councillor Havard Hughes was re-appointed at the AGM as the Carmarthenshire Area Committee member on the Hywel Dda University Health Board Stakeholder Group.

* **One Voice Wales Advanced Local Government Finance Training** **– 4 July 2025**

The training was attended by the Clerk who organised the training with One Voice Wales in his role as Chairperson of the Society of Local Council Clerks West Wales Branch.

* **Carmarthenshire County Council - Code of Conduct Training** **– 10 July 2025**

The Code of Conduct training was attended by the Clerk. Copies of the training slides, case studies and a link to the recording of the training have been circulated to all Members of Council.

* **One Voice Wales Bootcamp for Clerks** **– 16 July 2025**

The Bootcamp was attended by the Clerk which focused on the following topics:

* Youth Empowerment Fund
* Policy Development in Wales
* Climate Change and Environmental Action
* Future Training for Clerks
* Introduction to Planning

The Council will be represented at the following event:

* **Pylons and Wind Turbines Meeting – 27 August 2025**

Feedback will be provided at the meeting of Council.

**Andrew Rees, Clerk to Llanllawddog Community Council**