

**TRIMSARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL Meeting**

**January 19<sup>th</sup>.2026**

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Apologies:** - None received

**Present:** - as per register.

**Visitors:** - None

**Min 5766**

Declaration from all councillors, that they were members of Trimsaran Village forum but that was on a personal and not prejudicial nature.

There was no member's declaration in respect of the Business to be transacted. Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup>. December 2025, meeting was read.

**Min 5767 Matters Arising**

Min 5759 item 3 Contractor appointed by the forum

Item 4 NLG was awarded to the forum

**Min 5768**

After the December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, minutes, (copies of which had been previously circulated to members) had been read it was resolved to be a true record.

Propose by Councillor Mari Arthur seconded by Councillor Alma Davies

**Min 5769 Financial Report**

The clerk presented the following documents.

The Community Councils Accounts for the months of December 2025.

Quarter three spend (April–December) of the precept 2025/26

The clerk produced the Precepts for the financial year 2026/2027 (copies of which had been previously circulated to members) to be discussed in the meeting, after discussion on the proposed precept it was resolved after some amendments, to accept.

Band D rate £107.80 p/a ,the new rate represented a 6.71% increase from last year.

All documents will be filed with the minute.

Council recommended that the reports be accepted.

## Min 5770 County Councillors Report

1. Gritting has been a problem throughout the County in recent weeks
2. Heol Waun y Clun received a new gritting box
3. Water flowing onto the main road at the top of the Village has finally been resolved.
4. Fly tipping of bags at the rear of Garden suburbs near the fields.
5. Friday – mobile traffic lights placed at the roundabout by Welsh water removed by end of day (possible cause incorrect location)
6. Reports of bollards outside the park, they were removed
7. Sitting on budgetary meetings in County for several weeks and the increase will be in the region of 6.5%

Carmarthenshire County Council, like all local authorities across Wales, is facing difficult decisions as it plans its budget for the coming financial year. The Council is currently facing a shortfall of £25 million in its draft 2026/27 budget.

Welsh Government announced on 24 November 2025 that Carmarthenshire would receive a provisional funding settlement increase of 2.3%. To help bridge this gap, the Council has identified operational savings across its services and has utilised a recurrent saving from its employer contribution to the Dyfed Pension Fund. However, despite a proposed increase of 6.5% in Council Tax, the Council still faces a remaining shortfall of £3.5 million in its draft 2026/27 budget.

These figures were prepared prior to the Welsh Labour Government's budget deal with Plaid Cymru on 9 December 2025, which may result in an overall increase of 4.1% in funding to Carmarthenshire County Council's budget for the next financial year. The Senedd will vote on the deal on 20 January 2026. Until the final funding position is confirmed, the Council is consulting with its residents based on the initial provisional settlement of 2.3%.

8. Over three quarters of the Council's net revenue budget, which funds essential day-to-day services such as social care and education comes from grants from the Welsh Government, which in turn gets an annual block grant from the UK Government
9. Only 17% of the Council's income comes from the Council Tax.
10. Trimsaran to Kidwelly bus service continuing to lobby for additional service. We were successful in amending the Ffos Las estate.
11. Youth club resuming tonight since the anti-social behaviour.
12. Miners Hall – there are issues with the roof, it need reinforcing, support beam resting on rotten wall plate along with other issues that require a structural engineer to say what is required to rectify the problems. This will require additional costs.

**Min 5771 -Planning 7(a)**

**PL/10263** - Siting of 3no. Holiday-Let Lodges and 1no. Site Manager's Lodge in Addition to 4no. Holiday-Let Lodges and Seasonal Camping Pitches (as granted planning permission under PL/06088) - Land adjoining Ffos Las Racecourse, Culla Road, Trimsaran, Kidwelly, SA17 4DE

The clerk was instructed to make the following comments to planning on the above concerns on the application

Overdevelopment

Sewerage

Part one of the development has not been completed

Possibility of permanent residency

Water course – flooding area known for flooding

Biodiversity - concerns for protection species (Dingy Skipper) request a biodiversity study of the area

**PL/10247** - Proposed First Floor Extension - 85 Heol Waunyclun, Trimsaran, Kidwelly, SA17 4BS

The clerk was instructed to make the following comments to planning on the above concerns on the application

It was resolved that if planning minded passing the application, then Trimsaran Community Council would like 106 mitigation contribution towards to restore and maintain the Miners Welfare Hall.

Surface water adequately disposed of

That there is no impact on properties further down

**Min 5772**

The clerk informed the council that he had received the following document from Countryside Access in connection to the issue regarding ENF/02271 diversion of footpath and with the Chairs permission introduced the document to the meeting for discussion.

After a full and frank discussion on the matter the clerk was instructed to make the following response to Countryside Access on the above concerns on the proposal.

Community council not happy with the original routes being removed

There were two entrances originally

Major concerns that the development was carried out without any consideration of biodiversity

Please advise if any penalties will be applied as the works carried out were done without obtaining any planning approvals

The Community Council would be happier if the area was restored to its original look.

Possible area made ready for future development i.e. pods

**Min 5773**

8.30 pm the Chair requested to suspend standing orders this request was approved by council proposed by the Chair Naomi Wilmot and seconded by Catherine Lloyd-Jenkins.

**Min 5774**

The clerk informed the council that he had received the following document, donation request from Marie Curie and with the Chairs permission introduced the document to the meeting for discussion.

It was agreed to donate Fifty pounds to the request. Clerk to make the necessary arrangement for payment.

**Min 5775**

The clerk informed the council that he had received the following document, requesting a support letter from the council, in Pobol Bach bid to secure funding for the family centre, and with the Chairs permission introduced the document to the meeting for discussion.

After a discussion it was agreed by council that the clerk write a letter of support for the project.

**Min 5776**

The next meeting of the Council was confirmed as being on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>. February 2026 at 18:30hrs.

**Min 5777**

The meeting concluded at 21.00hrs.

I certify that the foregone minutes are a true and accurate record thereof.

Signed.....  
(Chairperson)