Meeting of Llanrhidian Lower Community Council
held on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.00pm at Llanrhidian Village Hall.

Present:
Chairperson: Laurence Oliver
Vice Chairperson: Dave Cowley
Councillors: Branwen Lloyd Caroline Bews Lloyd Roblin
Clerk to the Council: Kathy Browning

No:	Agenda Items:	Action
	Cllr Dave Cowley welcomed Lloyd Roblin and Caroline Bews to the community council (CC).	
1.	**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Sam Hughes.	
2.	**Minutes of meeting held on 11th November 2025:** Minutes agreed as a true record, proposed and seconded by Cllrs Laurence Oliver and Dave Cowley.	
3.	**Declarations of Interest:** See item 10.	
4.	**Community engagement:** Cllr Lloyd fed back to the council an outline of the Community Engagement course provided by One Voice Wales (OVW). The clerk has asked Gower National Landscapes biodiversity team to assess green spaces in the village for biodiversity projects and recommendations, which can be put forward to local residents for comment. Cllr Lloyd will prepare a leaflet requesting feedback regarding the community council's upcoming annual plan and will also prepare a piece for the Gower magazine to update local residents on the CC's activities.	BL
5.	**Matters arising from minutes:** • The Cross: The CC has asked Swansea Council to go ahead and install three planters and a seat on The Cross plus a seat next to the bus stop across the road. This has been delayed as Swansea Council changes suppliers. Gower National Landscapes will look at planting local native plants in them for the CC, the clerk will also approach Llanrhidian Gardening Club. • Disabled access at the bus stop: Cllr Lewis very kindly agreed to fund a disabled access dropped curb on the B4271 side of the road but this is not an official bus stop. A meeting with Swansea Council is being planned to establish the best place to install it. • There is no Wifi or reception in the hall so, given the CC has a duty to offer remote access to its meetings, it was decided to use Llanrhidian Primary School as the future venue for meetings and the CC will continue to support the hall with grants for events when needed. • Events in Gower: The CC has received feedback from local residents and businesses, Cllr Hughes will go through these and feed back in March. Cllr Hughes is approaching other CCs in Gower regarding the issue.	KB SH KB SH
6.	**Correspondence:** • **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru:** The merger of Llangennith, Llanmadoc & Cheriton CC with Llanrhidian Lower CC has been confirmed and it will become Gower North / Gogledd Gŵyr on 6th May 2027. Cllr Hughes and the clerk will attend a webinar provided by OVW on the merger next week. • Dr Jordanne Thomas, the new Community Psychologist has written to the CC with a view to establish links and learn about the area. The clerk will speak to her and feedback at the next meeting.	KB
7.	**Biodiversity Report:** The biodiversity report was agreed by the council, it will be posted on the CC website and forwarded to OVW.	
8.	**Annual Plan:** Cllr Lloyd will prepare, with input from the other councillors, a leaflet asking for feedback	BL

to find out what local residents want the CC to focus on over the coming year and that will feed into the annual plan.

9. **Local Nature Partnership:** The CC agreed to join Swansea Local Nature Partnership. KB

10. **Planning:**
Cllr Roblin declared an interest in Woodlands, SA3 1EU.
2025/2343/FUL: New Park Farm, Oldwalls, Llanrhidian, Swansea, SA3 1HA. Two storey side extension.
2025/2453/FUL: Little Wern Halog Farm, Llanrhidian, Swansea, SA3 1EU. Side porch, replacement of conservatory roof with a flat roof to create a first floor rear balcony with associated balustrades and external staircase, replacement of two rear first floor windows with patio style doors and alterations to fenestration. **No objections noted.**
2025/2637/TEM: Nant-y-wrach, Llanrhidian, Swansea, SA3 1EU. Use of land for five touring caravans from Good Friday or 1st April (whichever is earlier) 31st October 2026 and 2027 seasons. **No objections noted.**
2025/2653/FUL: Woodlands, Llanrhidian, Swansea, SA3 1EU. Re-roofing to main house and side annexe complete with rear rooflight, partial rebuilding of existing front and rear dormer walling and re-cladding existing front and rear dormer walls, provision of eaves and gable overhangs to existing dormer roofs, replacement front dormer, rear dormer balcony and raised walkway with handrail and balustrading and replacement side access steps. **No objections noted.**
2025/2654/FUL: Mulberry House, Llanrhidian, Swansea, SA3 1HB. Single storey side/rear extension and front canopy. **No objections noted.**

Swansea Planning Decisions:
2025/2230/FUL: Common Farm Llanrhidian Swansea SA3 1EU. Use of existing detached garage as gymnasium and home office / studio as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling, raising the ridge with two rear dormers, rear balcony and single storey shower room extension and raised patio. **Approved.**
2025/1933/FUL: Oldwalls Leisure, Llwynybwch Farm, Llanrhidian, Swansea, SA3 1HA. Installation of a steam room, sauna and hot tub. **Approved.**

11. **Financial Report:**

- Bank balance at the end of December £4,927.67

The council approved the following payments:

Payment to Clerk plus expenses (x2) plus expenses	£409.13
One Voice Wales, training	£68
Gower Timber Co. Xmas tree	£204
Royal British Legion	£200

Other:

- November and December's payments have gone through apart from payment to the electrician for fitting the defib cabinet, which has not happened yet and payment to the Royal British Legion.
- Unity Trust Bank fees will increase from £6 to £7 per month in February.

12. **Defibrillators:**
Defibrillator checks:

- The Dolphin – Checked
- North Gower Service Station – Checked
- Oldwalls – Checked
- Herons Way Garage - checked

Other Issues:

- The defibrillator cabinet at North Road Garage in Cilibion was damaged in the storm. The clerk has received a replacement and asked Pulse Electrical to install it. The defibrillator cabinet at the Dolphin has been connected to electricity.

13.	**Highways Issues:** • Cllr Hughes has reported renewed sinking of the road by Herons Way Garage on the B4295. • Water running downhill into Mill Lane from drains at Llanrhidian Cross. Monitor. • Malt Hall – Cars are speeding along Malt Hall, Cllr. Richard Lewis dealing with this – no update. The speed limit here is now 20mph. • Speeding through Oldwalls: GoSafe are now regularly speed checking in Oldwalls. The community council is seeking permission to install large, white village gateway signs at either end. • One of the streetlights by the school is not working. • The CC has requested a quote for a sign to be installed at the top of Mill Lane, at the junction with Malt Hall, to warn vehicles of the narrow exit at the bottom by Cross House. • Cefn Bryn road is being surveyed by Swansea Council following concerns raised by the police. • The clerk has emailed Swansea Council asking for the SLOW road markings at the top of Mill Lane to be redone. **Footpaths:** • The well-used, ancient footpath that accesses the church through The Dolphin carpark has been acknowledged and is in process of being re-instated but can take two years. • The broken / missing footpath signs by The Greyhound and Copperstone House were due to be replaced last financial year, Kathy has chased this up again. • Overgrowth obstructing the footpath from Herons Way to the holiday park has been reported and cut back.	KB
14.	**Policies for update:** Cllr Roblin will go over the risk policy for the next meeting. **Any Other Business:** Nil.	LR
15.	**Date and time of next meeting:** Tuesday 10th March.	
16.	Meeting closed at 8.40pm	