

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGELYNNIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 10.09.2025 - 7.00pm at Y Ganolfan

Meeting opened 7.00 pm

Present: Geraint Edwards (GE) (Chair) Keith Carroll (KC) (Vice Chair), Ian Williams (IW), Huw Davies (HD), Cath Severn (CS), David Griffiths (DG), Geraint Micah (GM), Megan Griffiths (MG), County Councillor Louise Hughes (LH) and Jane Jenkins (Clerk)

1. Chairperson's Welcome

2. Apologies

Jane Lawrence

2a Registration of Interest if known

None.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting 09/07/25

Minutes agreed as a true copy.

RESOLVED: Proposed IW Seconded DG

4. Matters arising from previous meeting – 09/07/2025

1. Playpark railings

CS advised that funding had been obtained for all materials required to clean and repaint the railings so no cost at all to the Council. A Risk Assessment was presented and was checked and approved by the Council. CS has drafted a document which she would like posted to the FB page and Appreciation Page asking for volunteers and it was suggested that she offer a couple of dates for people to choose from. It was noted that the area will need to be cordoned off and proper signage put in place. CS to forward to Clerk a copy of the risk assessment and a copy of the post for the FB page and appreciation group. GE mentioned there was some vegetation growth that would require attention, and this will be looked at when the work commences.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the risk assessment and move forward with the project.

2. Defibrillators

The Councillors discussed the email received from JL which included prices for the defibrillator cabinet, pads, battery, fixings and installation. It was agreed that the matter should now move forward and the parts ordered. Unclear as to timescale from order to delivery at this stage. The Councillors discussed that the ordering should take place by the Clerk to ensure paper trail. Invoices to be addressed to the Council to enable VAT reclaim. JL's update on the appreciation page was noted but with the setting up of the new Facebook page for the Council it was agreed that future posts should be posted to that first and then shared to the appreciation group as a council post. There was some discussion as to maintenance of the defibrillators as there will be four belonging to the Council and those costs to be considered in the next precept. Further fundraising was suggested.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the costs and move forward with the purchase of

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the accessories and installation of the defibrillator at the Gwastadgoed end of the village.

ACTION: Clerk to liaise with JL and arrange for the items to be ordered and invoices obtained.

Also, regarding the defibrillators, GE explained that the defibrillator at Y Ganolfan had required both new battery and pads in August, and without a meeting, he had taken the decision to arrange for both to be replaced. GE then suggested for matters relating to Health & Safety, the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk should be able to authorise the First Responders to order the items without the need to wait for the next meeting. This decision, if accepted by the Council could be incorporated into the Standing Orders when they are up for review in November but in the meantime would be a minuted decision.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement that the suggestion be accepted and put in place immediately.

ACTION: Clerk to make a note that the Standing Orders are to be amended to incorporate this decision when up for review in November.

3. HD asked if any updates were available in respect of regarding the pavement issues on the junction by Ffordd Y Felin and the condition of the coastal path/unclassified road between Parthygyddwch and Tydfarch. Clerk advising there had been no response to date.

ACTION: Clerk to chase Highways and Coastal Paths once more.

5. Correspondence

1. *Email from Dafydd Roberts (Eryri re redundant DCWW Asset)*

Noted. HD advised that he had spoken to Dafydd Roberts at Y Ganolfan exhibition and discussed the problems we were encountering with Welsh Water and the redundant pipe, and he had advised he would investigate, which it appears he has done with the outcome being that the pipe will now be removed.

2. *Email re biodiversity team OVW*

Noted.

3. *Email from Tenovus Cancer Care*

The contents of the email were noted and the Councillors agreed that a visit to our next meeting would be beneficial to understand what Tenovus Care are about.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to email and issue an invite to the October meeting.

4. *Welsh Govt. consultation on extending duty on local authorities to broadcast meetings*

Noted.

5. *Road Closure Notice*

Noted. There is also a second road closure notice relating to the 13th September which will be placed on the Councils FB page.

6. Planning Applications/Licensing Applications

6.1 *(Sunbeach Appeal)*

6.1a *Emails received x 2*

6.1b *PEDW Site Notice*

6.1c *Notice from David Pryce Jones*

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6.1d Invite to virtual meeting (PCAC/PEDW)

All Noted.

An Email had been received on 10th September from ENPA advising that the virtual meeting on the 11th had been cancelled by PEDW due to illness.

A further email had also been received on the 10th September regarding the use of the dog walking field and incorrect information within the final appeal documentation (June 2025) stating Sunbeach has had use of it for the past 20 years. This has been disputed on the basis that the field was used for livestock up until 2016/17. Jane Jones of ENPA is the officer with this discrepancy within the documentation. The Councillors recalled livestock in the field until 2016/17 and believed that the land was not sold to Sunbeach until 2017 but would need to confirm this. The planning documentation was reviewed online at the meeting and all that could be found was the comment that Sunbeach had used the field for many years. The Council had been asked to write to ENPA confirming that the field was used for livestock up until 2016/17, but the Councillors wanted the matter clarified before any letter was sent – if there is a document stating 20 years then they would wish to see it. Clerk was asked to look further into the matter and speak with Jane Jones if appropriate. IW will make enquiries as to when land was sold and obtain confirmation as to what it was used for prior to the sale.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement that once enquiries have been made and upon proof being provided of the reference to 20 plus years, Clerk to write to ENPA confirming that the information in the document was false and confirming when land was sold and what it had been used for prior to the sale.

ACTION: Clerk to follow up

GE enquired whether any of the Councillors would be interested in representing the Community Council when the date for the next virtual meeting is announced and it was agreed that it could be discussed further once a new date is announced.

6.2 Planning Application – NP5-69-LB18G - Hendre Hall, Llwyngwrl

Application discussed. MG left the room due to a prejudice interest and CS stated a personal interest due to working for the Applicant at one of his other businesses and stated that she would decline to comment in any event. Both MG and CS completed Notification of Personal Interest forms.

RESOLVED: No comments to make, agreed by all.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm that the Council had no comments.

7. Financial Matters

1. Monthly finance statement for July and August 2025

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed as a true account
Proposed: IW Seconded: HD Signed: GE

2. Invoices/Payments – Clerks Pay August, GCC internal audit, Defib battery, Defib pads, translation fees and HMRC (£21.80)

DG provided a letter from Wynnstay confirming price for benches of £345 plus VAT.

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RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement for all payments to be made and cheques signed. Clerk requested the VAT invoice in the Councils name for the benches once the payment had been made to Wynnstay.

ACTION: Clerk to make all payments.

3. Precept p2 and Scottish Power remittances

Noted. Precept has been received in bank account.

8. Representatives' Reports

Nothing to report.

9. County Councillor's Report

C. Cllr Louise Hughes advised that there had been no meetings in August. She did mention that in relation to Sunbeach planning, many of the people on site are against the application. LH also confirmed that she has spoken to Iwan ap Trefor regarding the unclassified road issue, and there is a site visit due to take place but no date provided and no other information available at this point.

10. Any Other Business

IW – enquired about the request for a new sign for the village – Clerk advised no response as yet.

ACTION: Clerk to chase

DG – advised the Council that Wynnstay have a spare bench if the Council are interested – agreed that it can be reviewed in the new financial year as the agreement for this year was just two.

CS – enquired about road markings appearing on the A493 and was advised that they are put there to highlight repairs when the funding is available. They fade over time and will keep re-appearing until it is. It was suggested that CS report via GCC website.

CS – mentioned the wall downstream of the red bridge and opposite of the Old Smithy which is eroding badly. It appears that weedkiller has been sprayed killing the weeds which were holding the bricks together. Photographs were handed to Clerk and it was noted also that some bricks have fallen into the river.

ACTION: Clerk asked to write to Footpaths GCC and ask for it to be assessed and repaired.

CS – advised that it is time for the spraying of Japanese Knotweed – three main areas, Red Bridge, by boats on Borthwen side of river and at back of shop. It seems to have died off everywhere else. Cost will be £100.

Agreed by all to move forward – **Proposed KC Seconded IW.** Clerk to get permission from Mei Black to spray around shop, MG confirmed Borthwen was not an issue. CS to arrange a date for the spraying.

GE – asked if the FB page is current and working – DG confirmed it was and that he and clerk are admins. Clerk advising that she cannot access the page. Agreed page to be deleted and a new one set up with DG and Clerk as admins. All posts to be approved by admins and put on Council page before being shared to the appreciation page. All posts to have comments turned off. DG would advise when the new page was up and running properly.

11. Employment Matters

(This is a confidential matter, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for this item)

1. Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025/26

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The document was provided by Clerk to the Councillors for discussion and Clerk left the room. A notification of personal interest was completed by Clerk.

RESOLVED: Pay award to be in line with the Agreement and to commence immediately. The new rate of pay to be backdated to April 2025.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 08/10/2025 at 7 pm – “Y Ganolfan” Llwyngwrl

Signed: *R G Edwards*

Chairman

Date: 10/10/2025