

## **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 08.04.26 - 7 pm at Y Ganolfan**

**Present:** Geraint Edwards (GE) (Chair) Keith Carroll (KC) (Vice Chair), Geraint Micah (GM), Cath Severn (CS), David Griffiths (DG), Huw Davies (HD) and Jane Jenkins (Clerk)

### **1. Chairperson's Welcome**

### **2 Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies**

C. Cllr Louise Hughes, Meg Griffiths, and Ian Williams

### **3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting 11.03.26**

Minutes agreed as a true copy.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed CS Seconded KC

### **4. Matters arising from previous meeting – 11.03.26**

#### 1. Playpark railings update

CS confirming that all work is now complete and there is one tin of paint left for any touching up required. GE thanked CS and KC for the time and work undertaken spent on the railings.

#### 2. Charity Commission update

The email and documents received from the Charity Commission were discussed. Clerk advising that she had responded but there had been no further communication. GE stated he did not believe the land was registered with the Land Registry. Clerk advising that the next step would be to take legal advice with a view to having the land registered in the Community Councils name and GE will make enquiries. Matter to be relisted on the May agenda.

#### 3. Benches

GE discussed the Council's decision to purchase one extra bench out of the 2026-27 precept for the Quakers area which would see all benches in that location updated. DG provided a quote from Wynnstay which seemed to indicate the price per bench would be £385 plus VAT with a £65 delivery charge but focused mainly on a bulk purchase of 5 or more benches. To clarify DG will obtain a quote for a single bench and providing that cost is no more than £385 plus VAT there was agreement that an order could be placed.

#### 4. Response from Mabon ap Gwynfor re 4G coverage

Email noted. Despite the matter being referred to Liz Saville Roberts MP there had been no further communication to date.

#### 5. Response from Mabon ap Gwynfor re Wrexham FC

Email noted.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### 1. Email and attached letter from M Batcock re Cambrian Coast Railway

Clerk advising that she had liaised with M Batcock on this subject already. If the Council were happy to support then all that was required was an email back to him confirming and noting points that the Council had issue with, i.e. insufficient carriages.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimous agreement to send a letter of support.

**ACTION:** Clerk to respond.

2. Work Programme April 2026  
Noted.

3. Request for Local Council position on reopening of Tywyn Hospital  
Email discussed.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimous support for reinstatement of inpatient provision at the hospital and agreement to send letter of support.

**ACTION:** Clerk to respond.

## 6. Planning Applications/Licensing Applications

None.

## 7. Financial Matters

1. Monthly finance statement for March 2026 (Up to Year end 31.03.26)

**RESOLVED:** Unanimously agreed as a true account.  
**Proposed :** HC **Seconded:** CS

2. Invoices/Payments – Clerks March pay, OVW Annual Membership, Huw Davies (items required for building Xmas tree), GM – Members annual allowance payment.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimous agreement for all payments to be made and cheques signed.

3. Audit Update

Clerk advising that the Council was subject to a full audit for 2025-26.

Draft Income and Expenditure docs

Draft Annual Return

Both documents were considered by the Council and no amendments required.

Draft Annual Report

HD queried the reference to the annual payment to one member of the Council and whether it was correct, which Clerk confirmed that it was. HD requested an amendment within the Chairmans Report to include the word community before council relating to the new defibrillator at Gwastadgoed lay-by.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimous agreement to accept the report subject to the one small amendment.

**ACTION:** Clerk to make the amendment.

4. Members annual payments (DG/HD/GM)

Clerk ran through options for those absent from the last meeting and DG, HD completed forms and handed to Clerk. GM had mislaid his form so completed another requesting a payment of £208.

**ACTION:** Clerk to prepare statement for submission to DBCC.

5. Draft Applicant Gwynedd NI Support Fund 2026 & two quotes  
GE discussed the situation in respect of matting and both quotes were discussed. GE advised that he had visited Brynchrug playground and looked at the quality of the matting work undertaken by PlayQuest. As the ROSPA report had highlighted an issue with matting, GE proposed that we apply for the grant to replace the worst two areas. CS proposed that out of the remaining grant allowance a further bench was purchased for the village.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimous agreement to purchase the matting and one bench. DG to obtain a quote for the bench and forward to Clerk.

**ACTION:** Clerk to complete the application and submit for approval

6. Training plan for 26/27, Training allocation for 26/27 and available training lists  
Clerk explaining for those absent at the last meeting the proposed training plan. Training discussed and allocated for 2026-27. It was agreed that the current training policy would also remain but be amended to state New Councillor Induction and Code of Conduct were mandatory upon joining the Council. Reference to the Training Plan also to be included. Amended Training Policy to be reviewed in May.

**ACTION:** Clerk to update Training Plan and Training Policy and ensure website updated.

7. Bank Accounts and online banking  
GE discussed online banking and a savings account for monies set aside. It was felt that Barclays and HSBC were the best options available and enquiries to be made with matter listed on May agenda for further discussion.

#### **8. Representatives' Reports**

GE advising that there had been a Trustees Meeting for Y Ganolfan. Due to issues with unauthorised access a new lock is due to be fitted. Clerk was provided with a key by HD which was signed for.

#### **9. County Councillor's Report**

Nothing to report.

#### **10. Any Other Business**

HD mentioned the notice boards at Y Ganolfan and their condition. Y Ganolfan have discussed the matter recently and the Council's thoughts on whether the board needed replacing or simply removing with the indoor boards being used only were required. DG raised an issue with the Rhoslefain board also – Noticeboards to be put on the May agenda.

HD and KC raised the issue of the "policeman" lifesize cut-out that had been discussed at the last meeting. HD questioned where it was to be placed, what permissions would be required and insurance requirements. As a hidden charge of £25 for delivery had come to light until the order had been placed, the matter had been placed on hold pending further discussion. Questions were asked by HD as to insurance and permissions and further enquiries to be made by KC (permissions) and Clerk (insurance) for discussion at the May meeting.

Meeting closed 9.01 pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 13/05/2026 at 7 pm – "Y Ganolfan" Llwyngwriol

Signed: *R G Edwards*

Chairman

Date: 13/05/2026