

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 10.06.26 - 7 pm at Y Ganolfan

Present: Geraint Edwards (GE) (Chair) Keith Carroll (KC) (Vice Chair), Geraint Micah (GM), Cath Severn (CS), Huw Davies (HD), Ian Williams (IW), C. Cllr Louise Hughes and Jane Jenkins (Clerk)

1. Chairperson's Welcome

2 Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies

David Griffiths, Meg Griffiths

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting - 13.05.26 (AGM)

Minutes agreed as a true copy. It was noted by HD that Y Ganolfan AGM is not due to take place until 18th June so further discussions cannot take place regarding noticeboards as listed in the May Minutes at this meeting.

RESOLVED: Proposed HD Seconded KC

4. Matters arising from previous meeting – 13/05/2026

1. Charity Commission update

No update from the Charity Commission to date.

2. Benches

GE confirming that the three new benches purchased by the Council had been placed securely by Quakers. Positive comments had been received from the local community. GM advising that he had removed the two old benches (the third having been removed several months ago and disposed of due to damage) and had received donations from interested parties totalling £75 for those benches which was handed to the Clerk. It was agreed that KC will arrange to bank the cash in Aberystwyth tomorrow.

3. Noticeboard

As noted above, Y Ganolfan AGM is not until 18th June so this matter to be relisted for the July meeting.

4. Response from GCC re speeding

GCC were unable to support a speeding deterrent in the form of a plastic police officer being fixed to its property on the bridge in Llwyngwrl due to concerns over liability should any persons suffer injury, vehicles suffer damage or potential distraction to drivers resulting in a road traffic accident. No further action to be taken by the Community Council considering this response.

5. Social Media

Following a recent issue, GE and Clerk reiterating the Councils policy that only the Clerk/Admins had permission to post Council matters and that was only to the Councils Facebook page. Once posted it could be shared if necessary to the Appreciation Page by the Clerk/Admins. Under no circumstances should anyone publish anything relating to the Council on a private or public group social media page.

5. Gohebiaeth / Correspondence

a. Email from GCC re ground works around public toilets

Contents noted. No one had any knowledge of who may have cut the grass around the public toilets and put weedkiller down.

- b. Notification of playground inspection
Noted and Clerk confirming ROSPA have been made aware of the work to be carried out in the playground as detailed further at 7d.
- c. Email re consultation on Gwynedd Visitor Levy Proposal and docs
The Councillors had reviewed the documentation received and several had already responded via the questionnaire individually. Generally, it was felt that information was limited as to what the monies raised would be used for, i.e. how it would benefit areas within Gwynedd, and that collection of the levy would be an extra burden on existing businesses. Councillors were encouraged to respond individually via the questionnaire as well.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to send a letter to GCC objecting to the proposal.

ACTION: Clerk to complete Questionnaire as public body.

- d. Phase 2 Consultation re Stroke Services, Bronglais.
GE read out the letter that had been received and advised the Council that a local drop in at Y Plas, Machynlleth was available from 2pm – 7pm on Tuesday 30th June.

ACTION: Clerk asked to post documentation on Facebook page and Llwyngwrl Appreciation Page for residents who may wish to attend one of the drop in sessions available.

6. Materion Cynllunio / Planning Applications/Licensing Applications

None.

7. Materion Ariannol/Financial Matters

- a. Monthly finance statement for May 2026

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed as a true account.

- b. Invoices/Payments – Clerks May M2 pay.
Invoice also received from Chris Lawrence for Defibrillator pads, Rhoslefain.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept invoices and cheques were signed.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments.

- c. Audit Update
Audit Notice
Clerk produced Audit Notice for inspection period 6th – 31st July and placed on Noticeboard. A copy will be placed on the website. Clerk advising documents are being prepared to send to Audit Wales via the online portal shortly.
- d. Cronfa Gwynedd NI Support Fund update
GE explained that the Council had been successful with its grant application and the deposit for the playground matting/surfacing had now been paid.

A provisional date for the work is 17th June which is weather dependant and will be confirmed a day or so before.

The playground will need to be closed from the Wednesday until Saturday to allow the surfacing to set. Clerk provided GE with some notices to be placed in the playground once confirmation that the work is going ahead has been received and at that time will put a post on both the Council Facebook page and Llwyngwrl Appreciation Page. All agreed that a cheque should be signed in readiness for the final invoice. As soon as the payment has been made and cleared, Clerk will be able to claim repayment through the grant. Photographs of before and after will be required along with a copy of the bank statement showing the payment has been made.

GE explained that due to a damaged picnic bench in the playground, it had been removed. A request has been received for a replacement. A quote had been obtained from Wynnstay. The grant application had been for three benches and to amend to two benches and a picnic bench will increase the cost slightly. Clerk will also need to inform GCC of the change. As the grant has been approved the difference is likely the Councils responsibility. It was suggested that the £75 donated for the old benches (detailed above) be put towards the additional amount for the picnic bench as the grant amount has already been awarded.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to sign cheque in readiness for completion of the playground work and leave with Clerk. Unanimous agreement to purchase two benches and a picnic bench instead of three benches with the Council being responsible for the additional cost of approximately £90 out of which the £75 donation would be used.

ACTION: Clerk to contact GCC and advise we wish to purchase a picnic bench as part of our 3 benches and that the Council will be responsible for the additional cost. Clerk to speak with Wynnstay and reserve benches which are currently pending delivery to store.

e. Bank Account update

GE advising that Clerk, himself and KC had attended HSBC in Dolgellau and had completed an application for a new account with the online banking facility. There had been a few issues to sort but Clerk had received notification today that all checks were now complete, so we were just waiting on the account to be opened. Once the account is opened, Clerk will investigate a Savings Account to place monies put aside. The Council will need to consider how to deal with transferring monies from Nat West across to HSBC, but it is likely that this will be done gradually with both accounts operating initially.

f. Draft Street Furniture risk assessment

Document discussed and subject to a minor amendment with grammar, document approved.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to adopt the Risk Assessment.

ACTION: Clerk to make amendment, date and note review date, and publish to website.

g. Draft Equality and Diversity policy

Clerk advising that the Council should have an Equality and Diversity Policy, and the draft had been prepared from a OVW template. GE checked that everyone had read the draft document and asking whether there were any amendments/changes.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to adopt the Policy

ACTION: Clerk to date, note review date and publish to the website.

8. Adroddiadau'r Cynrychiolwyr / Representatives' Reports

Nothing to report.

9. Adroddiad y Cynghorydd Sirol / County Councillor's Report

RGE

C. Cllr. L Hughes confirming she had attended meetings recently including the Eryri National Park AGM today. Items that had been discussed included Gwynedd Visitor Levy, Welsh Place Names, Overnight parking restrictions (currently on hold), the Welsh Language and Ombudsman (reports/complaints).

10. Unrhyw Fater Arall / Any Other Business

- a. GE discussed the Chair course that both he and KC had attended.
- b. GE mentioned weed growth on pavements/road edges leading out of village and Pont y Clettwr layby – Clerk will follow up on this.
- c. HD mentioned that it had been noted during the duck race that the sewer pipe addressed with Sewerage Services last year, whilst no longer in use has moved and he had concerns over it being dangerous. Clerk will review final response from Sewerages Services and send further email.
- d. HD mentioned that garden waste had been tipped by the side of river and prior to the duck race GE had spent considerable time moving it to one side. The matter requires addressing and to be listed on the July Agenda. Clerk suggesting in the meantime that it could be reported by GE via GCC website under fly tipping.
- e. CS asked for a review on EV charging points in the village's carparks. GE advising that this had been investigated before and costs were very high. It was not something that GCC would consider. CS will look further into the issue and it will be relisted on the July Agenda.
- f. CS mentioned that there was an abundance of Hemlock Water Dropwort throughout the village which was both poisonous to humans and pets/livestock. It is not a legally notified intrusive species although it is considered hazardous waste.
- g. KC mentioned a possible application for adverse possession of the playpark but until we hear further from the Charity Commission we are unable to take any action.

Meeting closed 8.35 pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 08/07/2026 at 7 pm – “Y Ganolfan” Llwyngwrl

Signed: *R G Edwards*

Chairman

Date: 08/07/2026