

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 09.09.26 - 7 pm at Y Ganolfan

Present: Keith Carroll (KC) (Vice Chair), Huw Davies (HD), Ian Williams (IW), Cath Severn (CS), David Griffiths (DG), C. Cllr Louise Hughes and Jane Jenkins (Clerk).

1. Chairperson's Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to those present.

2. Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies

Geraint Edwards, Geraint Micah and Meg Griffiths

2a. Registration of Interest if known

CS registered her interest in 6c.

3. Public Participation Session (LGEW 2021)

Several members of the Community attended the meeting to put forward their objections to item 6a. DR (David Roberts) (spokesperson for the community) advised he was also representative for several members of the community who were unable to attend the meeting, but who had raised objections to the National Park and copied the Community Council into. All Councillors present confirmed that they had had sight of the objection letters and supporting documentation. Clerk checked that all those present were there for the one item only before reminding those in attendance of the time limit to address the issue and asked that anyone wishing to comment raise a hand and wait for the Chair to address them.

To summarise the main objections were:

- Infringement of privacy
- Existing properties would lose their sea view.
- Insufficient parking to accommodate the existing six-bedroomed house and the proposed two-bedroomed property at the site.
- Concerns over access to A493 as it would be on a significant bend.
- Proposed development proximity to a neighbouring boundary, infringing upon privacy both indoors and outdoors and blocking light into the neighbouring property.
- Due to the proximity, there would be Insufficient room for maintenance access unless it was from the neighbouring property.
- The proposed property would have an overbearing impact on a small corner of the village.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting – 08.07.26

Minutes agreed as a true copy. One spelling error noted at point 10a by KC which was amended.

RESOLVED: Proposed HD Seconded KC

5. Matters arising from previous meeting – 08.07.2026

a. Charity Commission update

No update as at 09.09.26.

b. Noticeboards (Y Ganolfan)

HD advising that Y Ganolfan have applied for a grant to replace both outside boards but if unsuccessful then the matter can be reviewed again.

RGE

c. Draft Settlement Profiles

Clerk advising that MG and HD had prepared an updated profile as the initial draft sent for the Council to approve was completely incorrect. This has been submitted by MG.

d. 4G/5G signal in Rhoslefain

Clerk advising that this matter has now been passed to Liz Saville Roberts who will pursue it on behalf of the Council. The relevant documentation had been completed to enable this to take place.

e. EV Electric Charging Points

CS advising that she has made enquiries and found companies who will supply and maintain charging points and handed a copy of the paperwork to the Council which Clerk will scan and forward to everyone. CS proposed the two car parks in the village, but it was noted that these car parks were the property of Gwynedd Council. Clerk asked to enquire of Gwynedd Council if this would be of interest to them.

ACTION: Clerk to contact GCC

f. Japanese Knotweed

CS advising there were areas of Japanese Knotweed requiring attention, and the cost would be the same as last year – in the region of £100.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement for the annual spraying to be undertaken and CS will now arrange.

g. Railway crossing pathway and flooding

Clerk advising of the recent email from Sam Hollingsworth of GCC which explained quotes were still awaited so no further action had been taken at this time.

6. Materion Cynllunio/Planning Applications/Licensing Applications

a. NP5-69-431A, Dolgoed, Llwyngwrl

The Council discussed the objections received and strength of community feeling. It was noted that the Community Council, except for one application have always remained neutral. During the discussions, the following points were touched upon:

- 28 properties currently for sale in the village
- Significant impact on buildings behind the proposed development
- Material considerations
- Acknowledgement of the objections of the community.

C. Cllr. Louise Hughes advised those members of the community present that she was on the Planning Committee and stated that she would be happy to deal with any issue directly, if anyone wished to contact her.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to send a letter to ENP advising that the Community Council had had sight of the numerous objections and subjecting documentation from the community and that those strong objections had been heard at the meeting. The Council itself whilst noting the strength of feeling within the area agreed that it would remain neutral.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to ENP.

b. NP5-69-LU140B, Station Road, Llwyngwrl

This application was discussed and no concerns were raised.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to ENP that the Council had no comments to make.

c. NP5-69-LB150F, Ty Nant, Mill Street, Llwyngwrl

This application was discussed and no concerns were raised. CS was asked to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed and signed a Notification of Personal Interest form.

ACTION: Clerk to respond to ENP that the Council had no comments to make.

7. Cae Chwarae Llwyngwrl/Llwyngwrl Playground

a. ROSPA response to query

The response from the inspector was noted, but the Council felt it did not answer the questions asked and was vague. CS checked online and the clearance under the carousel should be 60mm – 110mm. KC will measure the gap and provide the information to Clerk. In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the situation. HD raised the point that whilst the ROSPA report mentioned “clearance between the underside of the roundabout and the surface is incorrect”, it did not specify what they should be.

8. Priffyrdd a llwybrau Troed/Highways and Footpaths

a. IW mentioned that the road to Tydfarch on the lane directly behind St Georges House had a root growing under the road which was causing issues. DG forwarded a photo and What3Words to Clerk in order that the matter can be referred to Highways.

ACTION: Clerk to send letter to Highways

9. Meddiantiau/Assets

a. Benches

HD advising that the three benches secured within the grant had now been placed. The two in the Playpark had been secured to the ground but the third at the Perthi still needed to be secured to the ground and this would be done shortly.

b. Bus Shelters

Nothing to Report.

c. Defibrillators

Nothing to Report.

d. War Memorial

Nothing to Report.

10. Materion Arianno/Financial Matters

a. Monthly finance statement for July and August 2026

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed as a true account.

b. Clerks report inc. payments made using delegated authority

Nothing to report.

c. Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere – Clerks pay (August), GCC (Internal Audit) 2025-26, H Davies (bench accessories).

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept invoices and make payment.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments.

d. Matters relating to Audit

Clerk advising that the full audit had been submitted to Audit Wales and questions had been raised in respect of s137 (donations). Requests, award letters and accounts were requested along with information relating to the First Responders donation of £1000 to the Council for the defibrillators and payments claimed in respect of public rights of way. All had been submitted to Audit Wales and no further communication as at 09.09.26.

e. Update on HSBC banking

Clerk advising that some monies had been transferred to the HSBC current account and that the account was ready to use. A savings account had also been opened for monies held on account. KC had kindly obtained a form from Nat West re closure and transfer of funds to HSBC which was to be completed. Three signatories required and Clerk, HD and KC signed the form. KC will return the form to Nat West bank and provide Clerk with a copy of the form for the file.

f. Update on Cronfa NI Grant

Clerk advising that the work had now been completed, a completion report had been submitted to GCC and the grant payment received, which concluded the matter.

g. VAT (part year) return

Clerk advising that a significant amount of VAT had been paid up to the period 31.08.26 and in the circumstances she had submitted a mid-year reclaim.

h. Precept Remittance

This was for part 2 of the 26/27 precept and the money had now been received into the bank account.

11. Adolygu Polisiau a Rheoliadau/Review of Policies and Regulations

Nothing to review.

12. Ymholiadau Cymunedol/Community Queries

a. Overgrown hedges – Red bridge to Station Road

b. GCC response to a)

The query and the response from GCC were noted. The hedges had now been cut back. HD stated that he believed the red bridge and the road from red bridge to the station had been adopted as a highway but the response from GCC stated it was not. Clerk asked to raise this point with Highways. C. Cllr Louise Hughes will also make some enquiries. CS also showed a photograph of the weight limit sign on the red bridge which was not legible and asked if this could be raised at the same time.

ACTION: Clerk to send letter to GCC

13. Gohebiaeth/Correspondence

a. Training dates August – December 2026

Noted. Clerk asked IW to provide a date for Code of Conduct training by December as he was the only member outstanding. Once that date is provided, Clerk to book him on to the training.

b. Works Programme September

Noted.

14. Adroddiadau'r Cynrychiolwyr / Representatives' Reports

Nothing to report.

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

C. Cllr LH advising that there had been no meetings in August. The first National Park meeting was today. Corbett Arms Hotel, Tywyn was discussed briefly but nothing had really changed. There are concerns over the roof of the building. It is believed the matter will be reviewed beginning of October.

16. Unrhyw Fater Arall / Any Other Business

a. New Councillor enquiry

Clerk advising that an enquiry had been received in respect of one of the vacant seats by a member of the village which would be discussed further at the October meeting.

b. HD enquired whether there had been any response regarding the two supporting steel girders immediately downstream of the A493 below bridge/footpath and Clerk advising that apart from acknowledging the online report there was nothing, so she would follow up.

Meeting closed 8.35pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 14/10/2026 at 7 pm – “Y Ganolfan” Llwyngwrlil

Signed: *R G Edwards*

Chairman

Date: 14/10/2026