

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS:</b>	N Lloyd (Chair) I Griffiths, A J Parry, M I Slader, I M Williams, G Thomas, J A Seward
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS:</b>	A J Davies, L M Morgan, L D J Armishaw, E Evans

1. **Declaration of Interests**

There were none.

2. **Public Participation**

There was no one in attendance.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

It was proposed by Councillor M I Slader and seconded by Councillor G Thomas that the Minutes be accepted.

It was so RESOLVED.

(i) **Appointment of Surveyor/Facilities Manager**

The interviews proposed to take place on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025 had to be cancelled because one member of the Personnel Committee was unable to attend and there was a code of conduct issue with regard to a Prejudicial Personal Interest declaration which would mean that this person could not take part in the interview process.

Advice was sought from R Edgecombe, Monitoring Officer at Carmarthenshire County Council.

His comments were received by "E" Mail on the 9<sup>th</sup> July and the final paragraph of the "E" Mail stated:

“The fact that the Council business in question affects 2 people, one of whom may be a close personal associate of a member of the interview panel, I think a member of the public knowing this would be certain to think that fact would influence the Councillor.

If so, this would mean the interest is both personal and prejudicial and the Councillor should therefore declare that interest and withdraw from that agenda item”.

After due discussion of the matter it was agreed that Councillor E Evans be not part of the Personnel Sub Committee to interview the two applicants for the Facilities Manager post. She will remain on the Sub Committee for future meetings that arise.

It was proposed by Councillor G Thomas and seconded by Councillor J A Seward that she be replaced by Councillor M I Slader for the forthcoming meeting.

It was so unanimously RESOLVED.

It was agreed the interviews for the post take place on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.00pm at the Llangennech Community Centre. Councillors will have a pre meeting at 6.30p.m.

Councillor I M Williams expressed dissatisfaction that the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> July had to be cancelled.

Councillor I Griffiths gave details of his discussion with Llanedi Community Council regarding grant applications. The Council does not have a permanent officer dealing with grant applications and that process is outsourced by the Council.

The Chair also commented on her discussions with a Councillor of the Llanelli Town Council regarding grant applications. She was informed that small groups are formed and apply in that group's name. The Council itself carries out most of the application work on behalf of the group. A grant totalling some £4.5 million was successfully made last year.

Councillor I Griffiths also referred to the fact that Llanedi Council makes grant applications via community groups/officers.

Councillor J A Seward stated that Llanedi Council have a few officers and when Llangennech Community Council had a successful grant applications for the Bryn Park various groups were involved, including the Bryn Hall Committee and the Residents of the Village.

ii) **Mr R Mitchell, 2 Aber Llwhwr**

The Council requested an indemnity for possible damage to Council property and possible injury to persons who use Cae Pownd and the Cemetery. It also asked for a plan including a detailed statement of the proposed works.

Mr Mitchell responded in his “E” Mail of the 18<sup>th</sup> June and the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, which provided a plan and details of the works confirming all drainage works will take place on his property and confirming that he indemnifies possible damage to Council property and possible injuries to persons.

Copies of the “E” Mails were provided to the Chair, Vice Chair and Councillor I Griffiths who were satisfied that the response complied with the Council request and agreed to give permission for Mr Mitchell to proceed with the works and have permission for access for machinery over Council owned land.

The Clerk informed Mr Mitchell by “E” Mail on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025 that the Council gave formal approval for access to the rear of this property via the Cemetery and Cae Pownd.

iii) **LBSA – Request to locate a Shed in the Recreation Ground**

The Clerk reported on his discussions with a Mr Curtis Roberts who is arranging for quotations to provide a new kitchen window at the pavilion. There are no details to date but Councillor I M Williams stated that designs are in process and hopefully a response will be available shortly. It was agreed by Council, in principle, to fund this work and an estimate of around £500 was envisaged.

4. **County Councillor Report**

Councillor J A Seward reported:

- i) A new bus service provision is out for public consultation.
- ii) A new Rights of Way Improvement Plan in being prepared.
- iii) Flood Bank provision. There are 14 in number in the County but there are also associated food banks.



Councillor G Thomas asked as to the method of distribution.

Councillor A J Parry also referred to the “other” food banks in the County.

- iv) Yellow lines at the school and Maesydderwen.

There is an enforcement issue and discussions/ideas on how to improve matters regarding parking etc. are being sought.

Councillor I M Williams believes that the parking issue is getting worse around the School.

Councillor G Thomas stated that it is very difficult to resolve this issue.

Councillor A J Parry referred to the transport arrangement in the area near Morfa School. Cameras are in operation and traffic movement is restricted at various times of the day through the use of these cameras. Those that contravene the regulation are issued with penalty notices.

The Chair referred to the continual abuse of the road traffic notices at the top end of Maesydderwen with vehicles not following no right turn notices.

- v) Aber Llchwyr – County Enforcement team now state that work has now ceased at the location and land has been cleared.

Councillor I M Williams commented that the land has been cleared and material has been pushed onto the marsh.

- vi) Rear of 44 Tirgof. Further clarification is required regarding this matter.

- vii) **Development at rear of 35 Penllwyngwyn Road**

A planning application has been received for the removal of Condition 4 on PL/07313 in order to separate the development at the rear of No. 35 Penllwyngwyn Road with No. 35 Penllwyngwyn Road and omit reference to C2 class use.

The development is demolition of an existing out building and the construction of a detached bungalow and self contained annex for supported living.

It was agreed to note the application and there is no objection to the proposal.

viii) **Pencoed Ganol Solar Farm Proposal**

The Clerk commented that the County Council has not consulted with the Council because the land in question falls into Llanelli Rural Council area. Previously the farmer had put this land forward as a candidate site for housing development in the Local Development Plan. This was rejected by the County Council.

- ix) The public have requested additional bins and to replace the bins removed by the County Council.

Councillor I Griffiths referred to a request for a bin near the footpath between the bus stop and Harddfan.

The Clerk referred to the decision of the County Council some 12 months ago to reduce the number of bins in the village and County generally.

x) **79 Bryn Hyfryd**

The resident has raised an issue with vegetation growing into the property from the cemetery.

It was agreed to investigate.

xi) **Park Lane**

There is overgrowth onto the pavement and Pontrilas have agreed to deal with the problem.

xii) **Footpath from the Centre to Mwrwg Road**

It has been reported that some maintenance work is required on safety grounds.

Councillor I Griffiths and J A Seward will investigate.

5. **One Voice Wales Constitution and Governance Framework**

A new draft constitution has been prepared and requires adoption at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting which will be held remotely at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025.

Councillor I Griffiths hopes to be able to attend the meeting.

6. **Morlais Colliery**

A Mr David Richards from Tirgof is asking if he can provide a permanent display of Morlais Colliery at the Llangennech Community Centre. This would be a cabinet full of genuine artefacts from the Llangennech mining area.

After due discussion it was proposed by Councillor G Thomas and seconded by Councillor I M Williams that, in principle, this is agreed subject to further details being provided on size and location in the Centre.

It was so agreed.

7. **Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

The Clerk had prepared a report for 2024/25 which had previously been circulated.

The content of the report was discussed and accepted.

8. **Training Plan for 2025/26**

The Clerk had prepared a training plan and its content discussed.

The Clerk stated that the Council needs to agree both staff and Councillor training as a matter of urgency in the Autumn.

Further enquiries need to be made on the content of various courses for Councillors that are organised by One Voice Wales so that enrolment can be arranged.

The Council also needs to make progress on the Annual Staff Review agreed some eighteen months ago.

The content of the Training Plan was accepted.

9. **Planning Applications**

It was RESOLVED not to object to the following applications.

PL/09618 - Removal of Condition 4 on PL/07313 – 35 Penllwyngwyn Road

PL/09480 - Removal of existing 23 degree roof and replacing with 35 degree attic truss roof at 6 Yr Allt.

10. **Translator**

Councillor G Thomas proposed that gratitude for the translator services tonight be recorded.

11. **Elections**

The Clerk gave details of persons nominated for the forthcoming election for the County and Community Council vacancy.

**For the Community Council :-**

Jon Burree	Welsh Liberal
Carmelo Colasanto	Reform UK
Wayne Erasmus	Wales can be Better
Jordan Sargent	Welsh Labour
Richard Talog Jones	Plaid Cymru

**For the County Council:-**

Carmelo Colasanto	Reform UK
Wayne Erasmus	Wales can be Better
Edward Evans	Welsh Conservative
Justin Griffiths	Welsh Liberal
Jordan Sargent	Welsh Labour
Richard Talog Jones	Plaid Cymru

The Election will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.