

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

**PRESENT:**      **Councillors:**      N Lloyd (Chair)  
I Griffiths, G Thomas, I M Williams,  
M I Slader, C Colasanto, E Evans,  
L M Morgan, J A Seward, A J Parry,  
H J Davies

**APOLOGIES:**      **Councillor:**      L D J Armishaw

1.      **Introduction**

The Chair introduced members to the new Councillor, C Colasanto and welcomed him to the Community Council.

2.      **Declaration of Interest**

There were none.

3.      **Public Participation**

Llinos from the LBSA had come to the meeting to ask the Council to consider allowing some sort of covered area near the playing field. This is to provide shelter for supporters during inclement weather and would be incorporating a hard standing and measuring 30 feet by 10 feet. Attendance by supporters has increased considerably over the last couple of years. A more detailed proposal will be forthcoming in the near future. The LBSA will pay for this provision.

It was agreed to await further details from the LBSA.

4.      **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

It was proposed by Councillor M I Slader and seconded by Councillor I M Williams that the Minutes be accepted subject to amending Minute 4(iii) to read Food Bank provision as opposed to Flood Bank provision.

It was so RESOLVED.

(i) **Mr R Mitchell, 2 Aber Llwhwr**

The proposed drainage work at the rear of this property has not commenced to date.

Mr Mitchell has informed Councillor I Griffiths that the wooden barrier at the bottom entrance to Cae Pownd has rotted and needs replacing.

A quotation has been received from Mr E Harries to fabricate a metal barrier to replace the current barrier. The quotation is to supply and fabricate a metal barrier at a cost of £420 including VAT. The barrier once supplied will be erected by the Council groundsman.

It was agreed that this barrier will not be erected until after Mr Mitchell has completed the drainage work at his property. Mr Mitchell will be informed of this decision.

ii) **LBSA – replacement window at the Pavilion**

This window has now been fitted at a cost of £740 including VAT.

iii) **Pencoed Ganol Solar Farm Proposal**

Lighthouse Development Consulting are organising a consultation event shortly at the Trallwm Community Centre.

There will be an opportunity to comment directly to the developer on a proposed Development of National Significance (DNS) prior to submission of a planning application to the Welsh Ministers. Planning applications for DNS will be publicised by the Welsh Ministers and the relevant planning authority.

The proposed development is outside the boundary of Llangennech Community Council.

iv) **79 Brynhyfryd**

It has been established that trees and shrubbery are leaning against the rear fence of the above property.

A quotation to remove the trees and shrubs has been received from D N Davies and this is for a sum of £550 which includes hire of machinery.

After due discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the quotation and proceed with the work.

v) **Footpath from the Community Centre to Mwrwg Road**

The Council groundsman did carry out some repair work which was immediately vandalised.

The County Council has now agreed to carry out full remedial work on this footpath.

vi) **Morlais Colliery**

Further details of the proposed display has been forthcoming and a cabinet will be installed in the Morlais Room on the left wall of the room on entry.

5. **Minutes of the Sub Committee Meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

It was agreed to accept the minutes and Mr Emyr Williams has been appointed as the Facilities Manager from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

Mr Williams was in attendance at tonight's meeting of the Council.

6. **Facilities Manager Report**

The Facilities Manager reported:

- i) He is working on a 12 month strategy approach.
- ii) He has set up a dedicated "E" Mail account which is:  
lbcc.facilitiesmanager@gmail.com
- iii) He met the Chair and Councillor I Griffiths for an informal meeting after his appointment.
- iv) He had a site visit of the new playground with Barry Gould, groundsman, and there are improvements but further soil spreading could be required. He will contact Nick Parker of Wicksteed.
- v) He is looking forward to providing a service to the Council.
- vi) LBSA proposal for a covered area – there are 150 – 300 supporters around the recreation ground field on match days and the request is for a quite simple 30ft by 10ft covered area with a base.

Councillor J A Seward supported the proposal and Councillor M I Slader asked as to what type of material would be provided.



Councillor I Griffiths stated that football is increasing in popularity and successful and there is a need to establish clear details regarding the proposal. Perhaps it could be something that could be stored away in the summer months.

The Chair's view was that it needs to be a feasible proposal without too much expense.

Councillor I M Williams asked the Facilities Manager as to his training needs and whether courses need to be attended.

He replied that he will assess his needs and come back to the Council in the future.

The Clerk informed to the need to provide the Facilities Manager with a laptop and the Facilities Manager will assess his needs and report back.

## **7. County Councillor Report**

Councillor J A Seward reported:

- i) There were no Council meetings in the summer.
- ii) A small grass fire was reported at the Llangennech Cemetery. There was no damage to gravestones.

Councillor I Griffiths commented that vandalism could result in damage to headstones.

- iii) She reported that the County does not appear to have funding for the provision of a Youth Club in the village. The Clerk reported on his discussions with the County last year and he was informed that the County were advertising for a supervisor at the pavilion but there has been no movement to date. He had been in discussion with a Sian Morgan.

Councillor G Thomas asked if the Youth Club fund held in the Community Council Reserves could be used to finance supervisors.

- iv) Planning Application PL/09646 - Creation of two family Gypsy/Traveller pitches on land North of Gypsy Lane.

Councillor Seward reported that the consultation period has been extended from the 19<sup>th</sup> August to the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025. There had been issues with no public notice being initially displayed on site, neighbouring properties have not received consultation letters and lack of proper notification may have prevented local residents from responding.

This application is a resubmission of application PL/08587 which had been refused on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025.

The Community Council had opposed the original application in January of this year and it was RESOLVED to object to the resubmitted application.

## 8. **Revision of Charges**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the budget for 2021/2 which was set in February of this year was based on increasing hire charges by a general 20 per cent.

Discussion took place as follows:

### i) **Burial Charges**

These had not been increased since April 2019. The Clerk reported that costs have increased considerably since 2019. The grave digger charge for 2020 was £460 for a new grave, £420 to reopen and £80 for ashes.

Councillor I M Williams proposed that burial charges be increased by 50 per cent. This was seconded by Councillor J A Seward.

Councillor G Thomas believed that charges be increased gradually over a period of a few years.

After due discussion there was an amended proposal of £1,500 for a new grave, £1,000 for a reopen and £500 for an ashes plot.

This amended proposal was carried and will be effective from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

### ii) **Community Centre**

After due discussion the following charges were proposed and effective from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

#### **Beasley Hall**

1 hour	£15 per hour
2 hours	£25 per session (evening 6.30/7.00pm to 9.00/9.30pm)
Extra hours	£12 per hour

The charge for 100 and over will be £100

From Monday to Thursday hire of the Hall would be restricted to a maximum of 2 nights per week consistently. Over a period of a term, consideration will be given to granting a third period consistent hire for Friday night or Saturday morning.

A discount of 5% will be offered for a consistent weekly hire of 1 period over a term. The discount will be 10% for a 2 period hire session.

Meeting Rooms                      £7.50 per hour  
(no discount offered for consistent weekly hire of rooms)

iii) **Bryn Hall**

There will be no differential between local or non local hire  
Charge                                  £7.50 per hour

iv) **Recreation Ground**

Pavilion

Ysgol Feithrin                      £550 per term from January 2026  
Occasional Hire                   £7.50 per hour from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Netball                                  £6 per game

Cricket                                  £600 less/£100 discount for table handling  
for season 2026

Rugby/Soccer                      £15 per game from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025  
£6.50 per game for juniors from  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2025

It was RESOLVED that the other charges be effective from the dates set out and that Council charges be reviewed annually in future.

9. **Fire at Bryn Park**

It was reported by a Mr Richard Clement that there were 3 fire incidents last month at the Bryn Park. The fire brigade was called out for the last fire but the fire did not spread. Mr Clement asks for the Council to consider installing CCTV cameras at the park.

The Chair commented that it is virtually impossible to install CCTV cameras at parks because there is no electricity supply and no location for storing the recording box. The only realistic option is for the police to monitor and deal with the problem.



10. **Ramblers Walk**

Arrangements are to be made for the annual walk to take place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

11. **Planning Applications**

It was RESOLVED to oppose the following applications.

PL/09646 - Creation of two-family Gypsy/Traveller pitches at land North of Gypsy Lane

PL/09756 - Demolition of Brynmawr Farm House, Bryn.  
Remaining out buildings to be left

12. **Council Buildings Electricity Price Contract**

Consultants acting for the Council had provided prices effective from April 26<sup>th</sup> for 36 months or 24 months. The prices range from an increase of 36% from Yu Energy to 58% from Total energies.

It was agreed to defer making a decision on this contract and to review the position in 3 months time.

13. **Gift for Alan Williams, retired Surveyor**

Councillor G Thomas referred to the previous decision of the Council to make a gift to the Surveyor for his long standing service to the Council and asked that such a gift be given to him.

It was agreed that if he is unable to come to a Council meeting to accept such a gift then the Clerk make arrangements to make the gift himself.

14. **Litter Picking/Community Action**

Councillor A J Parry referred to last week's meeting at the Community Centre with positive action proposed by the group. She asks that the action proposed be supported by Council.

15. **Accounts**

It was proposed by Councillor I M Williams and seconded by Councillor M I Slader that the following accounts be passed for payment.

It was so RESOLVED.

**16     Llanelli and District Civic Society**

Councillor M I Slader reported that she attended an awards ceremony today and she accepted on behalf of the Community Council a Local Design Award from the Society for the Llangennech Community Centre and the award was gratefully accepted.