

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 19th January, 2026, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

PRESENT: Councillors: N Lloyd (Chair)
I Griffiths, E Evans,
G Thomas, M I Slader,
C Colasanto, A J Parry

APOLOGIES: Councillors: I M Williams, H J Davies,
L D J Armishaw, L M Morgan,
J A Seward

1. This evening's meeting is a re-scheduling of the meeting of the 5th January, 2026 that had to be postponed because of inclement weather.

2. **Declaration of Interests**

There were none.

3. **Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st December 2025**

It was proposed by Councillor E Evans and seconded by Councillor G Thomas that the Minutes be accepted.

It was so RESOLVED.

- i) **Pothole Repairs**

There is no further information available at present on the number of repairs carried out in Llangennech and Bryn area.

Councillor C Colasanto reported that a new system of pothole repairs is being trialed. He also reported that a recent Highways document to the Cabinet disclosed that there is a massive backlog of highway repairs.

The Chair commented on a recent statistic nationally that potholes account indirectly to around 500 deaths annually in England and Wales.

The Chair also informed members of a recent incident in Maes Ty Gwyn that involved the Police following an attempt to transport a large static caravan to the traveller site through the Maes Ty Gwyn site which resulted in a gridlock situation. The Chair also commented that she is unclear why this route was decided upon since the usual access to the traveller site is from Maesydderwen.

Councillor C Colasanto reported on matters he has raised at County level regarding legal, planning and anti-social behaviour in and around the traveller site.

Councillor G Thomas believes that County Councillors are avoiding dealing with the problem and she also referred to quad bike problems on the site and on the highway.

ii) **Mwrwg Footpath Repair**

There is no further information at present. Councillor C Colasanto has agreed to make enquiries.

iii) **Parking Issues near the Llangennech School**

Councillor C Colasanto reported that the matter is being looked at.

iv) **Nomination of Community Council Representative – Ysgol Llangennech**

The County Council has confirmed that Councillor I M Williams is the Council's representative on the Governing Body of Ysgol Cymraeg, Llangennech.

5. Facilities Manager Report

i) **Wayne Morgan Transport**

There has been no further information on the matter and the problem of trees overhanging the property has not been resolved.

ii) **Carmarthenshire CC Park Inspection Reports**

There is nothing major in the reports requiring urgent action to address.

There is an issue of a swing seat at Bryn Park which has been installed incorrectly, missing fasteners, wet poar surface damage/shrinkage and a toddler seat needs replacing. There is also an issue with Gym Equipment which are broken and/or not working properly. It was agreed to look at repairing and if not economic to do so then to remove them.

It may be necessary to review the grass cutting contract in that the number of cuts may not be sufficient at certain times of the year.

There is also a complaint of the grass area at Hendre Park being saturated. A possible aeration process may be required to assist drainage. Further discussions to take place with the Council groundsman and contractor, D N Davies.

- iii) The Recreation Ground Play Area will be inspected shortly and the report is awaited which will determine the outcome on the retention of £1,200 being held.

- iv) **Surveyor Files**

These are now with the Facilities Manager and he has begun examining the contents of the files.

- v) **Morlais Colliery Items**

The Facilities Manager has met David Richards and funding for the project has been discussed and he has contacted National Lottery Heritage and the fund available and further advice is being sought. The cost of the project is around £3,000.

The Chair asked if a joint funding exercise could be carried out and money raised through donations etc.

Councillor G Thomas raised the possibility of involving the local school children.

- vi) **Youth Club**

There is ongoing research into funding and he suggests perhaps carrying out a Community Consultation exercise.

This could be carried out online.

vii) **Sale of Land to Bridge Inn**

He is awaiting response from Jennings, Solicitors, and he reported that James Hogg, Solicitor, is off for a month. His Secretary is to report back tomorrow to him..

viii) **Pavilion Access Path Flooding**

The Facilities Manager proposes to contact a tarmacadamming company to provide a cost estimate to raise the level of the path.

6. County Councillor Report

County Councillor C Colasanto stated that there is not much to report.

- i) Issue with the blue bags recycling scheme and that is with the quantity of the bags. A new supply contract is in the process of being tendered.
- ii) Biggest problem at present are issues regarding the traveller site in Llangennech and what is happening in the locality.
- iii) **Maesydderwen junction with by pass highway**

The County have been asked to look at another option rather than a camera at the junction.

- iv) **Surgery** - He hopes to set up a surgery in two weeks time.

7. Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2025

This Order came into force on the 13th November 2025.

There are certain offices relating to Community and Town Councils listed in the Order.

8. One Voice Wales – Annual General Meeting 21/01/26

The two nominated representatives of the Council are Councillors I Griffiths and L D J Armishaw.

It was agreed that if neither are able to attend then Councillor G Thomas will attend the meeting which will be held remotely.

9. Update Requirement – Community Defibrillators

An “E” Mail has been received from a Lee Denny, AED Specialist, regarding the need to check pads and batteries of defibrillators.

It was agreed that the guardians of the defibrillators in the village need to be contacted and to establish the up to date position of the defibrillators.

Mr Denny can be contacted to provide a quote for replacement parts if required.

Councillor G Thomas raised the matter of defibrillator training and whether some training sessions can be organised in the near future.

10. Temporary Road Closure

An “E” Mail has been received from Gemma R Pugh, County Council, informing the Council that there will be a temporary road closure in Hendy on the 20th January for one day.

The plan attached to the “E” Mail gave the location of the closure.

11. Planning Applications

It was RESOLVED not to object to the following applications.

- PL/10395 - Proposed single storey extension to front of property at 6 Yr Allt
- PL/10168 - Variation of Condition 5 – conversion of garage to habitable space at 67 Maes Ty Gwyn
- PL/10225 - Proposed removal/demolition of existing portacabins and to erect 2 storey portacabins as replacement at St Michael’s School, Bryn
- PL/10272 - Demolition of existing conservatory to the rear of the property and replace with single storey brick/block extension at 17 Morlais Road

Discussion took place on the following application.

- PL/10339 - Modification of Planning Condition to a number of properties at Maes y Bryn, Bryn – 10-20, 21-33, 35-41, 42-46, and flats 34-40 and flats 43-49

This modification request relates to Section 106 Agreement dated 23rd October 2015, Planning Ref: S/27346.

The covering letter from Devonshires Solicitors, acting for Bro Myrddin Housing Association sets out the reasoning for the request. This relates to the selling price of a property if the property were to be sold on a Market Value subject to Tenancy position. The price could not be more than 66% of the open market value. If the property were to be sold on Existing Use Value – Social Housing this restricts the value of the property to approximately 33% of the open market value.

The applicant would like to ensure that they receive a Market Value Subject to Tenancy valuation for the properties rather than the Existing Use Value – Social Housing basis.

After due discussion Councillor G Thomas believes that the houses referred to be kept for Social Housing. It was agreed that Councillor C Colasanto will follow up on the matter.

12. Budgetary Control 2025/2026

The Clerk reported that the financial affairs of the Council are more or less on Budget other than he wishes to highlight the following matters:

i) Bryn Hall Church Meetings on Saturday

The numbers attending are dwindling down to 5 or 6 people and the Treasurer of the group has recently passed away. The current income from the group meetings is approximately £120 per month.

There is therefore some doubt about the future of the group.

ii) Community Centre Gas Bill

There has been no invoice received for the year to date and none since the meter was changed some 3 months ago.

The Budget sum for the year is £6,000 gross or £4,740 net of a recharge to the County.

iii) Centre Repair Budget

The Gross budget is £3,940 and there is a possible overspend on this.

iv) Rates – Centre and Bryn Hall

The Council has received a grant again this year under the Retail/Tourism Discount Grant Scheme even though it was stated that 2024/25 should have been the last year.

There has therefore been a saving of £4,978 on budget for the current year.

v) **Asset Transfer Maintenance – Contractor Payments**

The Contractor, D N Davies, employed by the Council has now been required to register for VAT and therefore the invoices for the last 4 months of this financial year will be subject to VAT and these sums may not be able to be reclaimed because the upper limit for reclaim is £7,500 and will be exceeded and not claimable.

13. Electricity Price Renewal Contract

The current contract ends on the 31st March 2026 for the 3 buildings owned by the Community Council. Quotes have been received from Energy Consultants issued by the Council and the future prices indicates a likely increase of over 50% on the current contract.

After due discussion it was agreed to look at signing a contract for a 12 month period rather than 36 months and to review the position again in some 12 months time.

14. Caravan on Troserch Woodland

Councillor M I Slader reported that a caravan has been positioned in the woodland and someone is living in the caravan. This is causing litter/rubbish issues as well as other matters.