

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 2nd February, 2026, at the Llangennech Community Centre.

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

APOLOGIES: **Councillors:** A J Parry, L M Morgan, L D J Armishaw

1. Declaration of Interests

There were none.

2. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th January, 2026

It was proposed by Councillor G Thomas and seconded by Councillor M I Slader that the Minutes be accepted subject to amending Minute 4(i), last paragraph to read:-

Councillor G Thomas believes that County Officers are avoiding dealing with the problem and not "County Councillors" as stated.

"Councillors" referred to quad bike problems on the site and on the highway and not Councillor G Thomas.

It was so RESOLVED.

i) Pothole Repairs

Councillor C Colasanto reported on his briefings from County Highways and was informed that the number of potholes repaired is based on a theoretical calculation rather than actual numbers. It is hoped to provide an estimate based on the factor and actual road mileage for Llangennech and Bryn.

ii) Mwrwg Footpath Repair

Councillor C Colasanto will follow up on this tomorrow.

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

Councillor C Colasanto will follow up on the matter and report back.

iv) **Maesydderwen Junction**

Councillor C Colasanto is to meet Rhodri Griffiths on Wednesday of this week and report back.

v) **One Voice Wales – Annual General Meeting 21/01/26**

Councillor G Thomas reported on her remote attendance of the meeting and she commented that she found it very interesting.

Discussion took place regarding the Crown Estate and discussion also took place regarding the proposed increase in the membership fee to One Voice Wales and consideration took place on whether the increase should be 4% or 5%.

She also stated that One Voice Wales will be producing a manifesto statement in the next few weeks.

vi) **Modification of Planning Condition on Maes y Bryn Site**

Councillor C Colasanto will follow up on the matter.

vii) **Electricity Price Renewal Contract**

The Clerk reported that he has signed up to a 12 month contract with Total Energies which will run from the 1st April 2026 to 31st March 2027. The increase is approximately 55%.

viii) **Caravan on Troserch Woodland**

Councillor M I Slader reported that the caravan is still on site.

4. Facilities Manager Report

He reported as follows:-

- i) **Bryn Playground** - estimates are being sought for repairing the gym equipment items.
- ii) **Hendre Park Playground Drainage** – some action was taken on the 26th January to address the problem. The problem will be monitored.

iii) **Recreation Ground Playground Inspection** – this was carried out on the 27th January and a report produced on the 30th January. There is no mention in the report on trip hazards at the kerbs locations. Councillor I Griffiths raised the matter of this omission which could have serious consequences. This will be taken up with the Play Inspection Company who produced the report.

iv) **Surveyor Files** – all the files have been reviewed and will be stored at the Community Centre. It was not deemed economic and suitable to store digitally.

v) **Morlais Colliery Items**

The South Wales Miners' Welfare Trust was approached and 2 quotes were requested for the project. These have been obtained and were for £2,600 approximately and will be provided to the Trust.

vi) **Sale of Land to the Bridge Inn**

A reply is still awaited from Jennings, Solicitors, and James Hogg, Solicitor, will contact the Facilities Manager tomorrow.

vii) **Pavilion Path**

A quotation is awaited from Gower Tarmac and the company will be contacted tomorrow.

An estimated cost of £1,200 + VAT has been obtained to provide 3 shutters for the Pavilion alcoves.

viii) **Youth Club**

A draft Survey document has been prepared and it was agreed to use this document. Discussion took place on the method to complete the Survey. Councillor N Lloyd suggested using Facebook and to get up to date with this.

Further discussion will take place on this.

ix) **Defibrillators**

Photographs of the 4 in the community were taken. It was established that Ben Holding is the guardian for the one positioned on the Pavilion.

This defibrillator is in a poor condition with a broken handle and questionable whether it is in a functioning state.

The other 3 are in reasonable condition but there are still questions on whether batteries/pads etc. need changing.

He referred to perhaps contacting Calon Hearts for further advice and options. They are based in Cardiff.

Councillor G Thomas proposed that contact be made with Calon Hearts.

Councillor I M Williams stated that some of the cabinets are locked and others are not. There needs to be a consistent approach to this aspect. Councillor H J Davies will check the position on the defibrillator at his caravan site.

x) **Cylch Meithrin**

The Cylch are proposing to erect an awning type cover on the Pavilion to provide shelter during inclement weather.

The Clerk reported on his discussion with the Cylch today who promised to supply details and measurements for Council consideration.

5. **County Councillor Report**

Councillor C Colasanto reported that there is not much happening and considerable time has been taken up with consultation on the County's Financial Budget.

He has sent in his comments and wish list. There is an ongoing issue with street cleaning and it was also agreed that any defective blue bags will be replaced.

The Chair commented that some households have an insufficient supply and others have a surplus. It would be useful if a system could be brought in to transfer surplus bags to those requiring more. Perhaps Facebook would be an option.

Councillor J Seward reported that a Council Tax increase of 6.5% has been put forward. The Budget meeting will take place in a few weeks time.

6. **Precept for 2026/27 Financial Year**

The Clerk had prepared a financial statement previously circulated to members setting out the likely outcome for 2025/26 and estimates for the 2026/27 financial year based on increasing the precept by 5% per property.

The probable for 2025/26 and estimates for 2026/27 are as follows:

Probable 2025/26

There is likely to be an underspend of £9,151 leaving a total Bank Balance of £131,485 at the 31st March 2026. This is analysed as follows:-

	£
General Fund	79,055
Community Centre Capital Fund	45,000
Youth Club	6,817
Repair and Renewal Fund	503
Dr. T R Davies	<u>110</u>
	131,485

Estimates 2026/27

These have been based on:

- i) Cost increases for wages and salaries has been estimated at 3% and other costs increased in the range of 3% to 5% other than electricity which has been increased by 55%.
- ii) The Rates Bill for the Bryn Hall and Community Centre is assumed to fall under category band of Retail, Hospitality and Leisure. The multiplier for this category is 38.2 pence per £ for rateable values below £51,000 from the 1st April 2026. The rateable value currently for the Bryn Hall is £4,359 and for the Community Centre £21,250. It has been impossible to establish the rateable values at 1st April 2026 since there is no information available as to rateable value increases and the amount of any transitional relief that will be available.
- iii) There is also an issue with non receipt of gas bills for the Community Centre. A sum of £6,005 gross has been included for 2025/26 and 2026/27 based on estimated consumption at current contract prices.
- iv) The estimates do not include for increases in Council hire charges/burial fees.

After due discussion it was proposed by Councillor G Thomas and seconded by the Chair that the precept per property be increased by 5%. This will result in a charge of £163.95 per property and a total precept sum of £328,290.

It was so RESOLVED.

It is estimated that the Balances of the Council at the 31 March 2027 will be £132,207 and analysed as follows:

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7. The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) – known as Marty’s Law

This is now in force and places legal duties on those responsible for public premises and events to assess and reduce the risk of terrorist attacks.

The requirement of the Act falls on premises with a capacity of 200 or more people and therefore will not apply to buildings owned by the Community Council.

8. Lighthouse Development Consulting – Solar Farm off Pendderi Road

The Welsh Government has appointed an Inspector, H Davies, to examine this Development of National Significance.

The Local Planning Authority is required to produce a comprehensive Local Impact Report and this must be received by Planning and Environment Decisions Wales by 6th March 2026.

9. Democracy and Boundary Commission – Final Recommendations Report for Carmarthenshire

This was published in January 2026 and there are no changes in representation numbers for Llangennech.

10. Hywel Dda Health Board – Future Model for Nine Clinical Services

The Hywel Dda University Health Board will hold an Extraordinary Board Meeting on the 18th and 19th February 2026 to consider the future model for nine services included in the Clinical Services Plan. An independent consultation report was prepared by Opinion Research Services and will be considered at this Extraordinary Board Meeting. This report is available to view online.

11. E Mail from R Williams, Maenol Glasfryn

Mr Williams refers to parking issues at Maenol Glasfryn and adjacent roadway and parking of vehicles breaks the rules set out under Rule 243.

Councillor J A Seward will take up the matter at the joint committee meeting with the Police this coming Thursday.

12. Age Cymru - Climate Conversations at the National Botanical Gardens on 12th February 2026

There is an invitation to attend and booking for the event can be made online.