

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 2nd March 2026, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor: L D J Armishaw

1. Declaration of Interests

There were none other than Councillors M I Slader and E Evans declared an interest when grants to organisations were to be discussed.

2. Public Participation

There were no members of the public present.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd February 2026

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

It was so RESOLVED.

i) Caravan on Troserch Woodland

Councillor M I Slader reported that the caravan is still on site and consideration is taking place to set up an injunction. Councillor J A Seward asked whether the caravan could be classed as abandoned and action taken to remove it under this category.

4. Facilities Manager Report

He reported as follows:-

i) Bryn Park Gym Equipment

Contact has been made with Kompan the manufacturer and they state that the equipment is old and discontinued and an attempt at repairs would be a poor investment. Replacing the items could be looked at in due course.

Councillor M I Slader commented that if the equipment is dangerous to use then removal should take place.

Councillor I M Williams asked as to the age of the equipment.

The Clerk reported that the items in question were not purchased by the Community Council and the Community Council took over responsibility for the park in 2018 under the Asset Transfer Programme. The Council invested some £49,000 in 2020 on new equipment for the park and was in receipt of a Lottery Grant of £2,000 and a grant of £25,000 from the County Council under Section 106 Fund.

The Facilities Manager raised the point of a service level agreement for the equipment but the Community Council did not enter into such an agreement with the supplier.

Councillor I M Williams stated that if the equipment is dangerous and a liability then they should be removed.

The Facilities Manager will meet a representative of the Company and decide on the advice given.

The Chair asked that a sign be put up indicating that the equipment does not function properly.

ii) **Recreation Ground Playground Retention**

Corrective work to address the trip hazard issue has been estimated at £680 which if not carried out by Wicksteed would have to be deducted from the retention of £1,200 being held on the contract. Wicksteed have been contacted and a response is awaited.

iii) **Archived Files**

These are now stored at the Community Centre.

iv) **Morlais Colliery Items**

News is awaited from the South Wales Miners Welfare Trust regarding financial support. They are to meet in March.

v) **Youth Club Launch Facebook**

The Facilities Manager recommends that this be put on hold until a later date.

This was accepted by Council.

vi) **Council Logo**

The Facilities Manager put forward that the event be looked at in due course.

The Clerk commented that Community Councils in Wales are known as Cyngor Tref or Cyngor Cymuned as per Welsh Government Guidelines. They are not known as “Cymdeithas”.

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

The Council Solicitor has been in touch with the Solicitor acting for the Bridge Inn but there has been no response.

The Facilities Manager suggested contacting the Bridge Inn directly.

The Clerk referred to an “E” Mail in March 2025 from the Bridge Inn Solicitor to the Council’s Solicitor regarding a concern that direct contact is being made by the Council to the Bridge Inn proprietors rather than through Solicitors acting for both parties. The Solicitor acting for the Council advised that the Council does not make direct contact with the Bridge Inn Pub owners. The Council accepted this advice and no direct contact has been made since this date and will not take place.

Councillor G Thomas commented that a decision on the matter needs to be made in the near future.

viii) **Tarmac Capping of path to Pavilion**

A quotation for the sum of £8,184 including VAT has been received from Gower Tarmac.

The Clerk stated that there is no budget sum to cover this work and advises that a decision be deferred until the end of this coming summer when the finances of the Council can be more accurately assessed. This was agreed.

Another two quotations would be required.

ix) **Shutters for Pavilion Alcoves**

An estimated sum of £1,200 inclusive of VAT has been received.

Again it was agreed to defer a decision on this until the end of this summer.

x) **Defibrillator**

Corrective action has taken place on the Pavilion defibrillator.

The Clerk reported that the box was vandalised immediately after repairs were carried out. The box is now back in working order after further repair by the groundsman.

Councillor M I Slader stated that Ben Holding is still the nominated guardian for this defibrillator. Councillor I M Williams referred to the offer from Councillor C Colasanto to monitor all defibrillators in the village.

Councillor G Thomas also referred to the same offer and whether that offer should be taken up.

Councillor I Griffiths was of the view that Ben Holding should be retained as guardian of the defibrillator at the Pavilion.

Councillor H J Davies has recently checked the defibrillator at his caravan site and stated that batteries need to be changed every five years.

Councillor J Seward asked whether one person should be the supervisor for all the defibrillators.

Councillor I Griffiths proposed that the current nominated guardians be retained.

The Chair suggested that a log be kept for each defibrillator of when they are checked and list any requirements for each defibrillator.

Councillor L M Morgan referred to the practice at her school in keeping records and the logging in to the National Defibrillator Network Circuit. There will be a need to register for this service and to acquire a password for logging purposes.

After due discussion it was agreed to maintain the same personnel as guardians but also set up a recording system and look at registering with the Defibrillator Circuit.

xi) **Aber Lluchwr Footpath**

The Facilities Manager again referred to the state of a wall on this path and the fact that it is now collapsing.

There is no movement yet on addressing the problem.

xii) **Cylch Meithrin**

The awning has been purchased and not yet installed.

5. Planter Outside Bryn Hall

The Chair referred to a meeting she had recently on site and to discussion with a pupil of St Michael's School who wants to carry out some maintenance work on the planter as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme.

Unfortunately the planter is in need for major repair work before this can be contemplated.

The Clerk has had discussions with Barry Gould, the Council groundsman, who actually carried out work on the original planter. The groundsman estimates that materials to the cost of £496 would be required and he would carry out the work.

The Chair offered to cover the cost of the work from the balance of monies left in the Chair Account this year. She also asked that a plaque be erected to commemorate work carried out by Councillor G R Jones who passed away last year.

After due discussion it was agreed to accept the offer from the Chair and that Barry Gould the groundsman, be asked to carry out the work.

6. County Councillor Report

Councillor J A Seward reported:

- i) She was not able to attend the last Council Meeting.
- ii) The County has agreed to increase Council Tax by 4.9% together with significant spending reductions of £9.6m. The original proposal was of an increase of 6.5% but was reduced to 4.9% after a period of consultation with residents and other groups throughout Carmarthenshire.

iii) **Demolition of existing dilapidated outbuilding at 52 Afon Road.**

The existing building on the corner of Afon Road/Maes Road is to be replaced by a similar building.

Councillor C Colasanto reported:

i) The Enforcement Team are involved with regard to the lake near Maes Ty Gwyn. Also Natural Resources Wales are involved.

ii) **Maesydderwen Area/Gypsy Lane**

There are issues at this location that need to be addressed by the police as well as other Authorities.

iii) **Potholes**

Pothole repairs are taking place today from the Bridge Inn to Park Lane.

iv) **Mwrwg Footpath**

A Council officer has stated that the repairs to this are for the Community Council to deal with.

The Clerk commented that structural repairs to footpaths is the responsibility of the County Council. The Community Council has minor responsibility for footpaths such as trashing, when resources allow. The maintenance arrangement was actually set out in a document prepared by the County Council a few years ago.

Councillor J A Seward also commented that the County had agreed to carry out repairs to the Mwrwg Footpath.

7. **Mr Mitchell, 2 Aber Llchwyr**

Councillor I Griffiths reported that Mr Mitchell has been in touch with him regarding recent work at the rear of his property and to the fact that the work does not seem to have had a successful outcome.

It seems that he is looking to make a claim against other bodies.

Councillor I Griffiths stated that the Community Council has not done any work at Cae Pownd and the land is in its original state and therefore no Council liability for the problems being experienced by Mr Mitchell.

Councillor I M Williams referred to meetings arranged with Mr Mitchell which the latter failed to attend.

Councillor G Thomas asked if the problems encountered by Mr Mitchell could be traced back to the original contract to build the houses and failures by the Contractor.

8. Harddfán – Proposed Development

Councillor J A Seward reported the drop in sessions organised by the County Council on Monday, 23rd February 2026, at the Bryn Hall and Thursday, 26th February 2026, at the Community Centre.

The County Council is consulting on a proposed residential development of one unit at Harddfán which would cater for housing of 4 children.

Councillor J A Seward did not personally oppose the proposal although she accepts that there are water pressure problems in the locality.

Councillor C Colasanato stated that there has been no planning application made to date and that there are other sites being looked at.

Councillor G Thomas asked as to how many people attended the meetings. Councillor I Griffiths stated that approximately 10 people attended at the Community Centre.

The Clerk confirmed that he has not received a planning application to date.

Councillor I M Williams stated that a planning application should be awaited and comments made in due course.

9. Planning Application

It was RESOLVED not to object to the following:-

PL/10452 - Demolition of an existing dilapidated outbuilding and rebuilding to same general dimensions and appearance – 52 Afon Road, Llangennech

10. Consultation on Local Community Pharmacy Services

Hywel Dda University Health Board is consulting on re-writing of its Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

The Survey closes on Monday, 9th March 2026, and can be carried out by completing an on-line survey.

11. Rev William Garel-Jones

A Mr Richard Owen of Aberystwyth is researching the life of the above.

His wife was Meriel Williams (born 1911) who came from Llangennech and they were the parents of Tristan Garel-Jones (1941-2020) the Tory Politician.

Mr Owen is asking for any information available from residents of Llangennech regarding Bernard and Meriel Garel-Jones.

12. Grants to Organisations

The Council has agreed to make the following grant payments:-

Organisation	£.00
Capel Salem	100
Capel Bryn Seion	100
Llangennech Church	100
Capel Bethesda	100
Llangennech Bowls	100
Bryn WI	100
Troserch Woodland	200
WEA	100
Cylch Meithrin – two bodies	100 each

Any further applications will be considered in the new financial year.