

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGNNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 6th July, 2026, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

PRESENT: Councillors: E Evans (Chair)
I Griffiths, N Lloyd, M I Slader,
I M Williams, H J Davies,
G Thomas (Zoom)

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

1. Declaration of Interests

There were none.

2. Public Participation

- i) The Chair invited Mr M Williams, Treasurer of Llangennech AFC to speak regarding the request from the Club for permission to install a hard standing area and secure dugout at the Recreation Ground.

This will be located near the halfway line adjacent to Heol y Parc.

The provision of a suitable dugout is a requirement of the Football League and Tier within the Football Association of Wales (FAW). Last season portable dugouts were used which proved inadequate having been damaged by adverse weather conditions during the season.

The dugout will remain secured on the hard standing area throughout the football season, August to April, and during the off season it will be removed and stored in the Club container.

Councillor I M Williams asked if the views of the Rugby Club had been sought. Mr Williams replied that this has not been carried out to date but does not expect any opposition from the Rugby Club.

Councillor M I Slader asked as to the appearance of the dugout. The reply was that it will be a modern structure and will be finished in an aesthetically pleasing manner.

Councillor N Lloyd commented that it looks like a container.

Councillor I Griffiths commented it will be visible during the Autumn/Winter season and stored away in the Spring/Summer season.

After due discussion it was agreed to accede to the request.

- ii) The Chair then invited Simon Clement, Chairman of Llangennech Cricket Club to speak regarding the request from the Cricket Club for permission to locate a new container adjacent to the Llangennech AFC container near the halfway line of the Soccer/Rugby Pitch in the Recreation Ground. The container would measure 20ft in length and match the existing container. This container would be used to store groundsheets, seed and machinery which would usually be stored in the sheds near the car park. The current sheds are not fit for purpose and dangerous with vermin chewing on groundsheets and eating the seed and therefore costly to the Club. A new container would allow much easier access onto the cricket pitch.

Councillor I M Williams remarked that the container would be a temporary long term measure until the Council has the finance to provide new sheds in the Recreation Ground.

Councillor I Griffiths stated that the new container would be used to store current equipment and also some new equipment.

Councillor N Lloyd stated that the container is required because the Council is unable to replace the current sheds because of lack of financial resources. In due course when finance allows new sheds will be provided and the container can be taken away.

Councillor G Thomas was happy not to object if other users of the Recreation Ground do not oppose the proposal.

Councillor N Lloyd felt that there is a need to consult with nearby residents on both the Cricket Club and AFC proposals. Both Clubs are trying their best to improve sport and facilities in the village.

Councillor M I Slader agreed that both sporting bodies are successful and of benefit to the village.

After due discussion it was agreed to accede to the request from the Cricket Club.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th June 2026**

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be accepted.

i) **Llangennech and Bryn Action Group**

There has been no contact from Jordan Sargent regarding whether the group has the necessary insurance cover.

Councillor N Lloyd referred to the fact that one of the individuals does have insurance cover because of his business.

ii) **Bryn Hall Planter**

Councillor N Lloyd stated that she has acquired a plaque to place on the planter.

iii) Councillor N Lloyd asked if there is any development on the fly posting regarding the last by election.

Councillor I Griffiths has approached democratic services at the County regarding the matter.

iv) **Karate Club Debtor**

The Clerk reported that a sum of £486.50 was received on the 8th June but no further payment made. The 31st March debt outstanding is currently £418 and the invoices for April, May and June have not been paid. This leaves a current debt of approximately £900 outstanding.

Councillor G Thomas asked that the Karate Club be contacted regarding this debt.

The Clerk will contact the Karate Club.

4. **Facilities Manager Report**

i) **Bryn Playground**

A meeting took place on the 10th June 2026 with Kompan, but the gym equipment is still there at present.

Enquiries are ongoing regarding possible funding to finance new equipment.

The old equipment will be removed in the near future. There is no value in these items.

ii) **Morlais Colliery Items**

The cabinet is almost complete and will be installed shortly.

There have been two quotations received for decorating the room and they are £700 and £570.

It was agreed to accept the lower quotation and to decorate with a light grey finish.

The quotations refer to decorating the room only and not the corridor.

Councillor G Thomas asked as to what would the additional cost to decorate the corridor and toilets. The reply was an extra £600.

Councillor I M Williams referred to when will the opening ceremony take place and to the provision of refreshments.

Councillor N Lloyd suggested an opening ceremony in September.

Councillor I M Williams suggested inviting the two Schools and, in particular, Llangennech School since he and Councillor G Thomas visited the School recently to talk to the children regarding the Morlais Colliery.

Councillor G Thomas asked that the Coal Board be invited to the ceremony.

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

The Facilities Manager reported that the landlord of the Bridge Inn has gone on holiday and therefore there is no movement on the matter to date.

Councillor G Thomas referred to the previous decision of the Council in September 2024 not to offer the right of way over the Centre access road and this was a definitive decision of the Council.

iv) **Playground Inspection**

The Clerk reported that he has received an "E" Mail from Liam J Cole, County Council stating that an inspection of the transferred assets has taken place and that a full inspection report will follow in due course.

The Facilities Manager reported that he was unaware that an inspection had taken place.

v) **Senior Citizens Hall**

The Facilities Manager has spoken to the neighbour, Mrs Banfield, and was informed that she arranges for the grassed area to be maintained.

Mr Jordan Sargent stores equipment in the hall.

Councillor N Lloyd informed members that she had discussions previously with the person supervising the hall but has no up to date information on matters relating to ownership etc. of the hall.

Councillor M I Slader asked whether the Council could take over the running of the hall.

Councillor I M Williams stated that a number of issues need to be resolved in the first place.

Councillor N Lloyd does not believe that the building is usable in its current state and considerable money would have to be spent on it to bring it to an acceptable standard.

The Clerk reported on his previous discussions with the previous supervisor of the hall who lived opposite the building. This was several years ago and the lease on the land had then expired and ownership therefore returned to the Lord of the Manor.

The Clerk had spoken to the Solicitor, Robert Lewis, but he had no further information to give at that time. He has now passed away.

Councillor G Thomas asked if his firm could be contacted to establish whether a file exists with more information.

Councillor I Griffiths stated that he will also contact the County Council to establish whether any further information is available.

5. **County Councillor Report**

County Councillor I Griffiths reported:-

- i) A full Council meeting will take place on Wednesday next.
- ii) He went down to County Hall last week to sign the necessary paper and he will have a fuller report for the next Council meeting.

Councillor G Thomas gave her congratulations to Councillor I Griffiths on his success at the recent by election for the County Council.

6. Barrier Accessibility – Bryn Park

An “E” Mail has been received from a Victoria Middleton regarding her concern that she cannot access the park with her small double pram. She accepts the reasoning of the design which is to prevent motor cycle access but asks that the Council review the accessibility issue for people with prams and mobility aids.

The Clerk referred to a previous request for a similar review some two years ago which was dealt with by the Surveyor and he actually met that person. The outcome of that discussion is unclear but no changes have been made to the entry barrier system.

Councillor G Thomas suggests contact being made with the previous Surveyor.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Facilities Manager investigate and report back.

7. Vacancy in the Office of Community Council

The Clerk reported that he has received an “E” Mail from Electoral Services at the County Council stating that there has not been a request from ten electors for an election to take place and it is for the Council to co-opt a replacement member.

Under Section 116 of the Local Government (Wales) Act 2011, it is a requirement to give public notice where vacancies in Town/Community Council membership are to be filled by co-option.

The Clerk will prepare a public notice with a closing date for response which will be posted on Notice Boards in the village and the Council Website.

8. Troserch Woodland

Councillor M I Slader reported that the organisation has held its AGM recently and consideration took place on the way forward for the organisation. The possibility of a takeover by a Trust is being considered and the other option is for the Community Council to consider taking on the work.

Councillor G Thomas asked if the members are paying their subscription dues.