

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the Council held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2026, at the Bryn Hall, Bryn.

**PRESENT:**      **Councillors:**                      E Evans (Chair)  
I Griffiths, I M Williams,  
M I Slader, H J Davies, A J Parry,  
L D J Armishaw, G Thomas (Zoom)

**APOLOGIES:**      **Councillors:**                      L M Morgan, J A Seward, N Lloyd

**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 Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2026**

It was proposed by Councillor M I Slader and seconded by Councillor H J Davies that the Minutes be accepted.

It was so RESOLVED.

**i)      Llangennech and Bryn Action Group**

The Clerk reported that he had received an "E" Mail from Jordan Sargent which confirmed that the group have the appropriate insurance.

**ii)     Karate Club Debtor**

The Clerk reported that payments have been made into the account and that the debt for the period to the end of May is £418. The invoices for the months June, July and August have not been issued because the caretaker is on sick leave. The total for these three months is likely to be in the order of £540.

**iii)    Morlais Colliery Items**

The cabinet is now complete and the room has been decorated and an opening ceremony can be arranged.

Councillor M I Slader asked if there are any provisional dates planned.

Discussion needs to take place with Huw Thomas to establish the dates available. Huw Thomas is currently the person arranging most of the booking dates for the Community Centre whilst the caretaker is away on sick leave.

The Facilities Manager suggested that maybe a Saturday morning is an option.

After due discussion it was agreed that the Chair will follow up on the matter.

#### **4. Facilities Manager Report**

##### **i) Dugout and Storage Container**

The Football Club have installed the dugout and the Cricket Club has similarly brought in the storage container.

There has been no adverse reports from local residents.

##### **ii) Bryn Playground**

The old equipment items have been removed and some discussion has taken place regarding providing equipment for young people. Initial estimates regarding cost of such equipment is £15,000 and thoughts were for a screen type.

Councillor M I Slader was not in favour of a screen item in the park.

There has been no adverse comment received to date to the removal of the old equipment.

##### **iii) Barrier Accessibility Issue at Bryn Park**

The Facilities Manager had sent an E-Mail to Vicki Middleton regarding her E-Mail to the Council setting out accessibility problems she has in accessing the Bryn Park.

He asked as to the specific problems she had together with a request as to the height and width of the pram she uses.

There has been no response from the person to date.

iv) **Recreation Ground Playground**

There is some damage to the play area which can be repaired through purchasing “wetpour” liquid from the contractor. Repairs can be carried out by the groundsman, Barry Gould.

There are also some repairs required to the playground equipment recently installed. There is a question as to whether a warranty is in operation. The Clerk does not have any information as to the existence of any warranty given.

Councillor I Griffiths is to follow up on the warranty issue with Wicksteed.

v) **Morlais Colliery Items**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

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

The Facilities Manager has had further discussions with the Bridge Inn and a final decision needs to be made on whether permission can be given to access to the Bridge Inn Car Park over the access road to the Community Centre.

Councillor G Thomas again reiterated that the Council decided some two years ago not to give permission for access to the Bridge Inn Car Park via the access road.

Councillor I M Williams stated that the Council can revisit this and to decide whether it wishes to change its mind. The original decision of the Council was to grant permission and this was a requirement for the Bridge Inn to get planning permission for redeveloping the Bridge Inn.

It was agreed that the Facilities Manager make approaches to the Bridge Inn and to bring back to Council a definitive proposal.

The Clerk stated that the Bridge Inn needs to finalise procedures to purchase the land in order to provide additional parking spaces for Bridge Inn customers.

vii) **Playground Inspection by the County Council**

A full inspection report was promised by a Liam Cole from the County Council but has not been received to date.

viii) **Hendre Park**

The Facilities Manager reported that there were some complaints regarding the need to cut the grass at the park. In his view it is not a real issue.

ix) **Community Centre Garden**

Some work has been done but nothing significant.

x) **Recycling Bins in the Recreation Ground**

At present the bins are stored in the Cricket Club compound but they are not collected weekly as is the case at the Community Centre.

Councillor I M Williams stated that discussions need to take place with Veolia, the trade waste contractor so that collection can be made.

Bins have been provided by Veolia and payments are being made to Veolia..

xi) **Tennis Court**

The Facilities Manager reported that he has had initial discussions with an organisation to improve the tennis court area. He had hoped that he could have come with a proposal to tonight's Council's meeting but this has not been possible.

xii) **Defibrillator**

The Facilities Manager reported that a defibrillator has been installed at the Rugby Club.

A training session will take place in the near future at the Rugby Club and will be run by the Welsh Ambulance Service.

Councillor G Thomas asked whether this is available to all to which the answer was yes.

**5. County Councillor Report**

Councillor I Griffiths reported:

- i) Various matters have been raised with him such as requirement for more bins and fly posting at the last by election. Election posters in the Bryn area have been cleared but not Llangennech.

- ii) Speeding through the village has been raised and there is no funding available for additional traffic calming. The GoSafe Group has not successful.
- iii) Youth Club - finance is an issue but the main problem is recruiting suitably qualified staff to carry out the supervisory work.
- iv) The OAP Hall was broken into recently which was reported to the Police.

The Clerk reported that he had found a copy of the lease document regarding the land the building is located on. The lease was signed on the sixteenth of February 1988 and was for a period of 20 years and expiring on the 25<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

The lease was given by Fraser Gwilym Delano Evans of Former Cottage, Old Avenue, West Byfleet, Surrey to four people listed.

A copy of the lease will be given to Councillor Griffiths.

- v) Councillor Griffiths has held several surgeries but are not well attended to date.
- vi) Scouts Event. He attended with the Chair and the movement seems to be doing well.
- vii) Next full Council Meeting is on Wednesday this week.
- viii) There is a new plan for Homes of Multiple Occupancy.
- ix) Beasley Family History. A book has been published which was written by the daughter. It is hoped to acquire a copy for the library in Llangennech.
- x) Rugby Club. Councillor Griffiths has been approached asking whether the Council would consider sponsoring a rugby match. There was also reference whether a grant could be provided to assist additional watering cost incurred by the Club.

Further details would need to be provided.

## **6. Vacancy in the Office of Community Council**

A public notice was prepared and placed at several locations in the village and on the Council's website.

There has been one response and that is Mr C Roberts of 7 Maes Road, Llangennech.

Mr Roberts is involved in sporting activities in the village and has been Santa Claus on the Council Christmas Sleigh Run recently.

It was proposed by Councillor G Thomas and seconded by Councillor M I Slader that Mr Curtis be offered the post of Councillor on the Community Council.

It was RESOLVED unanimously that Mr Curtis Roberts be offered the post of Councillor.

#### **7. Troserch Woodland Society**

Councillor M I Slader reported that there has been no decision to date on the future of the Society. The number of volunteers active in the Society is reducing.

Councillor I Griffiths stated that if the Society was taken over by a national body then there would be consequences. There would be the loss of local control. If the Community Council took it over then there would be financial and administrative issues to consider for the Community Council.

Councillor G Thomas suggested that public opinion should be sought.

Councillor M I Slader believed that a campaign needs to be started in support of the Society.

Councillor L D J Armishaw suggested that the County Council be approached.

The Facilities Manager asked if there was a national body that could be approached to provide support.

Councillor I Griffiths suggested approaching other Counties such as Neath and Port Talbot and Rhondda Cynon Taf for some ideas since these County Councils do have similar parks that they run.

Councillor M I Slader reported that approaches have been made to the Wales Wild Life Trust and its response is awaited.

**8. National Joint Council for Local Government Pay Award**

The National Joint Council has agreed new pay scales for 2026/27 to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

The increase in pay scales is 3.3% but Scale Point 2 now disappears and therefore Scale Point 3 is now the starting point.

Council staff other than the Clerk and Facilities Manager were on Scale Point 2.

Therefore the increase for most of the Council staff is 4.9% and the budget was based on a 3% increase. This will result in an over budget increase of £4,300 for the year.

After due discussion it was RESOLVED to accept the agreement and implement the increase from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026.

**9. Carmarthenshire Resilient Communities Regional Event**

One Voice Wales invites Councils to join a regional event to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2026 at Tumble Welfare Hall which will commence at 10.00a.m. and finish at 3.30p.m.

Councillor I Griffiths would be available to attend via Zoom.

Councillor L D J Armishaw will check his availability.

**10. Llangennech Angling Club**

An E-Mail has been received from Llangennech Angling Club asking for the Council to consider supporting the development of youth fly fishing within the local community.

Three of the junior members have been selected to represent Wales at the International Youth Fly Fishing Competition in Ireland in July. There is another competition later this year.

It was RESOLVED to contribute £100 to the Club.

## **11. Letter from Mrs E J Carree, Hendre Park**

Her letter raises the following queries:

- i) Grass verges at Hendre Park have not been cut this year. The Facilities Manager reported that this is not an issue in the playground.
- ii) Playground equipment in the park needs servicing. The playground is inspected annually and no issues raised by inspectors.
- iii) Bus shelters need cleaning and election notices removed. This is not the responsibility of the Community Council.
- iv) Community Centre, Llangennech, needs cleaning. The Clerk reported that additional internal cleaning has taken place over the last three weeks.

There has been no external cleaning and the Facilities Manager would like to explore the availability and cost of such cleaning.

- v) She asks for more flower baskets in the village. The Clerk reported that currently there are 20 lamppost baskets at a cost of £159 each and one trough at a cost of £134 and one base unit planter at a cost of £200.

The total cost for 2026 is £3,514 including VAT.

It was agreed that Councillor I M Williams will look at the provision later this year.

Councillor I Griffiths reported that some of the baskets are obscured by tree branches and these need to be cut back.

## **12. Budgetary Control**

The Clerk reported that the Council will be overspending on the following items in this financial year.

|                                            | <b>£ 000</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Rates payment for the Centre and Bryn Hall | 4.0          |
| Sickness cover for A James to September    | 8.5          |
| Tractor Repair/Service                     | 1.5          |
| Pay Award                                  | <u>4.3</u>   |
|                                            | 18.3         |

The Clerk further commented that the General Balance at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 was £87,852 and the recommended balance is approximately £65,000.

The Facilities Manager asked if it is in order to obtain quotations to raise the level of the footpath to the Pavilion.

It was agreed to seek three quotations for the job.

### 13. Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk had prepared the following statement at 31/7/26.

#### Bank Reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026

|                              |             |            |             |
|------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
|                              |             |            | <b>£.00</b> |
| Balance 31/03/2026           |             |            | 167,265.35  |
| Add Back Unpresented Cheques | <b>£.00</b> |            |             |
|                              | 206643      | 100.00     |             |
|                              | 699         | 100.00     |             |
|                              | 722         | 759.94     | 939.94      |
|                              |             |            | <hr/>       |
|                              |             |            | 168,205.29  |
| Add Income                   | April-July  |            | 114,760.74  |
| Less Expenditure             | April-July  |            | 127,734.99  |
|                              |             |            | <hr/>       |
|                              |             |            | 155,230.64  |
| Bank Balance 31/07/2026      | <b>£.00</b> |            |             |
| Current A/C                  |             | 100.00     |             |
| Business Premium A/C         |             | 157,155.14 |             |
|                              |             |            | <hr/>       |
|                              |             |            | 157,255.14  |

Less Unpresented Cheques

**£.00**

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|--------|---------|
| 206819 | 60.00   |
| 206827 | 1020.82 |
| 206829 | 890.40  |
| 206830 | 41.28   |
| 206831 | 12.00   |

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