CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGENNECH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the Community Centre, Llangennech, at 7.00p.m. on Monday, 13th May, 2019.

PRESENT:	Councillors:	J A Seward (Chair) W D Griffiths, G Thomas, G F Davies, J C Lee, I M Williams, M I Slader, N Lloyd, L M Morgan, R Willock, G R Jones
APOLOGIES :	Councillor:	S Hughes

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Councillor T Devichand, Vice Chair Woman of Llanelli Rural Council and consort Jason Hart and Councillor John E Jones, Mayor of Llanelli Town Council and Mayoress Angela Jones, special guests, and family members and representatives of various bodies to this evening's Annual Meeting of the Council.

2. **Review of the Year**

The Chair wished to thank fellow Councillors for their support during the year and to the Vice Chair G Thomas, who deputised for her on occasions. The Chair stated that she was relatively new to local government having been elected as Councillor in May 2017.

The Chair also wished to thank the Clerk and Surveyor for their support and advice during the year and to the Council staff. She believed that the Council has bonded well together for the benefit of the village.

The Chair's review covered:-

i) General

Bringing the Council into the 21st century by creating a Facebook page and electronic transfer of agenda and papers to half the Council members.

ii) **Planning**

A new Local Development Plan for the County is in the discussion stage and a number of candidate sites have been put forward by individuals for inclusion in the new plan.

iii) Asset Transfers

The Council has taken over the running of three play areas from the County Council, these being Bryn, Hendre Park and Maes Ty Gwyn. Leases have been signed for the first two but there are legal issues to be resolved with regards to Maes Ty Gwyn.

The Council has made a significant commitment by agreeing to take over these play areas and additional finance will be required to maintain these play areas.

iv) Cemetery

The clearing of trees has now been completed. There have been environmental improvements carried out, in particular, on the Maenol Glasfryn side.

There will be greater investment in the level of general maintenance of the cemetery for the coming years.

v) Bryn Hall

A successful Bryn Hall Committee has been re-established and many activities organised during the year and funds raised for projects such as a defibrillator located on the outside of the building.

There will be a Christmas tree outside the building at Christmas time this year.

vi) **Pavilion**

The changing rooms were improved and lately new drains installed to complete the modernisation of the building.

vii) Christmas Fayre

This took place on Saturday, 8th December 2018, together with a lantern parade. It was again a successful evening both at the Bryn Hall and Community Centre.

The Council is very grateful to the Centre Committee and the Bryn Hall Committee for the effort and work in making a success of the day.

Special thanks to the Centre Committee for organising events at the Community Centre during the year.

viii) Llangennech and Bryn Sports Association

A series of meetings has taken place with the group regarding possible improvements at the Recreation Ground and Cae Pownd.

Development is still outstanding.

ix) Consort

Thanks to Nicky Lloyd for being at her side on various occasions during the year and also thanks to County Councillor G R Jones and to former Councillor T G Lewis.

She also wished to thank her husband and her children who have attended many events with her during the year.

She has thoroughly enjoyed being the Chair of the Council.

x) Major Items of Expenditure

Cemetery

Tree Removal	£3900
Landscaping	£ 520

Pavilion

Changing Rooms	£18135

Playground – Recreation Ground	£ 4995
(grant aided)	

Asset Transfers

Bryn Park, tree removal and	
barrier work	£6532
Maintenance	£2680

Community Centre

Replacing Pumps	£3082
Tree Removal	£2100

xi) Visual Display

The Chair completed her review by presenting a visual display on a projector screen of various events she attended during the year.

3. Installation of chair of the Council for 2019/20

In accordance with Minute No. 7 of the Council meeting held on the 8^{th} April 2019.

Councillor W D Griffiths proposed that Councillor G Thomas be the Chair of the Council for 2019/20. She was brought up in Hendy, has three children and has a twin sister and also a brother. She went to Hendy School and Gwendraeth Grammar School. She started her career in banking and accounting and then changed career and become a nurse and retired after 30 years of nursing service. She has lived in the village of Llangennech for 30 years. She is a County Councillor and is the Chair of the Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee of the County Council.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor G F Davies.

It was unanimously RESOLVED that Councillor G Thomas be the Chair of the Council for 2019/20 and she was presented with the Chain of Office by Councillor J A Seward. Councillor G Thomas wished to thank fellow Councillors for bestowing on her the honour of being the Chair of the Council for the second time, the last time was 10 years ago. She thanked the outgoing Chair for her outstanding work during the year and she would be a hard case to follow.

She stated that the Council is very fortunate to have officers who are of the highest standard when giving professional advice to the Council.

The Council now owns all the play areas in the village with the transfer of the three County play areas to the Council last year.

The Community Centre is an important part of the village activities and is a focal point of the village. She was Chair of the Council when the Community Centre was officially opened by the broadcaster, Huw Edwards ten years ago.

There is a need to pay tribute to the work of the Community Centre Committee, in particular, Huw Thomas, in arranging events and raising funds for investment in the Centre.

4. Installation of Vice Chair of the Council for 2019/20

In accordance with Minute No. 9 of the Council Meeting held on the 8th April 2019.

It was proposed by Councillor R Willock that Councillor N Lloyd be the Vice Chair of the Council for 2019/20.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor G R Jones.

It was unanimously so RESOLVED.

5. **Refreshments**

Councillor W D Griffiths gave a blessing prior to the commencement of partaking of refreshments.

He asked that the special evening be blessed and also the work of the Council throughout the year.

Councillor G Thomas then asked everyone to partake of refreshments.