

## **CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANDEGLA - COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the General Meeting held on 4th September 2005 in the Committee Room at the Llandegla Memorial Hall, Llandegla 7.00pm**

### **1. Welcome**

#### **Attendance**

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Janet Strivens (Vice-Chair), Gaynor Wonderley, Sandra Ellis-Rogers, Neena Barlow, Steve Swygart, Elizabeth Parker-Clark, County Councillor Terry Mendies, and Sam Roberts, the Clerk.

#### **Apologies:**

Cllrs Wendy Spiers and Hilary Berry sent their apologies.

### **2. Declarations of interest - it is a requirement that declarations from a member include the nature of the interest and whether it is personal or prejudicial' (standing orders no. 57)**

None declared.

### **3. Introducing the new Clerk to the Community Council- Nathan Samuel Roberts (Sam)**

The Council welcomed Sam Roberts, the new Clerk.

### **4. Public participation - public participation session this provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda – (time for this session is limited to ten minutes)**

Local resident Mr Sikander Khan spoke to the Council on the subject of Footpath 15

Mr Khan is certain that the old route of the footpath is not safe. It includes a heavily-eroded, sandy hillside – on which several trees have fallen in recent years – and an exit onto a blind bend of the A525. The latter was considered dangerous enough by site visitors from DCC that they declined to exit their vehicle, citing safety concerns. The Offa's Dyke path nearby offers significantly safer pathing, including far better lines of sight. Mr Khan believes that re-opening this old path would be unnecessary and dangerous.

It was also demonstrated via an aerial photograph from roughly 50 years ago that the footpath has been functionally non-existent for at least that long. Other residents of Old Gate Lane Mr Khan consulted do not recall any walkers attempting to take the old path, suggesting a lack of necessity for its reopening. The path was also not present in solicitor searches when Mr Khan and his wife bought their house. The resident's main concern is the danger, especially the eroded land and the exit onto the A525.

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The Council thanked Mr Khan for his input, and included it in discussion of Footpath 15 later in the meeting.

**5. To confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting held on 3rd July 2025.**

Members confirmed the minutes as a true record and signed by the chair. **Proposed** by Cllr Swygart, **Seconded** by Cllr Barlow. Vote passed in favour.

**6. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda**

The grass-cutting has been carried out and the invoice received.

The Ecological Appraisal Report for Cae Mair and the picnic area has also been received.

**7. County Councillor's report**

After being cleared in December, various factors have delayed matters on the site for months. A meeting to chart a way forward should be in place within the next few weeks.

The new CTCC Liaison Officer is offering talks to local Councils: Climate and Nature, Procurement, and Internal Audit – to be held on Teams at 6-6:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> of October, respectively. Any interested Councillors are welcome.

DCC is holding an update meeting for local Town and Community Councils at 2pm-4pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Clerk to attend.

**8. Village Assets**

- a. 'Innovate to Grow' Fund – Discuss Funding Application (Cllr H Berry) (from previous Agenda)

Cllr Berry not present, unable to provide an update.

- b. Wall Tile Display (Cllr J Strivens)

Memorial Hall eager to accept the display. Due to Cllr Strivens' travel plans, the matter must be delayed. Should be resolved for the November meeting. Will be on display at the fete this Saturday, at the Thursday Craft Club's stand.

- c. Moving of Planter in Car Park (Cllr H Berry)

Cllr Berry not present to provide full update.

Permission has been obtained to move the car park planter, but no further update on who can carry out the work.

The Council has been requested to replace a damaged planter and a memorial bench, donated by Mrs Edge. The bench is not a community council

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asset, but has been refurbished over the Summer. The nearby shop wishes to replace the planter with a bench for walkers.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Barlow to ask the gardening club whether they would be willing to empty the planter and replant the bulbs, and also whether the planter trees can be moved to a suitable plot. **Seconded** by Cllr Wonderley. Vote passed in favour.

**RESOLVED:** The gardening club will be consulted on the matter. When possible, the damaged planter will be removed, the bulbs recovered and replanted in the nearby field entrance. The shop will be informed that the damaged planter will be removed, but that the rest of the situation will need further examination.

- d. Strategy for Dog Fouling (Cllr S Swygart)

**RESOLVED:** Chair to follow up with local council's strategy guide, now that the Clerk is in post to take over audit matters.

- e. Rope swing reported in nature area

**RESOLVED:** Rope swing has been removed.

## 9. Financial Report

- a. Current Finances

Current Account holds £4339.59

Savings Account holds £13,405.03

- b. Update regarding Bank Access

Clerk currently unable to access the online banking.

**Resolved:** The Chair and Clerk will visit a branch in-person to resolve the issue.

- c. Gathering information for Internal Audit Report

**Resolved:** With the Clerk now in-post, they will take over the audit preparations.

- d. Authorised Payments for September

### Outstanding Payments:

Council's share of the shredding cost shared with previous Clerk's other CCs- £65.83

Audit Wales' invoice for the 2020/2021 audit- £200

Richard Moorhead's invoice for Cae Mair Feasibility Study (Invoice 101154 VAT component)- £330

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White Oak Property Services- £430

**Chair's Expenses:**

Delivery of paperwork and laptop to Clerk- £17.10

Simply Shredding- £36

**Other Payments**

Printer invoice issue- Printer Hywel Evans was mistakenly overpaid, instead of Cllr Parker-Clark. Printer willing to provide services totalling the overpayment. Cllr owed £180 total.

The Chair **Proposed** accepting the printer's offer and paying Cllr Parker-Clark's expenses. **Seconded** by Cllr Swygart. Vote passed in favour and agreed by Cllr Parker-Clark.

**Resolved:** Printer to provide signed document as to promised services. £180 owed to Cllr Parker-Clark will be paid by cheque.

Councillor mandatory payments to be paid by the end of the month.

Grant request received from the Memorial Hall from £50 to support fete and produce show.

Cllr Wonderley **Proposed** granting the donation. **Seconded** by Cllr Barlow. Vote passed in favour.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Parker-Clark to make the listed outstanding payments by cheque. **Seconded** by Cllr Swygart. Vote passed in favour.

**10. Correspondence Report**

a. Biodiversity Plans Workshop (24/09/2025)

Physical location unclear at time of meeting.

**Resolved:** Clerk will seek more information. Cllr Ellis-Rogers has volunteered to attend if possible.

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Next step for the installation of DDA-compliant pedestrian routes along the Cae Mair road will be the path following the road side of the field. Surveyor has requested a Teams meeting to discuss the matter.

**b. Consolidation of Planning for Wales**

**Resolved:** The Council will monitor the bill.

**11. Planning**

**a. Application to Extinguish Path 15**

After discussion, the Council agree that the path should be extinguished. This was Proposed by Cllr Swygart and Seconded by the Chair. Vote passed in favour.

**Resolved:** Clerk will draft a response to Planning, to be forwarded with the County Councillor's own.

**12. Urgent Business under Section 100B(4) of the Government Act 1972**

Request from Mr Hugo Watts, with White Oak Property Services to store benches (one assembled, one flat-packed) over the Winter.

**Resolved:** The complete one can be installed in Cae Mair, possibly both if the other can be assembled.

**13. Date of the next Council Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October.

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