

## CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANDEGLA - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the General Meeting held virtually on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in the Committee Room at 7.00pm

#### 1. Welcome

##### **Attendance**

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Janet Strivens (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Steve Swygart, Hilary Berry, Wendy Spiers, Neena Barlow, Sandra Ellis-Rogers, and Gaynor Wonderly. Also in attendance was Sam Roberts, the Clerk.

##### **Apologies:**

Apologies received from County Councillor Terry Mendies.

#### 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)**

Cllrs Berry and Strivens declared prejudicial interests in the grant request from the Memorial Hall.

#### 3. **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)**

Mr Hugo Watts attended, in order to confirm details of the ongoing work at Cae Mair (below).

#### 4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

Cllr Spiers **Proposed** an amendment to Item 7 make clear that bus passes cannot be used to mark passenger departure, only debit cards. Cllr Wonderly **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

Cllr Parker-Clark **Proposed** an amendment to item 12f, Outstanding Payments: The Council owe Hwel Evans for 3 invoices, totalling £180. This was **Seconded** by the Chair. Vote passed in favour.

Cllr Berry **Proposed** an amendment to item 11c, Car Park: as it now falls under his area of expertise, the Car park needs to be allocated to County Cllr Mendies. This was **Seconded** by Cllr Swygart. Vote passed in favour.

Amended Minutes confirmed as a true record. **Proposed** by Cllr Spiers, **Seconded** by Cllr Wonderly. Vote passed in favour.

#### 5. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda**

Previously- discussed newsletter introductions to the Community Council and Councillors raised. Cllrs will need photos and questions to answer, which Cllr Barlow will email around. Cllrs will send their answers to Cllr Strivens.

## 6. County Councillor's report

County Cllr not present, no report.

## 7. Public Transport Situation

Posters printed, thanks given to Clerk and Cllr Ellis-Rogers. Cllrs will continue posting them in relevant spaces.

Cllr Ellis-Rogers suggested that people may be getting the new timetable mixed up due to the name change of the bus service, from the X51 to the T51.

Cllrs discussed the issue that Arriva have not given any kind of passenger threshold for what would render the service stable. Cllr Ellis-Rogers will email Caroline Thomas to ask after Arriva's passenger measuring methods, or the contact information for who would know.

Cllrs discussed the issue of various contacts leaving the company.

Cllr Berry **Proposed** the option of looking into a Freedom of Information Act request. This would require the advice of a legal professional, which Cllrs will seek. This was **Seconded** by Cllr Ellis-Rogers. Vote passed in favour.

## 8. Section 6 Biodiversity Action Plan

Meeting on the subject planned for the 19<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Ellis-Rogers has been contacting potential attendees to assist and offer ideas.

Clerk will contact Hayden Edwards to book the hall.

## 9. Byelaw Proposal (Cllr Swygart)

Council has had time to look over the byelaws as amended by Cllr Swygart. Cllr Berry **Proposed** an amendment to apply them to drones as well as model aircraft. Cllr clarified that this would only cover the land covered in the byelaws. This was **Seconded** by Cllr Spiers. Vote passed in favour.

Cllrs discussed where to display the byelaws if passed. The website and village noticeboards were raised. A previously-discussed new information board for Cae Mair was also discussed as an option, if approved. The new board will be on next month's agenda.

Cllr Elizabeth **Proposed** adopting the byelaws. Cllr Barlow **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

The Council thanked Cllr Swygart for his work on the byelaws.

## 10. Report from Community Council Networking Event (Chair and Clerk)

Chair and Clerk attended. Event had small attendance, but was productive. It was a positive, useful networking event, and allowed those in attendance to

share advice, contacts, etc. The plan is to hold these meetings quarterly, ideally all in-person.

Chair also raised that better attendance at the local One Voice Wales meetings would be similarly helpful for allowing Councils to better work together.

Various potential benefits of networking and sharing advice with other Councils were discussed. Cllrs will consider what matters could be brought to such a meeting in future.

## 11. Clerk Training

Clerk will now apply for the CiLCA, which has opened intake.

## 12. Village Assets

### a. Car Park (County Cllr Mendies)

Ongoing, no updates.

Still awaiting white line and bollard installation.

### b. Strategy for Dog Fouling

Punishments incorporated into byelaws. Deterrence still to be considered.

### c. Cae Mair

One concrete plinth has been installed, but the other has been delayed by weather. Installation will happen when the required vehicles can make it without getting stranded.

Cllr Swygart reported that a bag of dog mess was left at the gate to the field, but has been disposed of. This is a biohazard. The possibility of another bin at this gate was raised, but would require negotiating with DCC. Clerk will contact DCC's Liaison to enquire about possibility and price. Clerk will also enquire after more grit bins for the area.

Council agreed at the December meeting to go ahead with the quoted work. Cllr Swygart has spoken with the DCC Commuted Sums representative, who agreed that the work itself would be applicable.

However, the design work would NOT be payable by this grant.

Cllr Ellis-Rogers has spoken with Huw Morgan at DCC, who may be able to help with grant funding for the design work. Cllrs Ellis-Rogers, Strivens, and Berry will meet with him to answer the question. Cllrs Berry, Swygart, Spiers, and Ellis-Rogers will meet to discuss grant options.

Chair **Proposed** carrying out the £3935 Cae Mair design work discussed in December's meeting with Council reserves. Cllr Swygart **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

**d. Defibrillator Issue**

The Council owns one local defibrillator, which has a non-Cllr guardian checking it monthly. On her most recent check, someone had removed the pads. The guardian was able to replace them for free, but they will need changing in twelve months.

The guardian will be checking more often to prevent this in future, and has requested that a Councillor also check the defibrillator occasionally.

Cllrs suggested the Clerk keeping a digital record of inspection, updating as they are informed of each inspection. This was **Proposed** by Cllr Parker-Clark and **Seconded** by Cllr Wonderly. Vote passed in favour.

The Chair **Proposed** adding an item to the newsletter to raise awareness and recommend training sessions in the defibrillator's use for those interested.

This was **Seconded** by Cllr Ellis-Rogers. Vote passed in favour. Training dates will be discussed and scheduled, aiming for two in the March-April range.

**13. Financial Report**

**a. Current Finances**

Current Account holds £7,724.33

Savings Account holds £13,508.80

**b. Update regarding Bank Access**

Chair and Cllr Swygart are once again signatories, Clerk can now send out online banking form.

**c. Grant Requests**

The Memorial Hall Committee have requested £500 towards CCTV installation, which will total £2679. They have now been able to confirm that it would be compatible with similar equipment, and that the village shop and church intend to add their own security to a shared system.

Cllr Parker-Clark **Proposed** granting the fund, on the condition that a formal written response confirms the compatibility. The Chair **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

**d. Authorised Payments for December**

**Outstanding Payments:**

Invoice from AVOW for £360.60, for the Clerk's January salary.

Invoice for Memorial Hall rental: £8

Invoice for Newsletter printing: £180

Reimbursement of receipts for flowers, from Janet Robinson: £17.96

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

**14. Correspondence Report**

- a. OVW Training Dates
- b. OVW E-Bulletins
- c. Invite to Community Flood Volunteer Event
- d. UK Town of Culture Information
- e. DCC Resident Survey- Cllrs had difficulty accessing. Clerk will confirm whether the QR code is broken and inform Customer services at DCC if so.
- f. Invite to Ruthin Funding Fair

**15. Planning**

None under review.

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

None declared.

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

5<sup>th</sup> March- Chair gave apologies, as she will be unavailable for at least the next meeting. Cllr Ellis-Rogers also gave apologies for the March meeting.