

CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANDEGLA - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th September 2026 in the Village Memorial Hall at 7.00pm

1. Welcome

Attendance- Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Janet Strivens, Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Wendy Spiers, and Sandra Ellis-Rogers. Also in attendance were Sam Roberts, the Clerk, and local resident Mr Hugo Watts.

Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllrs Swygart, Berry, Barlow, and Wonderley. Also from County Cllr 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)**

None made.

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 informed the Council of ongoing maintenance, and that the last grass-cut of the year has been performed at Cae Mair.

4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous General Meetings held on 9th July and 10th September 2026.**

The Chair **Proposed** accepting the July minutes as a true and accurate record of the meetings. Cllr Spiers **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

The Chair and Cllr Spiers noted two spelling errors in the minutes, which have been corrected.

Cllr Parker-Clark **Proposed** accepting the amended July minutes as a true and accurate record of the meetings. Cllr Spiers **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

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

None raised.

6. **County Councillor's report**

County Councillor not in attendance, but sent a written report to the Clerk:

Llandegla Shop- Their waste has been sorted and the County Cllr is seeking a credit note for missed collections.

Fly tipping in the layby on the A 525- The County Cllr is pursuing the matter.

A Planning breaches meeting has been set for 28th October.

The County Cllr has collected the wreaths for Remembrance Sunday.

7. Public Transport Situation (Cllr Spiers)

The impact of the roadworks by the Crown is affecting the bus routes. The early buses appeared to be entering the village, but after 11am they were no longer doing so. There is now a notice from Arriva on their website stating that buses won't be entering the village as a safety issue. The site also states that the bus route from Rhyl to Wrexham will be held up due to roadworks.

Cllr Spiers is concerned that with this state of affairs, residents cannot access the bus route. Cllr Spiers has spoken with Arriva's customers service, and is awaiting a reply. The roadworks are scheduled through to the end of the month, but may be quicker due to shared resurfacing machinery.

Complaints have been received from parents whose children have to catch the bus to school or college.

Cllr Spiers raised that a temporary bus stop is needed in cases like this.

The Chair noted that with only half the road closed, the buses should be able to access the village safely. Cllr Spiers queried whether it would require the lights to be moved to safely accommodate the buses. Cllr Spiers will keep pursuing the matter.

8. Nant-Y-Ffrith Reservoir Situation

The Clerk was able to provide an update from Severn Trent, with answers to a number of questions the Council had posed them. To summarise, the issue with the reservoir arose due to an internal communications issue that should not be repeated. While they cannot share the results of their ecology surveys, they assured Councillors that all necessary checks were carried out, and confirmed as satisfactory with National Resources Wales.

Cllr Ellis-Rogers was also able to share that Severn Trent have been working with local groups in Wrexham County to create toad habitat on a parcel of land that the company owns near the reservoir.

9. Clerk Training

Clerk to pursue with SLCC.

10. Village Assets

a. Car Park (County Cllr Mendies)

i. Damaged Planters

All trees removed, two of the remaining containers have been removed (too damaged for further use). The remaining soil is available to take for local residents.

Cllr Strivens raised that replacements need to be made of long-lasting materials, and may need to be acquired before disposing of the soil, so that any remaining can be transferred into the new ones.

Cllr Spiers queried when any replanting would occur- Councillors concluded it would likely be in the spring at the earliest.

New planters would be expensive, possibly to the degree that quotes and/or grants may need to be sought. Cllr Strivens will see if DCC have a preferred supplier.

Future maintenance of planters was discussed- any new plants would need watering in dry months, and water-hungry plants like trees will have to be excluded. Resilient planting will be the plan, if the Council chooses to proceed with replacements.

More in-depth plans will be discussed at a future meeting.

b. Strategy for Dog Fouling

Finalised document was circulated for examination.

The Chair **Proposed** accepting and implementing the document. Cllr Strivens **Seconded** this. Vote passed in favour. Clerk to send for upload to the website.

The Council also discussed efforts to prevent and highlight the dog fouling issue, most notably the installation and stocking of dog waste bag dispensers, as well as the use of paint sprays. The latter is intended to draw attention and discourage dog owners that do not pick up after their pets. Cllrs were clear that the bulk of the issue appears to be in dog owners from outside the village stopping at the field with their pets, rather than local residents. The Chair noted that this is a health and environmental issue, and must be tackled for the good of the community.

c. Cae Mair

i. Information Board

Chair has had family bereavements, and has therefore not had time to deal with this. She will look into the matter when able.

ii. Planned Works

Cllr Swygart is not present, but has submitted a written report.

There are no updates on planned works; some content was discussed under Item 10b, above.

d. Telephone Kiosk

Cement work all completed. Refurbishment of the interior to be handled next. Paint also needs touching up, which a contact of Cllr Wonderley should be handling.

A request for suggestions for the interior was included in the newsletter.

County Cllr Mendies' donation at the previous meeting to cover half the costs of the booth's moving was intended to be a private arrangement through Cllr Spiers. The cash had not yet been deposited, so it will be passed to Cllr Spiers for this purpose.

11. Financial Report

a. Current Finances

Current Account holds £10,226.31

Savings Account holds £13,621.26

b. Quarterly Budget Update

Clerk gave an update on the Council's finances, with a note that numbers will shift significantly once AVOW issue invoices for Councillor Remuneration and the Clerk's backpay

The Clerk will prepare the draft budget for the November meeting.

c. Councillor Remuneration 2025/2026

Clerk has submitted the forms to AVOW, who are processing the information.

The Chair suggested that the next year's remunerations are paid before March to prevent budget spillover.

d. Audit Wales Invoice

Having reviewed financial records, the Clerk has confirmed that the invoice was not previously paid.

e. Grant Requests

None received.

f. Authorised Payments for September

£100 to Village Shop for Grant (approved in the March meeting)

£120 to Hywel Evans for printing

£300 to HG Web Design for Annual Website costs.

Outstanding Payments:

Invoice for £253.19 from Audit Wales for the 2019/2020 External Audit.

Invoices totalling £721.20 from AVOW for November and December payroll.

Invoice for £575 from White Oak Services, for grass-cutting at Cae Mair through June and July.

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

12. Correspondence Report

- a. OVW Training Dates
- b. OVW E-Bulletins
- c. Invitation to Ribbon-Cutting at Village Shop- Two Councillors were able to attend.

13. Planning Applications

- a. Application 17/2024/1428/PF at The Crown Hotel, Llandegla- Response submitted.
- b. Application 17/2026/0384/LE at Bryn Glas, Llandegla- No objection

14. Matters Brought to Councillors' Attentions

The Clerk noted that he would be temporarily stepping away from another Council due to stress and mental health issues, but assured the Council that he would need no such break from Llandegla. Councillors voiced their support.

Cllr Ellis-Rogers had some ideas regarding energy efficiency brought to her by a resident, who wishes to address the Council when he's able. He is encouraged to attend a future meeting, though the Clerk was clear that regulations forbid the Council from giving grants to individuals. If any such project goes ahead, it would need to be as a volunteer group, charity, or similar organisation for the Council to be able to offer grants.

Cllrs discussed encouraging engagement from residents, as well as making the procedure for raising matters with the Council clear. A newsletter item will be considered.

Cllr Berry, though unable to attend, sent a written report. In this it was raised that a resident had queried the potential for a marked pedestrian footpath down Allt Yr Efail. Unfortunately, having checked with a civil engineer, the Clerk was able to report that the road is too narrow for any such addition. It was noted that once the path through Cae Mair is complete, it may ease the issue somewhat. An issue of

obstructive parking on Trem Y Grug was previously discussed, and is outside of the Council's remit. County Cllr Mendies and Highways may be able to discuss the matter with the owner of the vehicles.

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

None declared.

16. Date of the next Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 12th of November at 7pm. Clerk to include the date of the NEXT meeting on each agenda, as well as for that meeting being notified of.