CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANDEGLA - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th July 2026 in the Village Memorial Hall at 7.00pm

1. Welcome
   Attendance- Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Janet Strivens, Hilary Berry, Gaynor Wonderly, Steve Swygart, Elizabeth Parker-Clark (virtually), Wendy Spiers, and Neena Barlow. Also in attendance were County Councillor Terry Mendies, Sam Roberts, the Clerk, and two local residents: Mel and Brian Braban, owners of the Crown.
   Apologies:
   Apologies received from Cllr Ellis-Rogers.

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)**
   Mel Braban spoke to the Council regarding both the recent enquiries into buses stopping at the Crown and the two open Planning Applications for the same.

   For the former, an agreement has been reached with Arriva, and plans are being made to allow buses to stop at the Crown regularly. Darren Millar is working with DCC to choose an appropriate site for a stop, the specifics of which are not yet known. Appropriate signage will also be needed, which the County Cllr will discuss with Darren Millar at an upcoming meeting, and Transport for Wales when possible. The Council made clear their feeling that proper lighting and other accommodations will be essential for a safe stop.

   Regarding the Planning Applications, these are two existing entries from 2024 that have now been adjusted and re-issued: Applications 17/2024/1428/PF and 17/2024/1504/PF. The residents explained that these are focused on keeping the carpark safe, which requires space to store grit and other tools. Previously, these Applications were heavily discussed by local residents, so Mr and Mrs Braban want to open a clear line of dialogue with both them and the Council.

   The Chair explained that as these applications were not on the agenda, the Council could not discuss them at this meeting, for which apologies were given to the attending residents. The Clerk is to contact Planning to request an extension of the application's discussion period if needed, as is likely with no Council scheduled meeting in August.

Mr and Mrs Braban thanked the Council for their time and left them meeting.

4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous General Meeting held on 4th June 2026.**
   The Chair **Proposed** accepting the minutes as a true record of the meeting. Cllr Barlow **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda**
   None raised.

6. **County Councillor's report**
   Planning
   Owner of Ty Iso has denied access to DCC officers, preventing them from meeting him regarding Planning breaches.
   The Stables have been issued five enforcement notices for the property, one per cabin.
   The Application for the Willows has been granted.

   Scrutiny Committees
   Members of the Community are once again encouraged to bring matters before these Committees.

   Meeting with the CEO
   The 16th July meeting with DCC's new CEO went well.

7. **Public Transport Situation**
   The latest information from Arriva to Cllr Spiers is that Arriva have no plans to change the current timetable at this moment.
   County Cllr Mendies will monitor the situation.

8. **Nant-Y-Ffrith Reservoir Situation**
   No update yet received from Severn-Trent. Clerk to pursue.

9. **Asset Register** (Clerk)
   The draft Asset Register was presented, with amendments made to finalise item values. The Clerk will confirm valuations and circulate the completed document.

10. Clerk Training

Clerk had intended to raise the training issue at the SLCC branch meeting, but was unable to attend due to illness. Clerk will instead do so by email.

11. Village Assets

a. Car Park (County Cllr Mendies)

i. Damaged Planters

The planters are functionally dead and need emptying. The near-dead trees in the carpark need removing also.

Cllr Barlow has been in touch with the Bryn Eglwys Gardening Club, who have declined to take on the care of the planters (or their replacements). They recommend swapping the planters for metal or a similarly durable material. Cllrs agreed that any replacements would need to be durable and filled with low-maintenance plants that can survive long stretches of dry weather. The option of grants was discussed for any such replacement process, as small grants for such things are reasonably simple to obtain.

Cllrs discussed the possibility of moving the trees to Cae Mair, though it was judged that they would be fairly likely to die in the process. Cllrs were clear that they would also die if left where they are.

Chair **Proposed** finding someone who will remove the planters, leaving the carpark to lie for a while. **Seconded** by Cllr Swygart.

Cllr Spiers **Proposed** an amendment to first let the residents know what's intended and give them time to take away any plants or trees they want to keep. **Seconded** by Cllr Strivens. Vote passed in favour.

b. Strategy for Dog Fouling

Cllr Swygart presented an example document.

Cllr Swygart **Proposed** amendments removing items not relevant to the Council or field. Cllr Berry **Seconded** the amendments. Vote passed in favour.

Clerk to circulate an amended draft.

The Council discussed the possibility of fencing off an area of Cae Mair for off-leash dogs and requiring all dogs outside that area to be on leashes.

The Chair suggested talking to local dog-walkers, to see if they'd be happy with a fenced-off area. Cllrs noted that these regular users are not the people who leave waste behind them- these are mostly passing cars letting the dogs out briefly.

Chair raised the previous meeting's suggestion of placing a dispenser for dog waste bags. If the Council is in favour, it will require choosing its placement-

ideally near the entrance and bin. Cllr Swygart **Proposed** the Council purchase three bag dispensers, two for Cae Mair and one the picnic area, and also accept the ongoing costs of refilling these. Cllr Berry **Seconded.** Vote passed in favour.
Clerk to purchase dispensers and find bulk option for the bags- Cllr Barlow suggested the shop may be able to order them, and will check with them.

c. Cae Mair

i. Information Board
Cllr Swygart has received an answer from his contact and is following it up. Been given 4-5 people who could put a board together, depending what the Council wants it to look like and contain. Cllr Swygart recommended a QR code for the site, for one. Cllr Spiers suggested information on local biodiversity efforts. Cllrs will consider what specifications and locations would be preferred.

ii. Planning Fee
Having checked with Planning, the Council doesn't need Planning for these works, it being within the permitted development. It does however need a Lawful Development Certificate. That would cost the Council somewhere between £70 and £140. Cllr Swygart is looking into this to confirm all the details. Cllr Swygart **Proposed** the Council purchase this certificate. Cllr Berry **Seconded.** Vote passed in favour. Newly-tweaked plans were presented to the Council for the planned works.
Regarding funding, Cllr Ellis-Rogers has a contact at NRW. Cllr Swygart met with him to discuss the project. Cllr Swygart hopes to hear on this by the end of the month. If successful, the Council could be granted 75% of the costs.

d. Telephone Kiosk

To be moved shortly, within the month. Cllr Strivens has spoken to the local resident who will be moving it, who has done extensive research on the model. Cllr Strivens has put him in touch with someone who can help him move it. Cllr Strivens has also put him in touch with someone to handle the concrete. There is a fallback plan in place in the unlikely event the kiosk is too fragile to survive the transport.
Cllr Berry queried the long-term structural safety of the kiosk and the Council's liability. The Council is obliged to carry out risk assessments on its assets, and will ensure that the kiosk is properly assessed, potentially by the insurance company themselves. Clerk to pursue.

12. Financial Report

a. Current Finances
Current Account holds £4,948.29
Savings Account holds £13,577.41

b. Update regarding Bank Access
The Clerk and Chair have set up Dual Authorisation, which is now working.
The Council can now make payments quickly and securely.

c. External Audit 2025/2026
The External Audit has been submitted.
An invoice was received for the audit fees of the 2019/2020 External Audit.
The Chair requested that this be examined and queried before any payment.

d. Quarterly Budget Update
The Clerk gave an update on the Council's finances up to the end of June. The Council is well within its set budget, and is projected to remain so.

e. Councillor Remuneration 2025/2026
The last form has been completed- the Clerk will now submit them.

f. Grant Requests

Clerk to purchase two pairs of licker-pickers and bag hoops, for lending to local residents.

g. Authorised Payments for June

Outstanding Payments:

Invoice for £220 from White Oak for Cae Mair grounds maintenance.

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Spiers to make the listed outstanding payment by bank transfer. **Seconded** by Cllr Wonderly. Vote passed in favour.

13. Correspondence Report

a. OVW Training Dates- Clerk to send out again, drawing attention to chair training. Training matrix to be updated as Cllrs send through information to Cllr Parker-Clark. Clerk to take over keeping the records.

b. OVW E-Bulletins

c. Denbighshire LDP Update

d. External Audit 2019/2020 Invoice

14. Planning Applications

None to be discussed.

15. Matters Brought to Councillors' Attentions

The Rectory association plan to carry out another consultation as to what people want locally. They are willing to do the work on the consultation, but believe it would come across as more official with the Council's approval and coming from the Council officially. Cllr Strivens, as the liaison, would ensure flow of information. Aim is a response rate of over 60%. Cllrs have no objections to them going ahead working on it immediately, to launch when ready.

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

None declared.

17. Date of the next Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held on the 10th of September at 7pm.