

CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANDEGLA - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 2nd October 2025 in the Committee Room at the Llandegla Memorial Hall, Llandegla 7.00pm

1. Welcome

Attendance

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Janet Strivens (Vice-Chair), Neena Barlow, Steve Swygart, Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Wendy Spiers, Hilary Berry, County Councillor Terry Mendies, and Sam Roberts, the Clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Gaynor Wonderley and Sandra Ellis-Rogers 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)

Cllrs Strivens and Berry declared a prejudicial interest in the matter of the Memorial Hall grant.

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)

Llandegla resident Sanjay Bhalla spoke on the bus service issue.

Mr Bhalla made clear that the greater regularity of the new timetable is an improvement, but that the cuts to late service are causing problems. In a village with few facilities or transport links, the late service is – in his view – crucial for social opportunities. Football, comedy events, and even an evening meal at a restaurant become impossible without driving. Mr Bhalla voiced that this isolates the village, preventing wider community socialising and greatly impacting those reliant on the bus service, such as the elderly. He is also concerned that the machines meant to register bus passes (and therefore track passenger numbers) may be faulty. In his experience, they frequently do not properly register passes, reducing apparent passenger numbers. This would affect how accurate Arriva's data is – data on which they base their decisions.

Mr Bhalla believes that returning service through to 11pm would be the ideal, but that 10:30pm would cover most cases.

The owner of One Planet wished to attend to voice similar points, but had to send his apologies and his support for Mr Bhalla.

County Cllr Mendies has written to Arriva on the matter. County Cllr to update at a future meeting, after giving Arriva time to formally reply.

Cllr Berry **Proposed** sending a supporting statement. **Seconded** by the Chair. Vote passed in favour. Clerk to type up and send.

Llandegla resident Martin Weston spoke on a problem neighbour. He reported persistent issues- items thrown into his garden, violent shouting and foul language, etc. Mr Weston has spoken to police, but they cannot act without evidence (Mr Weston will photograph any items thrown over). County Cllr will follow up with appropriate groups upon being emailed the crime number.

- 4. To confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting held on 4th September 2025.** Members confirmed the minutes as a true record and signed by the chair. **Proposed** by Cllr Swygart, **Seconded** by Cllr Parker-Clark. Vote passed in favour.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

Email Addresses- webmaster to provide details for Cllrs to access council email accounts. Cllr Parker-Clerk to assist with installation and setup.

6. County Councillor's report

X51 Bus route (discussed above)- County Cllr shares the concerns of Mr Bhalla. Council concerned about lack of consultation period on the changes. Cllr Swygart also raised the issue that the new bus timetable has buses coming in both directions, meeting, and having to work around each other.

Footpath 15 matter proceeding. Waiting on Rambler's Association.

County Cllr is following up the yellow lines issue, but has received no response yet. Was due to be carried out early in the year, but still waiting.

Ti Isoe being addressed. Bill will be written up and sent. If the recipient does not respond, the matter will be escalated.

National Park- full DCC meeting on the 4th of November. County Cllr's general feeling is against it, largely due to DCC not being able to afford it. Other concerns include planning, infrastructure, etc.

Cllr Swygart's inquiry on carpark issue. Email sent to County Cllr with details. Gun club corner weeping across the road. Gutter needs cleaning.

7. New National Park Consultation

Cllrs to read over the consultation materials and produce an official response.

Cllr Berry **Proposed** a virtual Extraordinary Meeting to discuss the matter, due to the November 4th DCC meeting being before the next General Llandegla CC meeting. **Seconded** by Cllr Spiers. Vote passed in favour. Meeting set for 7pm on Wednesday the 29th.

8. Village Assets

- a. 'Innovate to Grow' Fund – Discuss Funding Application (Cllr H Berry) (from previous Agenda)
Cllr and Clerk to meet and work on the matter.
- b. Moving of Planter in Car Park (Cllr H Berry)
Not yet carried out. Work has been agreed, just waiting on equipment permissions. Other planter has been emptied of bulbs (thanks to Cllr Swygart), which have been replanted. Planter itself still in place for now, but will be emptied and moved when possible.
- c. Top field work being planned by architect. Flood risk assessment needs to be carried out with NRW. By date of next meeting, a fee proposal will be presented for both sets of work. To be discussed at the November meeting.
- d. Two benches- quote received to install two concrete-based benches. Cllr Swygart **Proposed** carrying out the work. Cllr Parker-Clark **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.
- e. A tree has fallen in the picnic area adjacent to the church. This has the potential to cause flooding, with debris building up against it. Church to be notified by Clerk
- f. Strategy for Dog Fouling (Chair)
Chair has been unable to follow up due to family circumstances.

9. Financial Report

- a. Current Finances
Current Account holds £5402.86
Savings Account holds £13,439.65
- b. Update regarding Bank Access
Clerk is working on the matter with HSBC.
- c. Gathering information for Internal Audit Report

Clerk is working through documentation. Documents should be ready for approval at November meeting.

d. Grant Requests

Formal grant request received from the Memorial Hall for £50 to support fete and produce show (written version of informal request in previous minutes).

Cllrs Strivens and Berry recused themselves due to declared interests.

Cllr Swygart **Proposed** granting the donation. **Seconded** by Cllr Parker-Clark. Vote passed in favour.

e. Authorised Payments for October

Outstanding Payments:

Approved grant payment of £50 for the Memorial Hall.

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. Draft Annual Remuneration Report 2026-2027- Noted
- b. Biodiversity Report- recommendation is for the Council to approve the creation of the advisory group. Section 6 report needs formulating. Cllr Swygart **Proposed** heeding the advice and formulating the report. Chair **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

11. Planning

- a. Application 17/2025/0172/LP - Erection of first-floor extension above existing garage to provide a gym, office and bathroom for use in relation to the existing dwelling at Y Llethrau, Llandegla - Council will examine the application and discuss it next meeting.

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

13. Date of the next Council Meeting

The next meeting will be a virtual Extraordinary Meeting held at 7pm on October 29th to discuss the National Park proposal. This meeting will be open to the public, as normal.