

CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANDEGLA - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 4th December 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, Wendy Spiers, Sandra Ellis-Rogers, and Gaynor Wonderly. Also in attendance were County Cllr Mendies and Sam Roberts, the Clerk.

Apologies:

Apologies received from Cllrs Elizabeth Parker-Clark and Hilary Berry.

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)

Cllr Strivens declared a prejudicial interest 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 6th November 2025, and of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 29th October 2025.

Members confirmed the general minutes as a true record and signed by the chair.

Proposed by Cllr Spiers, **Seconded** by Cllr Barlow. Vote passed in favour.

Members confirmed the extraordinary minutes as a true record and signed by the chair. **Proposed** by Cllr Ellis-Rogers, **Seconded** by Cllr Spiers. Vote passed in favour.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

None from Extraordinary. County Cllr conveyed points to the DCC meeting.

None from general.

6. County Councillor's report

X51 situation updates given below.

The carpark junction's parking prohibition order to be made permanent. No dates yet, but likely before the end of March.

Grant funding to be made available in April- Council will look into applicable projects.

DCC is aware of a Planning breach in a field on the ward boundary, which is being addressed.

The ongoing situation at Ty Isoe is being dealt with, will be taken to court for an injunction. Hoping to have the situation resolved by the end of May 2026.

County Cllr has spoken to the Chairman of the Planning Committee, requesting that they get another full-time planning officer and a full-time legal officer, even for just a year to help shift the backlog.

7. Public Transport Issue

Darren Millar is pursuing the matter, as it is wider than county level. County Cllr has spoken with Arriva, and learned that passengers are sometimes not hitting their passes when they get off the bus, leading to inaccuracies in passenger destination information. Some drivers have been noted to be reluctant to come into the village due to the difficulties with the narrow road and turning.

8. Section 6 Biodiversity Report

The meeting to discuss the report was both well-attended and very useful. The expert knowledge brought to bear was of particular help, for both the report and the future Biodiversity Plan. The meeting also helped strengthen networking ties for the future.

Cllr Swygart suggested the inclusion of Council actions to protect the moorland for Section 4.

Cllr Ellis-Rogers suggested the inclusion of specific named groups that the Council has worked with.

Councillors discussed the potential amendments, agreeing to both.

Cllr Swygart **Proposed** accepting the amended report. **Seconded** by Cllr Ellis-Rogers. Vote passed in favour.

Clerk will send the amended report for upload to the website.

9. Byelaw Proposal (Cllr Swygart)

Cllr Swygart has found a model set of byelaws for local areas, from the Welsh Assembly Government website. He has offered them to the Council for amending and adopting. The Council will go over the amended document and consider adopting them at the January meeting.

10. 4G Phone Mast Consultation

Consultation period over.

11. Clerk Training

Intake for the Clerk's CiLCA course is in February 2026. Llanfair will send an invoice for Llandegla's half of the payment when it has been made.

12. Village Assets

- a. 'Innovate to Grow' Fund – Discuss Funding Application (Cllr H Berry)
Cllr Berry not present
- b. Car Park (Cllr H Berry)
No progress, County Cllr has been very busy. Will pursue.
- c. Strategy for Dog Fouling (Chair)
Will be integrated into byelaw proposal above.
- d. Cae Mair (Cllr Swygart)
Cllr Swygart has received costings for the Cae Mair footpath and picnic area. £3935 for Cae Mair, £5475 for the picnic area. Includes all the pre-planning documentation and work.
Chair suggested applying for a grant for at least the Cae Mair work, possibly both. The Commuted Sums money is also available, which may be able to be tapped for one or both. Cllr Swygart will consult DCC as to whether using the Commuted Sums fund would be appropriate.
County Cllr recommended a contact at DCC to consult on grants.
Cllr Swygart **Proposed** agreeing to the quotes, on the condition that the Commuted Sums fund can be tapped. **Seconded** by Cllr Wonderly. Vote passed in favour.
Hugo Watts has begun installing the benches in Cae Mair. One is complete, the other will hopefully be finished before Christmas.

13. Financial Report

- a. Current Finances
Current Account holds £5200.46
Savings Account holds £13472.26
- b. Update regarding Bank Access

The delay has been extended, due to an issue with signatory forms. The Clerk has obtained the correct form to fix the issue, which the Chair and Cllr Swygart need to sign.

c. Audit Update

Audit Wales have been in contact, requesting that all documents be submitted to them by January 8th. Given the timetable, completing an Internal Audit before then is no longer feasible.

The Clerk presented the assembled audit documents, including the accounting statement. The Chair **Proposed** accepting the documents as correct and submitting them to Audit Wales. Cllr Swygart **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

d. Grant Requests

The Memorial Hall Committee have requested £175 to assist with the cost of the Christmas workshops. Cllr Barlow **Proposed** awarding the grant, Cllr Wonderly **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

e. Authorised Payments for November

Outstanding Payments:

Invoice from White Oak Property, for grass-cutting: £620

Invoice for Memorial Hall rental: £24

Invoice for Website hosting and maintenance (HG Web Designs): £300

Clerk's salary for September and October: £607

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

14. Correspondence Report

- a. OVW Training Dates
- b. OVW E-Bulletins
- c. MP Contact Information- Clerk attending to
- d. Perthyn Grant Notification- Noted
- e. Christmas Waste/Recycling Date Changes- will be added to the newsletter
- f. Late Audit Notification- Noted and acted on
- g. Precept Form- Clerk to prepare precept proposal for next meeting
- h. Request from member of the public for the Council to monitor increased rat activity. At County Cllr Mendies' request, Cllr Wonderly will recommend informing Customer Services at DCC.

- i. Request from shop for a letter of recommendation to assist with grant application for disability access.
Cllr Spiers **Proposed** accepting the request, Cllr Swygart **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour. Clerk to write up a letter and send to them.

15. Planning

- a. **17/2025/0482/EIA-SCR Application:** Request for screening opinion for Nant Y Ffrith Spillway Improvements (ref: 25001191) at Nant-y-Ffrith Reservoir, Llandegla- no objections

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

None declared.

17. Date of the next Council Meeting

8th January