

CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANDEGLA - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 6th November 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, Sandra Ellis-Rogers, and Gaynor Wonderly. Also in attendance was Sam Roberts, the Clerk.

Apologies:

Apologies received from County Cllr Mendies 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)

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)

No members of the public present.

4. To confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting held on 2nd October 2025. Members confirmed the minutes as a true record and signed by the chair. Proposed by Cllr Elizabeth-Clark, Seconded by Cllr Strivens. Vote passed in favour.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

Cllr Swygart requested that the agenda and minutes retain ongoing village assets items, to ensure they are updated appropriately. Councillors agreed, Clerk will make the change going forward.

Councillors expressed frustration with the lack of progress on promised efforts from DCC in the village, specifically the carpark weeding and bollards. No updates on either.

Buses are having issues turning into the village, partly due to parked cars blocking the road. A polite reminder will be placed in the newsletter.

Councillors discussed writing a regular item for the village newspaper, to keep residents informed of the Council's efforts. Cllr Wonderly **Proposed** the Council go

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ahead with the idea, aiming to have the first item ready for January. The Chair
Seconded. Vote passed in favour.

6. County Councillor's report

County Cllr not present, but his report was circulated to Councillors.

Grants are now available from Denbighshire Voluntary Services, totalling £1.2 million, to be allocated to Community groups for worthwhile causes. Amounts available are up to £5,000 per community group. Priority will be given to promoting the Welsh language.

Arriva have cancelled the late-night service at the direction of Transport for Wales. Darren Millar will contact the Welsh Minister, Ken Skates in an effort to have this service reinstated. County Cllr Mendies has also contacted the DCC lead Member for Transport to do the same.

County Cllr will be attending a Planning update meeting primarily regarding Ty Iso, but will also raise the issue of The Stable, Llandegla. 3 cabins have been built on the A5104, apparently without Planning Permission.

At a full Council meeting on Tuesday 4th November, the proposal for the National Park was rejected due to lack of detail. The report / proposal was scheduled to be ratified by Cabinet on the 18th November. This has now been deferred until after the Senedd Elections in May 2026.

7. Public Transport Issue

As mentioned in the County Cllr's report, Arriva's service changes were made at the request of Transport for Wales.

The matter is gaining attention from various towns and villages on the route, and from their representatives.

Clashing of buses going each way continuing, and buses are arriving in Wrexham either too early or too late for workers in the morning. Council feels that the service is generally not thought through or co-ordinated, even though the daytime services are more regular.

Cllr Spiers **Proposed** sending the circulated press release to local media, to further publicise the issue and ensure the village's voices are being heard. Cllr Ellis-Rogers
Seconded. Vote passed in favour.

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8. National Park Meeting Report

Cllrs met to discuss the proposed National Park, discussing it at length. Collating this meeting's findings, the Clerk wrote a response to the proposal and submitted it to the County Cllr for the County Council meeting on the matter.

The matter of the park is now in abeyance, as mentioned above.

9. Section 6 Biodiversity Report

Cllr Ellis-Rogers attended a meeting on the Section 6 report, putting her in touch with people attached to various biodiversity projects.

Cllr Ellis-Rogers **Proposed** a meeting with Matthew Ellis and Graham Berry in the Memorial Hall to go over the information and fill out the report. Cllr Swygart **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

10. Clerk Training

Llanfair DC CC has proposed splitting the cost of the CiLCA course with Llandegla CC, totalling £400 each. Chair **Proposed** accepting. Cllr Parker-Clark **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

11. Village Assets

- a. 'Innovate to Grow' Fund – Discuss Funding Application (Cllr H Berry)
Clerk gave an overview of the fund and its requirements. Cllr Berry will continue to pursue and update next meeting.
- b. Moving of Planter in Car Park (Cllr H Berry)
Planter has been moved. Access to the drop curb is still being blocked by parked vehicles. Council will pursue, clerk will inform County Cllr.
- c. Strategy for Dog Fouling (Chair)
Chair circulated sheet of key strategy points. To be discussed next meeting.
- d. Cae Mair (Cllr Swygart)
Cllr Swygart pursuing a quote for the planned works.
Benches ready to be installed at Cae Mair, but Mr Watts has not been in contact. Cllr Swygart will pursue the matter.
- e. Fallen tree is being addressed.

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- f. The Council has discussed the matter of trimming Cae Mair's hedges. Cllr **Proposed** moving forward with the cut. Cllr Spiers **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

12. Financial Report

a. Current Finances

Current Account holds £5,402.86

Savings Account holds £13,439.65

b. Update regarding Bank Access

The Council needs to select single- or dual-authorisation for their accounts' online banking. The Clerk recommended dual-authorisation, for security and best-practice. The Chair **Proposed** dual-authorisation. Cllr Parker-Clark **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

c. Gathering information for Internal Audit Report

Preparations are progressing. The Council needs to choose an internal auditor. The Chair will consult options, and the matter will be voted on at the December meeting.

d. Grant Requests

The Council pays a regular annual donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion.

Cllr Parker-Clark **Proposed** paying the standing donation. Chair **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour. Payment will be made by cheque.

Related, Chair is double-booked on wreath-laying and needs a Councillor to lay the CC's wreath. Cllr Ellis-Rogers volunteered to do so.

e. Authorised Payments for October

Outstanding Payments:

Printer has carried out the work to cover the payment made in error. Cllr Parker-Clark will receive reimbursement for her expense once the printer has signed the agreed declaration.

The above-agreed donation to the Royal British Legion.

Clerk's salary for September and October

It was **Proposed** by Cllr Parker-Clark to make the listed outstanding payments by cheque, with the exception of the payroll invoice, which will be paid by bank transfer at the Clerk's agreement. **Seconded** by Chair. Vote passed in favour.

13. Correspondence Report

- a. National Park Consultation Event Invitations- Cllrs Spiers attended a consultation, and circulated her report.
- b. Community Council Networking Invitation- Chair and Clerk will attend on the 17th.
- c. Upcoming OVW Webinars- Cllrs will contact the Clerk for access when interested.
- d. Internal Audit Checklist- Noted, Clerk will make use of.
- e. 4G Phone Mast consultation- Deferred to December meeting.
- f. Grant request for Christmas Craft Workshops- Deferred to December meeting.

14. Planning

- a. Application 17/2025/0415/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 – No objections.
- b. Application 17/2025/0430/PF - Change of use of land to form extension to residential curtilage garden area at Is Y Coed, Llandegla – No objections.

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

16. Date of the next Council Meeting

4th December

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