

## CYNGOR CYMUNED – LLANDEGLA - COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the General Meeting held virtually on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026 in the Committee Room at 7.00pm

#### 1. Welcome

##### **Attendance**

Councillors Gwyneth Dillon (Chair), Janet Strivens (Vice-Chair), Elizabeth Parker-Clark, Hilary Berry, 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 Swygart and Barlow.

#### 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 Berry 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)**

No members of the public in attendance.

#### 4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous general meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

Cllr Spiers **Proposed** an amendment to Item 7 make clear that bus passes cannot be used to mark passenger departure, only debit cards. Cllr Wonderly **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

Members confirmed the amended general minutes as a true record and to be signed by the chair when possible. **Proposed** by Cllr Spiers, **Seconded** by Cllr Wonderly. Vote passed in favour.

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

None raised.

#### 6. **County Councillor's report**

Late night bus situation updates given below.

Request for £150000 to cover additional officers (previous minutes) ongoing. Cllr in contact with legal officer regarding injunctions, but has not received a response yet. Injunctions should have been renewed.

DCC Budget meeting to be held next week, County Cllr attending, and will reiterate his funding request there.

A Full Council meeting of DCC is to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January, where he will also raise the matter.

Budgets for 2026/2027 to be decided at a DCC meeting in February, which County Cllr Mendies is unable to attend.

Two more planning breaches have been reported in the ward, including cabins being raised at Ferny Roost without permission. The County Cllr will pursue. The Ty Iso situation is ongoing, but progressing.

County Cllr Mendies' road wishlist has been sent in to DCC. Residents are encouraged to report potholes, flooding, and similar issues to [customerservice@denbighshire.gov.uk](mailto:customerservice@denbighshire.gov.uk), asking that they are logged in the C360 system and that County Cllr Mendies is notified.

DCC's new Chief Executive is Helen White, who starts on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. The County Cllr has a meeting set with her on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

County Cllr Mendies gave his apologies for the February Community Council meeting.

## **7. Public Transport Situation**

The County Cllr has been trying to contact Arriva, to determine how the company measures passenger numbers. His contact unfortunately appears to have left the company, as has Cllr Ellis-Rogers'. Contacting Arriva in general has been difficult, with calls and emails going unanswered. County Cllr will continue to pursue, and noted that the situation is Welsh Government-level overall. County Cllr Mendies will update the Council as soon as he can confirm Arriva's passenger tracking methods.

The trial return of the late bus begins on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, and will run through into March. Cllr Ellis-Rogers has been spreading awareness, including putting up posters. The Council has been informed of at least one person having lost a job they could no longer get home from due to the bus route loss.

## **8. Section 6 Biodiversity Action Plan**

Cllr Swygart not present.

Cllr Ellis-Rogers will contact the various people and bodies that offered their advice and assistance, in preparation for a dedicated meeting on the subject.

## 9. Byelaw Proposal (Cllr Swygart)

Cllr Swygart not present.

## 10. Clerk Training

Clerk to apply for CiLCA, intake every two months beginning February 2026.

## 11. Village Assets

### a. White Line Installation

Under consideration, Council will monitor.

### b. 'Innovate to Grow' Fund – Discuss Funding Application (Cllr H Berry)

Council doesn't appear to have any applicable projects. Council to keep eyes out for other funding. Cllr Berry suggested working with other councils to apply for funding as a group. Sandra has been in touch with DCC. She will look into securing a meeting in February to discuss funding.

Cllr Ellis-Rogers **Proposed** establishing a small group to search for funding sources. Cllr Berry **Seconded**. Members are to be Cllrs Ellis-Rogers, Berry, Swygart (on his agreement), and Strivens. Vote passed in favour.

County Cllr informed the Council that DCC have been given £1.5 million for a Pride in Place Impact Fund grant fund. The Council can send any applicable proposal to the County Cllr before the 28<sup>th</sup> of January.

The Council confirmed its continued interest in CCTV when funding is available.

### c. Car Park (Cllr H Berry)

No progress on barrier along hedge, still ongoing. County Cllr has emailed Streetworks team, but no response yet.

### d. Strategy for Dog Fouling (Chair)

To be discussed as part of byelaws when Cllr Swygart returns.

### e. Cae Mair (Cllr Swygart)

Cllr Ellis-Rogers and the funding group will look into funding sources for future work.

## 12. Financial Report

### a. Current Finances

Current Account holds £7,775.13

Savings Account holds £13,487.76

**b. Update regarding Bank Access**

The Clerk has obtained the correct form to fix the issue, which the Chair has signed. The Clerk will meet Cllr Swygart for his signature once he returns from holiday.

**c. Audit Update**

The Clerk has submitted the audit documents to Audit Wales.

**d. Grant Requests**

The Memorial Hall Committee have requested £500 towards CCTV installation, which will total £2679.

Deferred until the next meeting, so that the Council can gather more information and look into compatibility with any future cameras that the Council is able to fund. Cllrs Berry and Strivens will speak with the Hall Committee to gather this information.

**e. Proposed Precept**

The Clerk presented a draft budget and precept proposal for the 2026/2027 financial year. To cover ongoing and projected costs, the Clerk recommended a significant increase in precept.

The Council made a number of amendments, with the aim of reducing costs in order to reduce the precept increase. The final proposed precept figure was £18,000, to be paid in three instalments of £6,000.

The Chair **Proposed** accepting the amended budget and precept. Cllr Strivens **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

**f. Authorised Payments for December**

**Outstanding Payments:**

Invoice from Scott Hoggins for mole removal at Cae Mair: £120

Invoice for Memorial Hall rental: £32

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

### 13. Correspondence Report

- a. OVW Training Dates
- b. OVW E-Bulletins
- c. Notice of Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2025
- d. OVW Planning Event
- e. OVW Annual Meeting- 21<sup>st</sup> Jan

### 14. Planning

- a. **Application 17/2025/0560/PO:** Development of 1.50 ha of land by the siting of up to 14 holiday lodges with associated parking and landscaping (outline application including access) at One Planet Adventure, Llandegla Forest Visitor Centre, Coed Llandegla, Llandegla- No objections. Chair **Proposed** that the Clerk write up and post a comment of support on the application. Cllr Strivens **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

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

None declared.

### 16. Date of the next Council Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> February