

Minutes of Llansantffraid Glyn Ceiriog Community Council held on the 15th December 2025 at Hedyn Mwstard

PRESENT: Councillors Sarah Davies (Chair); Phillip Lloyd; Trevor Bates; Jonathan Pritchard; Elinor Jones; Richard Jones; Christina Brewin; Jean Davies (Clerk) Katie Howe and Hannah Hughes Cylch Meithrin representatives:

Agenda No	Details	Minutes	Action
1	Welcome and apologies	Apologies: Eric Jones; Barbara Roberts: Robert Jones; Jane Bates:	
2.	Discussion with NWP	Not present (see agenda item 6 for response from NWP	
3	Discussion with officials of Cylch Meithrin re funding	Council were informed that in the last 12 months 2 members of staff had been made redundant – one had left of her own accord – and currently there is one vacancy. Due to the vacancy Cylch Meithrin have had to employ agency staff which is more expensive and, in some cases, not appropriately qualified. Have reduced hours from 9.a.m. to 3 p.m. to 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. And they offer after school club 3 days week. They need at least 6 children per session to make Cylch viable. Financially they were struggling and managing from month to month and having to devise ways to raise money e.g. sponsored walks etc. Councillors agreed to increase the donation agreed last month from £300 to £500. Officials were advised to also approach Glyn Trian and Ceiriog Uchaf CC. Also Clerk was asked to contact the officials suggesting that they contact Mudiad Meithrin with a view to assistance drafting a business plan assessing future projection e.g. likely attendance figures; future running cost; how to reduce cost (e.g. use possible spare space in the school?). Clerk was asked to invite the officials to attend January meeting to report response from the two other valley councils and also discuss business plan	Clerk
4.	Discussion with CA	Ms Brewin reported that the numbers for the Community Lunch were encouraging – volunteers had come forward from the Youth Club.	

		Ms Brewin was keen to set up a befriending scheme and she and the Clerk to meet in January to look at pros and cons and what systems need to be in place in January and report back to the council	
5	Expressions of Interest	Councillor Bates Planning and donations Councillor Lloyd donations	
6	Confirmation or otherwise of previous meeting	Minutes of previous meeting confirmed as accurate and signed accordingly (November)	
7	Matters arising	Response from NWP regarding replacement for PCSO Martin Griffiths – response disappointing really in as much as NWP do not foresee two PCSO working in the Valley in the near future. PCSO Naomi Tudor is keen to work with the Council and will be proactive as much as time allows given that she covers Chirk and the whole of the Ceiriog Valley. ROSPA latest – Clerk had been in contact with Ray Parry who was hoping to install the seesaw and repairs highlighted in the ROSPA report before Christmas Response from WCBC Youth Service – Clerk had written to Youth Service asking about raising the profile of youth sessions on social media and also querying the number of staff (3) during each session which seems a lot given the low numbers attending. Response received stating that staff will be instructed to post sessions on social media – what's on etc. With regards to staffing apparently the ruling is that there should be 3 members of staff (regardless of numbers) to ensure adequate cover in case of emergencies. Cadwyn Clwyd latest – The equipment needs to be installed asap and invoices paid – CC require copies of invoices as well as photos of equipment in situ – Councillor Bates has agreed to install and will contact Councillors should he need help. War memorial - Thomas stone masons in Llangollen had promised to have a look but as yet had not reported back to Clerk. Any other matter not listed Response from WCBC re the state of Ffordd Tyn y Cestyll and Ffordd Cadnant – response received to letter sent stating that an inspector would visit the lanes identified to assess if defects fell within the intervention level for repair in line with current policy. Kerry Williams the author of the letter acknowledged there are difficulties but until and unless funding gap and a more focussed approach to infrastructure maintenance is agreed with national government the situation will not improve!	

8	LA Representative report -	The warning of cyclists signs erected by Councillors Bates need to come down as he has been advised by WCBC as they don't comply with regulations. Unclear as yet if WCBC will provide signs that do comply with regulations! National Park – WCBC has objected to proposal Wales audit had identified tensions between Councillors and Officers resulting in all Councillors attending Code of Conduct Training.	
9	Reports	Analysis of public consultation - questionnaire – Clerk had undertaken an analysis of the result of the consultation and highlighted suggestions that this Council can something about – many suggestions made were regarding issues that were outside the remit of the Council Feedback from Sam Langdon - Chair and Councillor Bates had met with Sam Langdon and walked around the areas identified – he was impressed with the Council had taken measure to increase biodiversity e.g. along the bike track and playing field and could not make any further suggestions. Feedback from Mark Ellis and Llansanan CC – Menter Bro Aled regarding toilet refurbishment funding – Chair and Clerk had had a Teams meeting with Mark Ellis and representative from Menter Bro Aled who had taken over the running of the public toilets in Llansannan to enable them to attract funding. This is something that this CC should look at but due to time constraints it was decided to agenda this for the January meeting	
10	Discussion/decisions	Precept figure 2026/7 - Clerk had prepared a statement of expenditure to date with projected expenditure up to the 31 st March 2026. Councillors agreed not to increase the precept figure of £43000 any overspent to come from Council reserves	
11.	Letters of thanks		
12.	Correspondence	a. Bank Statement; Statement of income/expenditure/monthly bank reconciliation - had been circulated by email to Councillors separately and hard copies available during the meeting these were accepted as accurate. b. WCBC - c. Welsh Government – emailed to Councillors as and when received d. Any other correspondence not listed –	
13	Planning applications	Bronydd – one storey extension – no objections 1 Llangollen Terrace – air pump installation – no objections	
14	Payments	Outstanding accounts - (section 136 Legislative Powers): - amounts sent separately to Councillors and discussed in Council	

		Christina Brewin John Keene (caretaking) John Keene (Bins) John Keen (toiletries) Jean Davies (monthly) EE (monthly bill CA) HMRC Nest Pension British Gas Outstanding invoices to pay:- John Keen (toiletries) NBB (playground equipment/seating) Ray Parry (seesaw) Ray Parry £900 (repairs to equipment) (section 137 Legislative Powers): Cylch Meithrin – £500 Library service (room rent) GTV/Canolfan £400 Institute £500	
15	Any other matters not listed	Councillor Pritchard was still trying to pursue the matter of renovation of Minafon with the owner.	