

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD ON THE 20TH MAY 2025

1. Present : Cllrs M. Parry, E. Morris, E. Williams, G. C. Evans, J. Mc Guire, E. Williams, G. Butler, H. Wright, J. Borthwick

2. Apologies – R. Griffith and A. Evans

3 Minutes of the 2024 AGM – agreed as a true record

4. Matters arising – there were no matters arising and the minutes were signed by the Chairperson

5 Chairpersons report

Well that was a busy year wasn't it. After the surprise of being elected Chair at the last AGM

I can say that despite still being one member short we have achieved quite a lot in the past twelve months. I must thank everyone for their contributions and hard work. Having installed the IT equipment we have been able to conduct hybrid meetings by zoom – thanks to John for setting up passwords and sending meeting invitations- and for helping to set up the thing at the start of each meeting which has proved not to be that simple. But we have learnt a valuable lesson - we now have spare batteries and a box to keep everything in, thanks to Jane for that.

Thanks must also go to Emyr for negotiating the replacement Wi-Fi which we will discuss later in the main meeting.

We have had a grant for a more energy efficient (if more noisy – but we are working on that) heating and lighting system in the Cocoa Rooms and we have changed energy provider getting a much cheaper deal.

We have a business plan in place which Jane is making an excellent job of updating.

We have a new bench in the village - arranged in partnership with Ruth and the Llais Llandyrnog Voice team who have paid for it by means of a coffee morning. My thanks also goes to Hazel and Jones Bros for doing the groundwork, concrete and installing the bench itself without charge.

It is wonderful to see the Community Shop finally open and we were pleased to contribute the necessary funds to get the project over the line. It is such an asset to the village and is doing really well. Many congratulations to the Shop on achieving Runners Up in the Countryside Alliance Rural Oscars category – second place in the whole of Wales is no mean feat when you've only been open a few months – congratulations also to Ty Ceffyl Bach on being "Highly Commended" in the same awards, different category.

As a Community Council team, we have continued to help brighten up the village by planting the roundabout beds and my thanks to Elaine and Ruth for their help this weekend- and to the anonymous donor for the £250 towards the cost.

We have also received raised beds, compost etc and have given half of it to the school who will make very good use of them.

The rest has gone to the allotment site and there is an ongoing garden project in discussion with DCC.

Each year we put up a Christmas tree in the church and decorate it - which is a feat in itself another team effort with others in the village lending equipment, collecting the tree, giving advice and financial contributions. Next time we will also decorate the village hall – lesson learnt!

Between us we represent the Community at several external bodies – school governors, village hall, Hospital League of Friends, Highfield Park Liaison Group, AONB (now National Landscape) Champions Forum, One Voice Wales events, forgive me if I've forgotten anything.

Everyone has played their part in meetings and out - I particularly want to thank our past chair Ruth for her support and Gwilym for his wise counsel, I always think if in doubt Gwilym will know.

I hope the coming year will see improvements to our website, conclusion and actions on our community consultation project, more accessible play equipment in the village – (if all the new build houses are sold and commuted sums released, we can do a great deal but meanwhile we will try and source funding from various grant schemes).

We have a full audit to comply with this year and a statutory Biodiversity Action Plan to compile. We should soon find out whether the area is to become a National Park and we very much hope the Kinmel Arms will be open before too long.

My final thanks must go to our clerk who holds the ship together – so much work goes on behind the scenes we wouldn't get half of it done without his enthusiasm and energy.. Thank

you so much Bryn.

Cllr Gwilym Evans thanked Cllr Buytler for her hard work and guidance throughout the year.

6. Election of Officers

Chair – Cllr Butler

Vice Chair – Cllr Borthwick

Planning – all members on via e mail inbetween meetings

Finance – Cllrs G Butler, J Borthwick, E. Morris, M. Parry, J. Mc Guire

7 Representatives

Village Hall – Cllr Wright

Ysgol Bryn Clwyd – Cllr B Gorthwick

Llandyrnog Sports and Football Association – Cllr Parry

Highfield Park – Cllrs Butler and Williams

One Voice Wales – Cllrs Williams and Mc Guire

8. Signatories

Clerk

Chair

Vice Chair

Chair of Finance.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:20pm

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