

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2026 MEETING OF THE LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. Present: E.Thomas,P.McKinnion Day,M.Parry,G.C.Evans,A.Evans, G.Butler (chair)
 2. Apologies;J.Borthwick,E.Williams and R.Griffith
 3. Declaration of Interest: M.Parry in Planning matters and E.Morris in Cae Nant Tender
 4. Community Policeman
Not present . It was decided to see if the visits to the shop could be more structured in terms of visiting times so that residents could make better use of this facility and discuss matters of concern. Clerk to contact PCSO Jones to see if this was possible
The speed of traffic which was worse around change of shift times at MHC was raised again and it was decided to raise this at the regular Residents Liason meeting
 5. Letter from DCC to residents regarding parking -Clerk had circulated a letter that DCC had circulated to properties in and around the problem parking areas however the general feeling was that it had not made much difference. DCC would be monitoring the situation – depending heavily on local intelligence and would escalate the matter if they felt the situation was getting worse
 6. Confirmation of minutes of March meeting
It was proposed and seconded that the minutes were a true record
 7. Matters arising
 - Dispensation – no written confirmation regarding the dispensation to allow Cllr Mc Kinnon Day to discuss matters with the shop - that would probably follow – but Cllr Butler had kindly attended the meeting and had witnessed the approval
 - It did not look like the deeds of cae nant were at Swayne’s but Clerk to follow up the matter
 - Lease – no progress had been made – Clerk felt that it was a legal matter to re draft the lease including the amendments suggested by Cllr Parry and confirmed by OVV as being suitable - to suit the LSA - but members felt no solicitor was required .
 - Vacant seat – Cllr Butler announced that sadly Cllr Borthwick had tendered her resignation and therefore there were now two vacant seats. The community council had been given the all clear to take steps to co opt following Cllr Wrights departure and it was decided to send another notice of co option to DCC,await the result and then try co opt two councillors.
 - Basketball – no progress on the matter.
- 7.Financial Report and Matters for Payment

- Current Account £2,485.71
- Business Account £55,081.51

HMRC	PAYE	£226.40
R B DAVIES	WAGES INCLUDING £500 BUT NOT INCLUDING BACK PAY	£616.32
J A JONES	WAGES	£78.26
ZURICH	COUNCIL INSURANCE	£812.55
SALISBURY	PAYROLL SERVICES	£96.00
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE	PROJECT	£50.00

Member agreed to pay the above

8. CLERK'S WAGES

The Clerk declared a pecuniary interest and left the room for the duration of the discussion.

The Chair explained the situation where; at last month's meeting the clerk was granted the annual National pay award increase on SCP 12 in accordance with the report as submitted.

The accountants have subsequently raised an issue that the clerk was on SCP 17 from the previous year.

After some debate and an in depth examination of the criteria online and the level of remuneration of similar local community clerks it was decided by a unanimous vote that the clerk has a great deal of responsibility in workload and sufficient experience to merit SCP 17.

This decision to be conveyed and discussed with the accountants by the Chair of council and Chair of the Finance Sub Committee or another member of that sub-committee.

8. Cae Nant tenders

Three tenders had been received for the work.

- John Morris £8,786 plus vat
- Flintshire Steel £11,040.00 plus vat
- Clive Jones £8,600 plus digger hire – no vat

There was a prolonged discussion and the tenders were vetted carefully. Clive Jones had explained he would only be able to carry out the work using V Mesh type powder coated security fencing and not the Kedel plastic fencing supplied by the CC. But being that the Kedel fencing had been purpose made and due for delivery w/c 26th April although maybe V Mesh fencing was a superior product for that particular application - widely used around schools and playing fields it was not a viable option at this late stage.

It was therefore decided to accept the tender from John Morris who had also substituted the gates specified for more suitable Marlow type self closing gates specifically made for playgrounds. Clerk to arrange work programme and sight of insurances etc

Members were aware that there was a deficit of circa £1800 between the £5000 allocated from the reserves and agreed to top up the difference from reserves

10.00 Biodiversity Report

Clerk had circulated the report from Sam Langdon and agreed it was a very useful guidance and to be published on the website. It was agreed to send the report to DCC's Biodiversity Officer, Ceri Lloyd to see if there was any funding available to move the report forward.

The wildflower plugs received had by now been planted at Cae Nant – Cllr Parry referred to the event on the 16th April at which he and Clerk had represented the CC

11.00 Internet

The Jangala system contract was due to end June and alternative systems to be looked at in more detail at next meeting which may include Sky Link and Giff Gaff – more details to be discussed at next meeting

12.00 Cae Nant

It was reported that two pieces of equipment had been re located slightly following a safety report this work already been carried out. An official opening was discussed but not in detail. Clerk to arrange further inspection of existing equipment and see if Wicksteed could attend to a noisy bearing on the roundabout

13. Reports

Artist in Residence project to commence in May in the Shop which would include artist and possibly a glassmaker – the profile of the event to be raised by Shop on their social media site

Isolated incident of green bins not being collected

A chapel in a neighbouring community was on sale but there was a covenant that was proving challenging – the land having been either gifted or leased and the title not clean

It was suggested that since the land for the cocoa rooms was also gifted should the need arise the CC would be facing the same problem but it was not thought that there were any such covenants.

There being no other matters the meeting closed at 8:45

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