

Minutes of the Llandyrnog Community Council held on the 15th July 2025

1. Present: R.Griffith, G.C.Evans, E.Morris, E.Williams, G.Butler, J.McGuire, H.Wright and two members of the public

The Chair Cllr Gwen Butler welcome all to the meeting in particular Cllr Mc Guire following a period of being unwell

It was also mentioned that Cllr Parry was dealing with a crisis and thoughts with them as a family

2. Apologies: A.Evans, M.Parry, J.Borthwick

3. Declaration of interest – there were no declarations of interest

4. Speaker – Dr Patricia Mc Kinnion Day

- Dr Day gave the councillors an overview of the amendments to her application 18/2024/1545 following concerns from the community council. The Planning Officer had met on site to discuss the amendments and was in agreement that the reduced scale was beneficial and would be recommending approval. The Community Council was content that their concerns had been addressed the only proviso was that the height boundary between the Old Coach House and The Stables be maintained to protect the amenity and privacy of both parties. This would be relayed to the Planning Officer

5. Speaker – Mrs Vicky Owen –

- Vicky gave an update on her project to add play equipment at Cae Nant and had met on site with some of the councillors who had decided it may well be an idea to include additional works in any bid - improvement to access, resurfacing etc Vicky handed out the first quote for equipment included as an appendix to the minutes and it was agreed that a lot of work was going on in the background to source grants etc and the council would be updated in due course. Vicky was thanked for her hard work and enthusiasm.

6. Community Policeman

- PCSO had been invited but was unable to attend and there was no report
- Matters of concern – speeding cars in the Waen area however there was no evidence offered which may identify those responsible but the matter would be reported to see if they could increase presence at certain times of day and night

7. Confirmation of June minutes

- It was proposed and seconded that the minutes as presented were a true record of the June meeting

8. Matters Arising

- Biodiversity was work in progress and would be presented at a future meeting
- Allotments – apparently working well without water at the moment however awaiting update from DCC re the water supply – apparently applying for grants
- Dead tree at Cae Nant – was on David Weyman's list Clerk had reminded him
- Cross Keys junction – although Clerk had met Mark Evans on site who had indicated they would hand dig in Coed Waen to reduce the level of the bed of the ditch to ensure free flow of water it was not believed that the work had been done. Clerk to check and remind Mark
- Frosted film to cocoa rooms – work in progress wait for painting to be done first
- Painting of cocoa rooms – booked in end of August but work carried out evening and weekend to minimise disruption - Clerk to co ordinate

9. Correspondence

- Two applications Maes y Wern – on agenda
- The Old Coach House Plas Bennett application – on agenda
- Cost of living workshop – One Voice Wales
- Temporary closure / diversion of footpath between Maes Llan and former Creamery site – had been posted on site
- Temporary road closure – Nant Glyd – Clerk had confirmation that access to emergency vehicles would be maintained at all times
- Treborth application – on agenda
- Pant Gwyn planning application – on agenda

10. Reports

Cllr Elaine Williams was thanked for representing Llandyrnog at the recent One Voice Wales meeting

Guest Speaker :- Kate Threw , City, Town and Community Council Liaison
Officer for Denbighshire Council.

Kate explained that her role was very broad but essentially to act as a link between Town and community councils and the County Council. To support our sector and forge stronger relationships.

It was asked whether or not Conwy Council have the same role and Katherine said she would make enquiries.

Councils can use Kate as their sole point of contact if required as she would make sure any questions go to the right person, or just contact her if struggling to hear back from a particular department

Kate's contact details are

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It was explained that since David Davies had retired this post had been vacant but it was good to have a stronger link between the community and county council

Also interesting was projects being undertaken by other community and town councils which included

Llandudno – looking for funding regarding taking over of public toilets. Have had an Ombudsman case to deal with. Have grass cutting groups.

Abergele – trying to sort out toilets and fighting to keep free parking areas. Have a Fun Day on 6th July.

Cefn Meiriadog – Still have major concerns around extensions to sub stations and Solar farms- struggling to prevent further expansions to the infrastructure, and don't get any support from Denbighshire Council.

Lansannan – have been running the toilets for some time and are deemed the best in Wales. They have a visitors' book in the ladies' toilets which would support that view.

They are run by volunteers who have the upmost pride in their work. They have been in discussions with the County Council since before Covid about taking over a play area and nothing has happened to date. They have decided not to renew the lease on the pavilion and are trying to get yellow lines put down in some areas.

Llanefydd – Have just taken over the toilets, they are on the pilgrim's trail so important to have facilities for walkers. They have extended the pavement from the village to the playground. Currently looking into reducing speeding through the village.

Bodelwyddan – the warm hub is still going strong which meets every Tuesday with 10- 12 attending. They are taking over the park through funding from the Levelling up fund.

Prestatyn – Warm hub has 30-40 a week from Oct – July with a different community centre hosting on different days. Concerns about shops closing and encouraging a Coach friendly Prestatyn to help with footfall. Levelling up fund to be used to do something on the high street. Need to find a way to connect the retail park to the high street.

Henllan – Warm space offers a 2 course meal

Llandyrnog – Preparing a biodiversity plan , have an allotment project in conjunction with Denbigh CC. Currently looking into provision of playground equipment suitable for children/adults with disabilities.

Corwen – trying to get coach friendly status

11. Financial Report and Audit Update

Audit update – Clerk explained that the internal audit had completed their work and that the audit – which was a full indepth deep dive audit rather than a light audit was being prepared or submission by 8th August- finance team to meet Tuesday 22nd July

Current Account £10,482.77

Business Account £20,202.70

Matters for Payment

R B Davies	wages	£216.12
J A Jones	wages	£73.80

HMRC	PAYE	£78.06
Salisbury Accountant	Internal audit	£720.00
Ecclesiastical Insurance	Coco rooms insurance	695.57

12.All matters for payment were approved.

Planning Matters

application	18/2025/0303/PF
location	Maes Y Wern Llandyrnog
Proposal	Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling
Community Council Observations	Demolition of a dwelling is covered in RD 4 of DCC's local adopted plan and there are criteria which need to be met before demolition can be considered No evidence has been provided to suggest that any of the said criteria have been met and therefore at the moment the community council are unable to support the application

application	18/2025/0302
location	Maes y Wern, Llandyrnog
proposal	Renovation and extension of existing dwelling
Community council observations	No objection in principle to extending the dwelling providing the Planning Officer is happy that extensions in terms of increase in floor area, elevational treatment etc comply with the relevant Supplementary Planning Guidance

application	18/2024/1545/HH
location	The Old Coach House, Plas Bennett, Llandyrnog
proposal	Erection of gazebo extension to existing art studio and erection of garden shed and greenhouse
Community council observations	Dr Day gave the council a brief visual presentation showing how she had addressed the council's previous concerns and it was decided to support the application with a provisor that the height of the boundary between The Stables and Old Coach House is maintained

application	18/2025/0266
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location	Treborth Llandyrnog
proposal	Dormer roof conversion
Community council observations	<p>The community council have no objection to the principle of a roof conversion however please guide the designer to your SPG in particular 6.5 where there is clear guidance as to what is acceptable and what is not.</p> <p>As it stands the community council are therefore unable to support the application</p>

application	18/2025/0273/HH
location	Pant Gwyn, Llandyrnog
proposal	Erection of single storey side extension and porch and associated works
Community council observations	No objection support the application

13. Plan update

The business plan has been updated and appendix to the minutes .Cllr Borthwick was thanked for her work on this task.

14.Litter Posters

Cllr Borthwick has collected seven from Ysgol Bryn Clwydreceived it was decided to get a quote for putting these on a firm corrugated plastic base erect locally and Clerk would e mail to thank the school. It was decided to discuss some form of remuneration at next meeting

15.What's App

It was decided to proceed with setting up a what's ap group and Clerk to collate up to date mobile numbers in between meetings

16.Audit update

Has been included in financial report

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17.Members Items

- Clerk to get update for verge cutting re non principal roads from Ethan Jones and circulate
- Damaged BT box by Treborth – Clerk to report
- There were concerns that the 30mph signs by the new maes llan development had not been relocated as per planning permission. Clerk to seek clarification is there a condition as to when
- The discussion re the above then went onto the speed of traffic from Celynog to the village and was there a possibility of getting this reduced to 40mph – this would need to be a joint agency approach involving North Wales Police, ,Denbighshire County Council and the Community Council and the decision would be based on results of any traffic survey and statistics etc however the Community Council will take the lead.
- It was mentioned that there had been some amendments to the surface water drainage to the Maes Llan estate apparently the surface water will be connected to the surface water pipe on the Procter Johnson site
- Shop manager will be off for a few months and it was decided to send her a card wishing her well. Someone going to forward her address to the Clerk

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

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