

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE
20TH JANUARY 2026 AT THE COCOA ROOMS LLANDYRNOG

1. Present: Cllrs J.Mc Guire, E.Williams, R.Griffith,E.Morris,M.Parry,G.C.Evans,A.Evans,
P.Mackinnon- Day, R.Griffith

2.Apologies – H.Wright

3.Declaration of interest: All members declared an interest in the request for donation towards the Artist in Residence project

4. Presentation – Vicky Owen. The councillors were given a background to an application that has been submitted but not circulated yet about the ‘ Run Wild at Speddyd’ project where – a secure private dog exercise field

How it will work

- Sessions pre booked on line
- 30 minute or one hour slot
- One booking at a time – exclusive use
- Maximum 6 dogs from two households
- Open during daylight hours only

Who it is for

- Local dog owners
- Dogs that are nervous, reactive or in training
- Families that want a safe outdoor space
- Create a small local business
- Positive feedback already received from local residents

Site Features

- Secure fencing and double gates
- Small agility area
- Shelter for owners
- Dog waste bins licensed collection
- Eco friendly features – bird boxes and wildflowers
- Parking provided off a quiet, safe, well ,managed and environmentally friendly space that benefits both dog owners and the wider rural community

Ms Owen was thanked for her comprehensive presentation and the community council will be commenting once the application has been circulated for comments.

5. Presentation and request for financial assistance: Dr Patricia Mackinnon – Day

Llandyrnog Community Shop artist in residence project.

Background:

The first shop artist would be Emma Jayne Holmes who would sketch visitors to the shop and record everyday activities and comings and goings.

Obviously there is a cost to this and whilst The Shop were hopeful of getting a grant there needed to be an element of match funding and Dr Day made a request for a £500 donation .

Members decided to provide a letter of support and would consider a contribution at their next meeting when all requests would be considered.

6. Community Policeman

Incidents of Note

Suspicious Incident

Suspicious persons seen near building site, early hours of the morning. Area search, no one located. Site was secure and no signs of entry/offences.

Fraud 9/1/26

Phone based fraud. Access to computer allowed. Payments

attempted but stopped by bank. Welfare visit carried out.

Support/referrals offered.

Welfare Referral 10/1/26

Concerns for a child. Visit carried out and welfare referrals submitt

Welfare Referral 16/1/26

Concerns for an adult missing person. Located, returned home

Whilst members were very grateful of receiving the written reports they would like an in person attendance however appreciated the fact that more was gained from visiting the shop and coffee mornings.

The idea of uploading the reports onto the website was discussed or on a social media platform – there were concerns about GDPR issues and the Clerk to make further enquiries as to what is allowed.

7Correspondence

1. Funding fair at Ruthin
2. Smart Water – kits were £25 and minimum 100
3. Queens ,Market
4. Footpath obstruction Brondyffryn area
5. One Voice Wales
6. Notification of commuted sums - A
7. Removal of Internet kit
8. Request for financial assistance from Brownies
9. Olivers Row – meeting arranged between Cllr Parry and representatives from DCC – update next meeting
10. Booking Clerk

It was decided to offer Carolyn Langford Jones the duties of taking cocoa room, bookings etc for an honoraria of £250. I. Pierce Jones had also offered to take the role if no one was interested. A new e mail address would be set up and posted in the cocoa rooms etc

8.Financial Report and Matters for Payment

CURRENT ACCOUNT - 13TH Jan – £7195.58

BUSINESS ACCOUNT 13TH Jan - £42,362.53

HMRC	PAYE	£73.80
J A JONES	CAE NANT LITTER PICKING	£78.06
R B DAVIES	WAGES	£216.13
SALISBURY	PAYROLL SERVICES ONE QUARTER	£96.00
R B DAVIES	DIARY AND RECEIPT BOOK FOR COCOA ROOMS	£6.00

Members agreed to pay the amounts shown above

9. Request for financial assistance

Discussed under correspondence – Clerk to bring all requests for financial assistance received and bring to next meeting.

10. Reports by Members

One Voice Wales

Report of the One Voice Wales Conwy & Denbighshire Area Meeting held on 7th January 2026 online.

Attendance. There were representatives from nine Community/Town councils in attendance, along with Katherine Brown, the North Wales Development Officer and guest speaker Carolyn Dawson.

Guest Speaker. The Chair introduced the speaker to the meeting. Carolyn Dawson, the Chief Executive of Valuation Tribunal Wales, gave a wide-ranging presentation explaining the work of the VTW and the way in which its responsibilities are carried out. It considers appeals from individuals and businesses throughout Wales in relation to council tax valuations, business rates, completion of new properties and such matters as discounts and exemptions.

She highlighted future developments affecting the VTW and the need to recruit new lay members over the next few years to meet an expected increase in workload. The frequency of re-valuation cycles is likely to be increased and there may be changes arising from Tribunal Reform. She was thanked by the Chair for her comprehensive presentation.

Council Reports. Following approval of the Minutes, representatives were invited to give updates from their councils:

Llansannan – Have completed their biodiversity plan.

Cefn Meiriadog – Revamping a nature spot and helping the village hall.

Llandegla – Appointed a new clerk.

Llandyrnog – Also completed our biodiversity plan and involved the school with planting; new play equipment for people with disabilities planned.

Llangollen – Looking into outdoor gym. Implementing a safe space scheme for vulnerable people (Safe Places National Network – main contact is Andrew Culkin)
andrew@safeplaces.org.uk

Mochdre – Appointed a new clerk. Looking at current and possibly new defibrillators.

Pentrefoelas – Planting bulbs. Also looking at defibrillators.

Llanrhaeadr – Have been looking into speed indicators for several years and have now been informed by the County Council that they can be provided free of charge.

One Voice Wales AGM. The importance of this forthcoming meeting on 21st January was stressed and councils were urged to send a representative.

Other Items. Further items discussed included the potential benefits of AI for councils, One Voice Wales Awards; The Cost of Living Programme and the Training Programme

Report of the One Voice Wales Annual General Meeting held on 21 st January 2026 online.

Attendance. The meeting was attended by 177 Community/Town councils from across Wales, together with the Chief Executive and senior Officers.

Constitutional Amendments. Proposed amendments had been brought to the meeting as a

motion from the National Executive Committee (NEC). Broadly, these were designed to ensure that One Voice Wales could carry out its functions more effectively, following difficulties in previous years in achieving a quorum sufficient to agree improvements to the

Constitution. This had led to AGMs having to be cancelled. The proposal was to reduce the AGM quorum from 20% to 10% of eligible representatives for ordinary business or 15%

specifically in the case of a motion to dissolve the organisation. Additionally, there were some other proposals including to reduce the size of the NEC.

Following questions, a vote was taken. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chair's and Chief Executive's Reports. These covered the work of the organisation over

the past year including membership and finances. Membership stands at 91% of eligible

councils. Reference was made to the increasing role of local councils, together with the benefits of One Voice Wales working with the Welsh Government.

Motions.

Motion 1 (Penarth TC) relating to future bus provision had been withdrawn because its recommendations were already being met by new Welsh Government legislation.

Motion 4 (Arfon Dwyfor Area) relating to an assets transfer officer could not be voted on because the mover was not present.

The following motions were all carried by majority:

Motion 2 (Newtown & Llanllwchaearn TC). 'This conference instructs One Voice Wales to

investigate the provision of professional legal advice on Welsh law to Councils and report

back to the membership.'

Motion 3 (Gelligaer CC). 'This AGM calls upon One Voice Wales to formally encourage local councils to advocate for the Welsh Government to seek full devolvement of the Crown

Estate to Wales.'

Motion 5 (Chepstow TC). 'Chepstow Town Council calls upon One Voice Wales to lobby the Welsh Government to consider increasing and extending the financial threshold for free

school meals in Wales to secondary school children in line with other devolved governments in the United Kingdom.'

Motion 6 (One Voice Wales NEC). 'To confirm an increase in membership fees for 2026/27

by up to 4%.'

Cae Nant Update

Cllr Morris confirmed that the application to Clocaenog Windfarm additional £9295.01 had been successful and the acceptance form had been signed and returned by the due date of 19th January.

This together with the £19,999 already received would cover the cost of the additional equipment at Cae Nant

It was proposed and seconded that the project proceed and Cllr Morris offered to be to lead on the project to ensure all the paperwork including but not limited to insurances, programme, notification to stakeholders, traffic management , bio diversity and risk assessments, method statements, contact details etc were in place to protect the Community Council from any incident that may arise during the project.

Kompan had sent over some details but would forward all the information required once a contract detailing methods of payment, programme etc had been received by the Council

A meeting was going to be held date to be announced at Cae Nant where Kompan would confirm that is required to ensure the work is programmed.

During this discussion it was noted that a fence may be required between the car parking area and the main entrance and that the community council apply for the £1440 commuted sum from DCC and Cllr Morris was going to discuss with Kompan to see if they could quote for a fence and self closing gate.

Cllr Morris to forward dates for meeting.

Cllr Parry

De Fib at cae nant functioning but pads need to be replaced soon – Clerk to organisequi

What App group – group set up not complete – Clerk and Chair to complete the task

11. Biodiversity report – Cllr Borthwick had completed the task and was thanked for her hard work – it had been submitted to One Voice Wales and once approved would be uploaded on the website – this is by now a statutory requirement.

12. Business Plan update – Cllr Borthwick had updated the business plan to reflect the fact that the bio diversity plan had been submitted and that was another milestone achieved- again Cllr Borthwick was thanked for her work in ensuring compliance with these statutory requirements.

14. Audit update

There had been a call for further information and the Clerk had replied to the best of his ability

15. Members Items

Cae Nant hedge – quote required to trim back the hedge running parallel with min y nant estate – members also to consider carrying out the work themselves should the cost be prohibitive

Those responsible for taking down and disposing of the tree were thanked

Fence between Parc Ty'n Llan open area and property in Maes Llan – it was reported that a fence panel was missing and the occupier of the property was under the impression that the community council may be responsible. Clerk to relay message to DCC to see whether they had proof of ownership .

Potholes – a large pothole had appeared by Old School and Cllr Mc Guire was going to report it on line which seemed to be a pretty effective way of reporting issues and getting them repaired

Celynog to Kinmel Arms – again road in appalling condition although several attempts made at repairing the surface. The community council had been assured at one time that this was in the capital programme to be resurfaced and although the Clerk had made enquiries whether or not this was still the case no reply had been received.

There being no other matter the meeting closed at 8:50

Signed

Dated

