

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY HELD ON THE 21st
JULY 2026

1.Present: Cllrs E.Williams,P.Mackinnion – Day,G.C.Evans,E.Morris,G.Butler, R.Griffith

2.Apologies: M.Parry and J.Macguire

3.Declaration of interest: G.C.Evans in request for financial assistance to Eisteddfod Llandyrnog

4.Community Policeman

PCSO D Jones had indicated that he would be present however other work must have taken priority – therefore there was no written report

There was a brief discussion about speeding traffic. Operation Atal had been to Llandyrnog on the 9th June and as previously minuted and offending cars were stopped and offered advice with the highest speed being 32mph in a 20mph

The idea of digital speed indicators were raised as a possibly project depending on funding . Clerk to discuss with Llanrhaeadr about possible cost.

5.Co Option

At our previous meeting on 16 th June 2026 a vote was conducted to choose between three candidates for the two seats left vacant by Hazel and Jane. However, following the meeting one of the successful candidates declined the offer of a seat. In order to clarify the procedural process in this situation, The Chair sought advice from DCC Democratic Services and this is the reply that was received.

“Where a notice of vacancy has been published and no request for an election has been received from 10 Llandyrnog electors, and 3 candidates came forward for co-option, the situation you describe, where one of the successful candidates declines to take up the seat, in my opinion is a continuing vacancy rather than a new one.

In these circumstances, my advice is that the Community Council needs to formally consider and vote on the co-option of the remaining candidate at a council meeting. I don’t consider it necessary to re-advertise the vacancy or to re-run the co-option

process in order to do this.”

Therefore, having established that the third candidate Ally Bennett is still interested in being considered for the remaining vacant seat we can proceed to formally take a vote on his co- option

Following your last meeting Councillor Arwyn Evans relinquished his seat on the Community Council. The Chair mentioned this to the same officer in Democratic Services who advised that:

‘In respect of the separate (new) vacancy, this will need to follow the usual process: the Community Council should publish a notice of vacancy, allowing electors the opportunity to request an election. If no such request is made, the Council may then proceed to co-opt to fill that seat.

This process has been started and upon confirmation from DCC that no more than ten qualifying people have asked for an election then it will be in order to progress to the second stage of placing a local notice seeking candidates for that seat.

On the above the Clerk confirmed that a notice of co option has been sent to and would seek a response.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr Bennett be invited to become a community councillor and following proposal there was a vote

Four in favour

One abstention

It was decided to wait until September before proceeding with the second stage of the co option process when it would be clearer whether or not there had been any response to the initial notice of co option.

Confirmation of minutes – it was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the June meeting was correct and there were no matters arising other than what was an agenda item.

6.Matters Arising

- Commuted Sum – the Council had been successful in applying for the commuted sum following a recent development and had submitted an acceptance form and the grant of £1434 would be forwarded in due course allowing the fencing work at cae nant to proceed
- Clerks Wages

Chair had instructed Salisbury deal with the back pay and that would be paid in August.

7.Financial report and matters for payment

Current Account £2126.33

Business Account £19,518.06

JA JONES	WAGES	£78.06
HMRC	PAYE	£73.08
SALISBURY ACCOUNTANT	PAYROLL	£100.50
R B DAVIES	WAGES	£216.12

It was agreed that the above matters were paid.

8.Request for financial assistance

There was a request from Eisteddfod Llandyrnog for financial assistance and it was proposed and seconded that £100 be given to the Eisteddfod

There was considerable discussion about donations and it was decided to consider that the council use the interest on the business account as a source of financial assistance in future.

9.Coco Rooms Internet

Unfortunately due to a bereavement Cllr Mc Guire was unable to attend to present the options Cllr Morris agreed to contact Cllr Mc Guire to discuss options and report back via either what's app or e mail in between meetings.

10.Cae Nant deeds.

The Clerk has circulated an e mail from Swayne Johnson with an indication of the cost of registering Cae Nant with the land registry. To ensure that the community council get value for money it was decided to seek another quote from Edward Hughes & Co, Rhyl – Shian Hughes. Clerk to report back

11.Reports.

One Voice Wales – Cllr Elaine Williams

Report of the One Voice Wales Conwy & Denbighshire Area Meeting and AGM held on 8 th July 2026 at Abergele Town Council. (Elaine Williams)

Attendance. There were 11 representatives from 9 Community/Town councils in attendance, along with Katherine Brown, the North Wales Development Officer and guest speaker Angela Oakes.

AGM: There was a short AGM and, following the welcome, the current Chair Cllr. Gordon Hughes and Vice-chair Cllr. Joan Barker were both re-elected. Representatives for the NEC were elected and meeting dates for the coming year agreed.

Main Meeting:

Guest Speaker. Angela Oakes, Project Officer for the One Voice Wales Cost of Living

Team gave an interesting presentation about this all-Wales project which is now entering its second phase. The presentation was accompanied by slides which are well worth reading as they describe the background to the issues involved, some ideas

which different Community and Town councils have already put in place and the new work streams which they are developing over the period up to 2029.

It would not be possible to go into all the details in this report as so much was covered but to highlight a couple of points:

Pontypridd Town Council have a project involving food provision, advice services and wellbeing support which has been going successfully for some time.

Similarly, a much smaller rural council, Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council in the S. Wales valleys has a warm hub, free transport, bingo and also activities for young people showing that the project can be adapted for all kinds of locality.

Something that may be of interest to us in Llandyrnog is the new Small Grants Scheme if we qualify. There is more information about this on the slides but broadly it aims to provide grants, usually of £500, to councils with an annual income of £25,000 or less which haven't previously engaged in the cost-of-living project. This could be worth looking into if appropriate.

The speaker was thanked for her presentation which was very well received.

Council Reports. Corwen and Henllan are in discussions with Denbighshire County Council about adopting some of the facilities in their areas.

Llangernyw is seeking Lottery funding to purchase land from Conwy for a cycling track and wheelchair accessible path.

Speeding was noted by various councils as a problem in their areas. Other developments to support communities were also discussed.

Other Issues. Abergele Town Council were congratulated for their One Voice Wales award application which had received a Commendation.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 th October (online).

Emyr Morris

I was delighted to represent the Community Council at a presentation to pupils of Ysgol Bryn Clwyd at the Llandyrnog Community Shop following their participation in the Art Engagement Project organised by Cllr Mackinnon-Day. The Community Art Project brought together pupils, residents, community members, support workers, teaching staff, professional artists and volunteers.

The Council were thanked for their financial support.



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Children, families, artists and local supporters came together at Llandyrnog Community Shop and Post Office for a joyful celebration of food, family memories and storytelling....

9th July 2026

Conwy and Denbighshire Children and Young People Wellbeing Event at Trefnant Village Hall

The event was arranged by Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council to bring together organisations and professionals supporting children, young people, and families across the region.

It was an opportunity to share information, make new connections and explore partnership and collaboration opportunities.

Speakers included CAB, Woodlands Skills Centre, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Cwmpas, Pigtown Theatre, Contact, Vocal Voyage, Recovery 4 All, Corporate Performance, NEWCIS, Working Denbighshire, Loanshark Cymru and Calon Hearts. A couple of PCSO's were also in attendance/

The presentations were centred around how these organisations helped and supported children and young people in the community covering areas such as training, educational support, health advice and for those who were both cared for and being young carers for their family.

A wealth of information was available together with a questions and answers session.

Cllrs Williams and Morris were thanked for attending and reporting back

Cllr Mackinnion – Day

Cllr Mackinnion – Day had prepared a very comprehensive Art Engagement Evaluation Project and Supporting Evidence report which has been circulated to all.

Merfyn Parry

Ward Visits – Friday 17 July

On Friday morning I spent some time driving around the ward with Andy Rainer from Denbighshire Highways. We looked at a number of locations that have been brought to my attention by residents, together with areas that I have concerns about myself.

I found the visit very worthwhile. It was useful to be able to show Andy these locations first-hand, and it was equally useful to hear about the pressures the Highways Department is under and the difficult decisions that have to be made with a very limited budget.

One suggestion I'd like the Community Council to consider is for members to send any highways concerns to Bryn, copying me in. Bryn could then keep an ongoing list and perhaps every three months send an updated schedule to Andy. I think that would give us a more coordinated approach and ensure that local issues remain on the Highways Department's radar.

Later that day I welcomed Denbighshire's new Chief Executive, Helen White, to the ward. We drove around discussing a range of County Council issues, and I asked what her priorities would be in her new role. She told me she was still settling into the post but would share her priorities with me once they had been finalised.

I also took the opportunity to show her some of the ward, including Highfield Park and the Proctor Johnson development. We finished with a coffee at the Llandyrnog Community Shop, which she was very impressed with. It was nice to be able to show off one of the ward's real community successes.

Finally, I have forwarded to Bryn the latest update I have received from Dŵr Cymru regarding the repeated burst water mains along the B5429. I thought it would be useful for members to have sight of the latest position, and I hope the work that has now been carried out will lead to a more reliable water supply for residents.

12 .Members Items

Cllr G.C.Evans brought up a valid point that there was a lack of activities for the teenagers in the village – there was no further discussion

Insurance – Cllr Morris had made enquiries and there were considerable saving to be made by adding the Ecclesiastical Insurance onto the Zurich policy – one policy to cover everything which amounted to a circa £400.00 saving however the re build cost of the cocoa rooms would be reduced from the current figure £214k to £166k

It was decided to proceed along these lines although there were one or two of the opinion that the re build cost was not realistic so it was decided to seek a quote for £200k re build cost

It was decided to proceed however Cllr Morris to forward details to Clerk who would arrange payment and cancel the Ecclesiastical Insurance

Kate Thew to be invited to a future meeting possibly October

There being no other matters the meeting closed at 9:45

Signed.....

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