

MINUTES OF THE MAY 2026 MEETING OF LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

1. Present: Cllr. R.Griffith,G.C.Evans,G.Butler,A.Evans,E.Williams,E.Morris,M.Parry
2. Apologies: Cllrs.MacKinnion – Day and J.Mc Guire
3. Declaration of interests ; Cllr Parry in any planning matters
4. Community Policeman

PCSO Lee Humphreys attended the meeting for an informal chat and had no major concerns . Reports of an assault being investigated in the village and also numerous report about a suspicious white van looking for scrap metal and had actually emptied a skip in Rhewl .The van is registered in the midlands and police would be very interested to hear if it seen in the area again.

Members had asked for more structured timetable for visits to the Shop however due to shift patterns and ever moving priorities this was not possible and it was agreed that ad hoc visits would be acceptable. PCSO referred to the fact that they had similar arrangements in adjoining villages which were fortunate enough to have a shop or community hub .

Cllr.Parry mentioned that the matter of inconsiderate parking seemed to have improved.

PCSO Humphreys was aware there were a few fake £20 notes in circulation and for all to be vigilant

It was mentioned that there was a new Area Inspector Joseph Dunn .

5. Confirmation of Minutes

Cllr Morris was of the opinion that the reference to Cllr Borthwick's decision to stand down was somewhat succinct and it was agreed to amend before publishing the minutes

The matter of backpay to Clerk was still outstanding

6. Matters Arising

- Lease with LL.S.& F.A. – addedndum prepared and forwarded ts Sean Roberts who confirmed suitable – Cllr Parry signed on behalf of the LL.S. &F.A. and given to Chair on the evening
- Deeds – Clerk confirmed that the matter had been passed to a gentleman Geraint from Swayne’s who was looking into the matter but no response since 27th April.

7. Payment to Auditor.

The Auditor had offered a payment plan to cover the outstanding invoices Going back to 2017/2018 previously unseen however the members voted to pay the amount in full

8. Financial Report and matters for payment

Current account £4,210.47

Business account £57,081.51

KOMPAN	PLAY EQUIPMENT	£23,999.98
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AUDIT WALES	OUTSTANDING INVOICES	£2,175
JA JONES	WAGES	£78.06
RB DAVIES	WAGES	£216.32
HMRC	PAYE	£73.60

9. Co option

The second notice of co option had gone to DCC with an end date of 15th May however nothing had been received to it was decided to proceed to the second stage of placing a notice of co option for two seats.

10. Coco Rooms Internet

There were no firm proposals Cllr Morris agreed to approach both Boynes and Catalyst to see what was available and report back at some date

11. Cae Nant update

Those available to meet John Morris at Cae Nant date and time to be confirmed to decide on what soil bunds were to be moved to where and position of new benches.

Kedel had delivered all material and found to be correct.

Date for installation to be agreed

Cllr Morris was going to prepare a final report to Clocaenog and Lottery highlighting how the community had benefitted from the grants and possibly approach the school to get the children's view.

12. Reports

Meeting with new CEO DCC 27th April 2026 in County Hall

The meeting was a means to introduce the new CEO Helen White to the Town City and Community Council reps and to discuss her vision for our future relationship.

The meeting was chaired by Jason Mclellan who is Leader of DCC but also a long standing member of Prestayn TC , reps from Ruthin, St Asaph, Rhyl, Llangollen, Llandrillo, Corwen, Cynwyd, Dyserth, and me.

It was an informal discussion and ranged from the public conveniences taken over by Town Councils (while some were waiting for the legal process to transfer ownership) with 50p apparently the acceptable going rate to use the facilities.

Some Town Councils have been increasing their precept bit by bit to build up reserves but some asked for early warning if such a programme was proposed in future.

It was pointed out that transfer of assets is nothing new going back to bus shelters, cctv, parks and gardens.

However it was proposed to revisit and update the Charter to include a section on communication between authorities. This will be a paper exercise to start with (consulting with us probably in June or July, mindful of the August recess) followed by sessions to discuss each section by section.

The officers were asked if community councils could buy into enforcement officers' time (planning, dog fouling and parking was mentioned). DCC is going through a recruitment process at the moment for more enforcement officers and this should help

NATIONAL LANDSCAPE (AONB) FORUM 14th May 2026

Emyr Morris and I attended the NL Forum in Tremeirchion.

We received presentation by Huw Morgan re Ffermio Bro and the work he has been undertaking with farmers in the AONB particularly with regard to a sustainable farming scheme which provides advice and funding for projects such as wildlife corridors, hedging, tree planting and removal. It is a 3 year scheme for capital projects. One of the schemes to benefit was Llangwyfan Farm and photos of the new hedge and tree planting was highlighted. Other schemes include Coed Bell in Prestatyn.

Ceri Lloyd gave a presentation on Sustainable Development funding opportunities and Llandyrnog Shop was featured in the successes of this. Emyr was pleased to give an update on the solar panels installed.

They AONB officers were asked for an update on proposed National Park –

following the Senedd election it is still proposed to hold a public inquiry and they pointed out that NRW have concluded that the case for a National Park is warranted and will be submitting this evidence to the Inquiry.

Finally something for us to consider – we discussed International Dark Sky Status. The officers are in process of applying for the status but have a couple of hurdles to overcome. We pointed out that light pollution it not so much a problem within the AONB but overspill from other areas as we can see always see a glow above the mountains. This is apparently due to the street lighting in Flintshire having a higher brightness threshold and AONB are hoping to suggest a national level rather than each county doing their own thing. Meanwhile they suggest “External Lighting” is included in our biodiversity reports and that we as a community will consider the SPG in any planning applications in future as well as our own lighting proposals. They are focussing on the affect light has on moths and other nocturnal pollinators as well as migratory birds who would use the moon as guidance but find themselves heading for the bright lights of the towns instead.

Cllr Parry referred to Denbigh Town Hall where they were looking at funding options – DCC keen to dispose of the building however Denbigh Town Council not too receptive to purchasing the building so there were moved to find some common ground possibly involving the private sector funding etc

There were no members items

The meeting closed at 8:45

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