



*Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Coracle Hall, Llechryd at 7pm on October 2nd 2023 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.*

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Present:

Chairman Cllr Iwan Davies. Cllrs: Jan Culley, Hywel Davies, Ruth Davies, Amanda Edwards, Gareth El Tawab, Colin Lewis, Ken Symmons, Nicky Redmond, ~~Richard Rose~~, Clive Wychwood

CC A Edwards

~~CC C James~~

Clerk

Members of the public: 2

Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Community 15 minutes maximum. In the event there are no members of the public who wish to speak the meeting will start promptly after the Annual Meeting.

Two community residents shared their views about the proposed change in the bus stop arrangement at Croes-Y-Llan, expressing concerns over its prolonged discussion. They believed that restricting access to their land would be a resolution to their involvement in the matter. They also mentioned that they felt their comments at the last meeting had been recorded inaccurately in the minutes and wanted their comments to be attributed to them by name. They were considering legal advice moving forward.

They were thanked for their time and left the meeting.

**1. Ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb / Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Rose.

**2. Datgan Diddordeb ar faterion sy'n codi o'r Agenda / Declarations of Interest on Matters Arising from the Agenda**

Cllrs A Edwards and N Redmond declared personal interests, as School Governors, in the grant application for the School PTA.

Cllr C Wychwood declared a personal interest in any matters pertaining to the bus stop at Croes-Y-Llan due to his involvement in establishing and promoting ATWW Active travel.

**3. Confirmation of Order of the Agenda** and identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session

The agenda was accepted as presented.

#### 4. Confirmation of Minutes of 04-09-23

Ratification of decisions taken from item 10.1 at the meeting is implicit in the resolution.

Resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record.	Seconded	
Cllr C Lewis	Cllr G El Tawab	Carried

#### 5. Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning

Nothing brought forward.

Planning documents can be found at: <https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/planning-building-control-and-sustainable-drainage-body-sab/planning-building-control/>

##### *Planning Enforcement*

Nothing brought forward.

##### *LDP2 update*

Nothing brought forward.

#### 6. County Cllr's Report

CC A Edwards reported on her activities which included membership of the Working Party for 2<sup>nd</sup> homes council tax and empty homes. She noted the extension of the public spaces protection order in towns and the formal adoption of hybrid working for CC staff. She noted the above average GCSE and A level results in the county. There was considerable concern that young people did not stay in the area due the lack of affordable accommodation and an online survey was underway which she urged all to respond to. She advised she was attending a meeting with NRW with regard to the river and bridge in Llechryd.

#### 7. Cyllid a Gweinyddu / Finance & Administration

##### *7.1 Monthly Payments*

S Davies	Salary and expenses gross	574.86
Glasdon	New bin lid	159.08
Danfo	Inv 7322	319.50
OVW	Training Inv 7410	38.00

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the payments be accepted as presented.	Carried

##### *7.1.2 Bank Reconciliation / Budget update / Reserves*

Noted

##### *7.2 Future meetings*

###### *7.2.1 Translation at Council meetings – update.*

The Clerk, having spoken to the OVW Digital Officer was advised that the Digital project was funded until March 24 and it was expected that this period would be information gathering. Further work would depend on funding becoming available from March 24. The Digital Officer provided the Clerk with contact details for a technical company he thought might be involved in simultaneous translation for hybrid meetings but this was not a recommendation or endorsement of the company. This not being an area of expertise, the Clerk passed the information to the Chairman due to his expertise in IT matters.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the Chairman arrange for a detailed proposal for provision of simultaneous translation to made available at the November meeting.	Carried

### 7.3.2 Use of Old School, Llangoedmor

The Chairman having spoken to a representative of the Trustees advised that while the Trustees had no objection to a broadband connection at the premises the Trustees did not wish to undertaken work to do this and had concerns with regard to ongoing funding for the service. It was noted that even with a broadband connection there would be no equipment to facilitate the required hybrid meetings for the Council.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the venue be used for Council events, where appropriate, but would not be used for formal Council meetings. Should suitable provision for said meetings become available at the venue this would be reviewed.	Carried

### 7.4 llyr.gov registration

Ongoing.

### 7.5 Land registration - Charity

#### Update

Having had further contact from the Solicitor an approximate valuation of the land was now required. The Clerk would arrange this.

### 7.6 Bequest of land

Nothing had been heard from the Solicitor.

### 7.7 Grants

7.7.1 PTA Urdd Club 490 (1750 already donated out of a budget of 2000. 5 k ringfenced in reserves re sports association.)

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That a grant of £490 be awarded.	Carried

### 7.7.2 Sports Association ringfenced grant

At the last meeting the Council had agreed to ring-fence £5k in its budget pending a decision of final grant monies.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That £5k was an excessive amount for one project. That all Cllrs should read the project specification which had been shared and that project trigger factors for the grant to be paid and the sum to be paid be agreed at the November meeting. The £5k would not be removed from ring-fenced reserves until decisions had been made at the November meeting.	Carried

### 7.8 Badge of Office for Vice-Chairman

Ongoing.

### 7.9 Llechryd Playing Fields Charity

Having taken advice from OVW, the Charity must become autonomous of the Council which would require separate administration and funds (but the Council could still, on application, agree grant funding for the Charity, any such agreed funding would be administered by the Charity)

*It should be noted that some existing contracts were in the Council and not Charity name. Strictly speaking the Charity should pay its portion of said work from its account. Although*

*cumbersome, but to provide and audit trail, it could be that the Council fund the Charity which then might reimburse the Council specifically for said contracts.*

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the business of the Llechryd Playing Fields Association Charity become autonomous from that of Llangoedmor Community Council. Arrangements to be in place ready for the start of the new financial year on 01/04/24.	Carried

#### 7.10 Clerk's Leave Request

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That the request be accepted.	Carried

### 8. Committees

*The Finance and Governance Toolkit for Town and Community Councils*  
Committee members Cllrs J Culley, A Edwards, R Davies, C Wychwood

#### 8.1 Date of next meeting

RESOLVED /ACTION	
The next meeting date to be agreed between Committee members.	Carried

### 9. Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddu / Highways and Public Rights of Way

#### 9.1 Action areas – Highways to include Croes-y-Llan

##### 9.1.1 Bus stop Croes Y Llan

Following discussion on the representations by residents at the meeting and noting the distress expressed:

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That, given any bus stop provision would be limited to road markings and signage, as seating and any kind of shelter had already been ruled out, and accepting these limitations, the matter would not be pursued further within the lifetime of the current Council. That should the Clerk receive notice of any legal action on anything pertaining to the bus stop or minutes, she would immediately contact the Council's insurers and take matters forward with the Council's solicitors if deemed appropriate.	Carried

##### 9.1.2 Crossing in Llechryd

Deferred

##### 9.1.3 Village nameplates - location

As agreed at the last meeting a map of the ward had been provided to allow discussion possible nameplates for the villages. If locations are agreed the request would be put to CCC.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That a hard copy <b>A3</b> map be provided at the next meeting by Cllr A Edwards.	Carried

#### 9.2 Footpaths / open spaces

Signs had still not been replaced on footpaths around the village.  
CC A Edwards kindly agreed to follow up on the matter.

##### 9.2.1 Llechryd Bridge/River - To note current situation and agree any further actions

See item 6.

**10. Mwynderau/Amenities***10.1 Toilet Block*

Update

The Clerk was waiting for details of the length of heater to be ordered.

Water meter readings

The meter readings would be supplied to the Clerk in due course.

Electrician

Clerk still to contact.

Lease

Map for Land Registry had been commissioned.

It was noted that there still a vile smell from the gentleman's toilets. The Clerk advised she had contacted Danfo for an investigation of the issue and would contact them again.

*10.2 Play Area/Field*

*Replacement climbing frame – will remain property of CC*

Ongoing.

*10.3 Church of the Holy Cross, Llechryd*

The Church in Wales had refused to accept the proposals put forward by the Architect and required a Full Faculty Submission. As it had already advised the proposals were not acceptable this would not achieve anything. The Clerk had contacted the architect again to try to find a way forward.

*10.4 Millennium building*

Nothing brought forward.

*10.5 Memorial bench for residents*

A quote had been provided for a new base and installation. It was advised that a base existed on the verge, close the school. The Clerk recalled it being confirmed that the base would be of a suitable size.

RESOLVED /ACTION	
The dimensions of the base be checked again.	Carried

*10.6 Allotment provision*

Nothing brought forward as no suitable land had been identified. It was noted that the Council was now under a statutory obligation to continue to consider provision of allotments but moving such provision forward would depend on a suitable site being available.

*10.7 Bus shelters*

CCC had acknowledged the request to clean the guttering on the shelter and it was assessing its shelters and would try to clean the guttering in the coming months.

*10.8 Defibrillators*

Coracle Hall

Llangoedmor

Signage at both locations was now available and would be installed. The Clerk had spare signs if required.

Dimensions of the actual defibrillator and case at the toilet block were provided so that a new cabinet could be sourced.

#### 10.9 Noticeboards

Nothing brought forward.

### 11. Events

#### 11.1 River Teifi clean up

Nothing brought forward.

#### 11.2 Mari Lwyd - Cllr C Wychwood

Ongoing.

#### 11.3 Community First Aid Grant

Ongoing

#### 11.4 Christmas Lights

RESOLVED /ACTION	
That a date of 7 <sup>th</sup> December be put to the School. The Clerk would contact the electrician once the date was confirmed. That sweets be provided – number of children to be confirmed.	Carried

### 12. Adroddiad / Meeting reports

To receive any reports.

#### 12.1 Cllr R Davies - School Governors

Nothing brought forward.

#### 12.2 Cllr A Edwards – Coracle Hall

Nothing brought forward.

#### 12.3 Cllrs A Edwards and G El Tawab - PACT meeting

Speeding had been discussed at the meeting, and it was advised that concerns could be reported via the GoSafe website. Issues with regard to anti-social behavior had been noted and were being dealt with in conjunction with BARCUD.

#### 12.4 Resilience Group (to include updated information re flooding)

Date of next meeting 18 October 2023.

#### 12.5 Cllr J Culley OVW regional committee

Nothing brought forward.

#### 12.6 Cllr J Culley Ethics and Standards Committee

Nothing brought forward.

#### 12.7 Cllr C Lewis River Stakeholder Event/Digwyddiad Rhanddeiliaid Afon

Information would be forthcoming.

#### 12.8 Cllr K Symmons Cardigan Hospital League of Friends

AGM October

### 13. Correspondence / Gohebiaeth (to include consultation documents not covered under any other heading)

Nothing brought forward.

### 14. Materion Personol / Personal Matters - Cllrs Exchange of Information / Cyfnewid Gwybodaeth

The monthly coffee mornings, on the first Saturday of the month would be restarting at the Coracle Hall and it was hoped that Cllrs would support them.

The Junior Football Club had expressed concern about the length of the grass on the playing field and suggested it cut the grass prior to the next Junior Club match. It was pointed out that the Council had its own contractor and cutting schedule and it was queried if the Junior

Football Club would have the necessary insurances to cut on land owned by the Charity. Speed was again brought up and it was agreed that areas of concern would be discussed at the next meeting.

Concerns were raised about what appeared to be drug dealing on Coedmor lane. The Clerk would make the neighbourhood police team aware.

**15. Date of Next Meeting – 06-11-23**

RESOLVED /ACTION	
<i>In view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1</i>	Carried

**16. Clerk's Workload**

RESOLVED /ACTION	
<i>That members of the public and press be re-admitted.</i>	Carried

RESOLVED /ACTION Item 16	
That an extra ordinary meeting of the Council be held on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October given the Clerk's expressed intention of offering her resignation to the Council.	Carried

**There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 10.05pm**