

Minutes of the Council meeting held by Zoom at 2pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

#### Present.

Cllrs Ken Symmons (Chairman), Jan Culley, Hywel Davies and Garethe El Tawab.

Clerk

Members of the public: 0

#### 1. Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence had been received.

2. Declarations of interest on Matters arising from the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

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

Proposed that the agenda was accepted as presented.	Seconded	
Cllr J. Culley	Cllr G. El Tawab	Carried

The agenda was accepted as presented.

#### 4. Reopening the Park Play Area

A motion was proposed that Llangoedmor Community Council immediately reopens the play area in Llechrhyd Playing Fields. The Clerk informed the Council that since the Councillor who proposed the motion had now resigned the motion would lapse. Cllr H. Davies said that he wished to propose the motion. It was seconded by Cllr K. Symmons.

The Clerk briefed the Council on the risks of opening up the play area before all the defects identified in the RoSPA report had been rectified. The Clerk recommended that a parks management company with the appropriate competencies and insurance to indemnify the Council be used to undertake the repairs.

Chairman's signature

Dated:

The Clerk Informed the Council that many of the problems identified in the 2025 RoSPA report had been outstanding since 2023 and had not been rectified by the Council.

The Council's insurance policy states all defects or risks to health and safety must be rectified immediately or the structure taken out of use. The Clerk expressed concern that the Council's insurers would not pay out in the event of an accident as a result of this clause.

The Clerk advised that the park was not reopened until the work had been done.

Cllr Culley expressed her concerns that if the park was reopened without the requirement to complete repairs, then the liability would fall on the Council if there were a claim. In addition to this she did not think the insurers, in correspondence with the Clerk, had given assurance that they would cover the Council in the case of a claim. Cllr Culley indicated that for these reasons she would be voting against the motion.

The Clerk informed the Council that he had contacted OVW about where the liability would fall if the insurers turned down a claim and was waiting for a reply.

Cllr El Tawab also expressed concerns about the risks of reopening the park before the outstanding work had been completed given the litigious nature of society.

Proposed that Llangoedmor Community Council immediately reopens the play area in the Llechrhydd Playing Fields.	Seconded	
Cllr H. Davies	Cllr K. Symmons	Carried by 3 votes to 2.

The motion as carried by 3 votes to 2 with the Chairman exercising the casting vote.

Cllrs J. Culley and G. El Tawab wanted it minuted that they had voted against the motion.

The Chairman raised the issue of Cllrs I. Davies and A. Edwards who had resigned from the Council. Cllr Culley raised a point of order that this was not on the agenda.

### 5. Insurance Renewal Finance Paper May 2025-4

The Clerk briefed the Council regarding the renewal of the Council's insurance policy for 2025-26, which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025. It was noted that the renewal premium was £2,134.78 which is an increase of 14.9% compared to the 2024-25 premium.

The Clerk explained that the Council could not go out to quotation on the policy as there were still outstanding claims as regards the church yard.

Chairman's signature

Dated:

It is proposed that the Council approves the payment of the 2025-26 insurance policy.	Seconded	
Cllr J. Culley	Cllr G. El Tawab	Carried

The Clerk informed the Council that since Cllrs K. Symmons and H. Davies were the only signatories on the Council that a cheque would have to be drawn. This needed to be done by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

## 6. Date of next meeting

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 7pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 2.21pm.

