



Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Coracle Hall, Llechryd at 7pm on the 19th January, 2026 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. Virtual access was also provided.

Present:

Cllrs Ken Symmons (Chairman), Hywel Davies, Clive Wychwood, Mel Robinson and Gareth El Tawab.

Clerk

County Councillor: 1

Members of the public: 2

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public.

1. Co-option of Councillor

It is proposed that Dafydd Ladd be co-opted to fill the existing casual vacancy for a Councillor for Llangoedmor Community Council.	Seconded	
Cllr C. Wychwood	Cllr H. Davies	Carried

Cllr D. Ladd signed the Declaration of Office and took up his position as Councillor at 7:05pm. There was now one member of the public in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Ladd.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J. Culley.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of 1st December 2025

The Clerk informed the Council that the minutes as presented included an amendment to the figure set out in the payments table of the December Finance Report. The amount shown on LAS invoice P267936 was £31.01 and not £56.18 shown in the December Finance Report. This had been corrected in the final minutes for 1st December 2025.

Proposed that the minutes of 1 st December 2025 be accepted as an accurate record.	Seconded	
Cllr G. El Tawab	Cllr H. Davies	Carried

6. Update on Meeting arrangements.

Nothing to report.

7. Cyllid a Gweinyddu / Finance, Governance, IM&T & Administration

7.1 Year End, Internal Audit, and External Audit

7.1.1 Year End Update

7.1.1.1 2024-25 Audited Accounts

Nothing to report.

7.1.2 Internal Audit

7.1.2.1 Progress Internal Audit Report

Nothing to report.

7.1.3. External Audit

7.1.3.1 External Audit Correspondence

Nothing further to report.

7.2 Financial Matters

7.2.1 Finance Paper January 2026-1

The Clerk presented a paper to the Council dealing with the following matters:

- Payments for the January 2026 Council
- Income received in the period 28th October 2025 to 25th November 2025
- The Bank Reconciliation at 25th November 2025

Monthly Payments Schedule January 2026

A schedule of payments was presented to the Council for approval.

Cllr D. Ladd raised a question regarding the translation fee and in particular whether items that occurred each month were included in the ongoing fee. The Clerk agreed to raise this with the translator.

The Council were asked to approve two invoices which were not on the original table to Coracle Hall and TJB Electricals.

Monthly Payments Schedule January 2026 Council Meeting

Transaction Date	Supplier	Invoice Number	Item Service	Amount £
08/12/2025	Mary Jones	5783	Translate Council Minutes 4.12.23 to 24.5.2025	1,700.00
24/11/2025	Royal Mail	n/a	Postage - December Papers	6.30
08/12/2025	Coracle Hall	1404	November 2025	25.00
13/12/2025	Royal Mail	n/a	Postage - Cheques	3.44
29/11/2025	Darren Williams	37	Grass Church	193.80
29/11/2025	Darren Williams	36	Playing Fields	1,927.80
08/11/2025	Royal Mail	n/a	Postage - Cheques HMRC	0.87
03/12/2025	Morrisons	n/a	Mince Pies for Xmas Lights	12.50
01/12/2025	Clerk	n/a	Gross Pay December 2025	445.20
01/12/2025	Clerk	n/a	WFH December 2025	4.86
01/12/2025	Clerk	n/a	Employers NI December 2025	4.23
09/01/2026	TJB Electricals	1863	Xmas Lights 2024 and 2025 and new junction box	672.00
04/01/2026	Coracle Hall	1417	December 2025	20.00
Total				5,016.00

Direct Debit

Transaction Date	Supplier	Invoice Number	Item Service	Amount £
30/11/2025	LAS Recycling	P271234	Bins November 2025	29.89
Total				29.89

Bank Charges 10th October 2025 to 9th November 2025

Invoice Date	Transaction Reference	Period	Credits Paid In	Cash Paid In	Cheques Paid In	Cheques Paid Out	Account Maintenance Fee	Total
10/11/2025	471368150	10/10/25 to 9/11/25	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£ 1.00	£ 4.25	£ 5.25

Income Received to 28th October 2025 to 25th November 2025

Transac-tion Date	Received From	Transac-tion Refer-ence	Transaction Description	Credit Amount £
31/10/2025	Ceredigion CC	67687	Precept	11,666.66
Total				11,666.66

Bank Reconciliation at 25th November 2025

The Council was presented with a bank reconciliation to 25th November 2025. The Clerk reported to the Council that he had not received any updates to the business account and this would need to be updated when statements were received.

It is proposed that the Council approves the:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments presented to January 2026 Council • Income received in the period 28th October 2025 to 25th November 2025 • The Bank Reconciliation at 25th November 2025 	Seconded	
Cllr C. Wychwood	Cllr H. Davies	Carried

7.2.2 2026-27 Planning and Precept*Chairman's signature**Dated:*

The Clerk presented paper January 2026-2 2026-27 Planning and Precept to the Council.

The Clerk explained that the proposed budget for 2026-27 was set at £46,631. This included non-recurring expenditure of £4,387 associated with the catch up work that the Clerk needed to undertake.

Councillors were concerned by the level of increase in the Precept from £35,000 in 2025-26 to the proposed £47,000 in 2026-27. The Clerk explained that the Council had not raised the Precept to the suggested £40,000 in the past two planning rounds and so there was an element of catch up in the proposed sum.

There being no disagreement on the first three items of the proposal these were voted on before the quantum of the Precept was decided.

It is proposed that the Council approves the:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the Projected Outturn for 2025-26. • Approves the Projected Reserves at 31st March 2026. • Approves the Projected Full Year Effect Expenditure and Budget for 2026-27 of £46,631. 	Seconded	
Cllr C. Wychwood	Cllr G. El Tawab	Carried

It was agreed after debate that the proposed quantum for the Precept in 2026-27 would be set at £43,500 and this amendment to the original motion would be voted on by the Council.

It is proposed that the Council amends the proposal “Approves the Quantum for the 2026-27 Precept at £47,000” to “Approves the Quantum for the 2026-27 Precept at £43,500”.	Seconded	
Cllr M. Robinson	Cllr C. Wychwood	Carried

The Council then voted on the amended proposal for the quantum of the Precept.

It is proposed that the Council		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the Quantum for the 2026-27 Precept at £43,500. 	Seconded	
Cllr G. El Tawab	Cllr D. Ladd	Carried

7.2.3 Community Facilities Programme

Nothing to report.

7.3 Governance

Chairman's signature

Dated:

7.3.1 Timetable Compliance

The Clerk reported that the draft minutes were posted later than planned but in accordance with relevant legislation. It was noted that the meeting on 5th January 2026 had been postponed due to adverse weather conditions.

7.3.2 Update on Outstanding Work

The Clerk presented the table of outstanding work to the Council.

7.3.3 Bank Signatories

The Clerk reported that he had visited the Haverfordwest Branch of Lloyds Bank to resolve these issues. He was in the process of amending the forms.

7.3.4 Councillor Recruitment Plan

It was noted that the Council now had seven Councillors.

7.3.5 Public Engagement

Nothing further to report.

7.4 Development and Training Plan

Nothing further to report.

7.5 Technology

7.5.1 Dedicated email

Nothing further to report.

7.5.2 Website

Nothing further to report.

7.6 Grants

7.6.1 Update Grant Application National Eisteddfod

This work is ongoing.

7.6.2 Letter from St Cynllo Church Llangoedmor

The Clerk reported that he had received a grant application form and would take this matter forward.

8. Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning

No planning applications were received.

Planning Enforcement

Nothing to report.

LDP2 update

Nothing to report.

9. County Council Matters

Ceredigion County Councillor Chris James acknowledged the way the Council had handled the Precept discussions and briefed Councillors on County Council matters.

Cllr James reported that the Council had not met for the previous 3 weeks.

It was noted that the Council was likely to increase Council Tax by 4% for the 2026-27 Financial Year.

A major issue at county level was the fact that the redeveloped harbour at Aberaeron was silting more than had been expected. A report on the matter was expected on 2nd February 2026. Cllr Robinson explained that this was not a surprise to people with experience and felt the views of local experts had been ignored. Cllr James agreed to take these comments back to the County Council.

The council held an education meeting which looked at school attendances and flexi schooling.

The problems with public rights of way signs were raised with Cllr James.

10. Committees

10.1 HR Committee

A meeting of the HR Committee is to be convened.

Proposed Cllr M. Robinson is appointed to the HR Committee.	Seconded	
Cllr G. El Tawab	Cllr H. Davies	Carried

10.2 Finance Committee

Nothing further to report.

11. Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddu / Highways and Public Rights of Way

11.1 Action

11.1.1 Mapping for Village speed

The question of the speed limit in Llangoedmor was raised and in particular the need for traffic calming measures in Croes y Llan Square.

Chairman's signature

Dated:

11.2 Footpaths / open spaces

11.2.1 Llechryd Bridge/River

Nothing further to report.

11.2.2 Public Rights of Way

The Clerk is to work with Cllr El Tawab to resolve this matter.

12. Mwynderau/Amenities

12.1 Update on the Field and Play Area

Cllr Robinson highlighted the fact that a bin in the park was damaged. The Clerk agreed to look at this.

12.2 Crossing between Garage and School

The Clerk is to write to Ceredigion County Council regarding this matter.

12.3 Defibrillator Policy Paper

Prior to the vote on the new policy Cllr Wychwood sought assurance from the Clerk regarding due diligence that was exercised on papers that originated from Councillors.

The Clerk informed Cllr Wychwood that he had taken up the matter with One Voice Wales and had received the following guidance.

Since the Clerk is responsible for the Council's agenda it is implicit that any papers that appear on the agenda will have been reviewed by the Clerk for due diligence concerns and to ensure that they had complied with the Council's Standing Orders. Any concerns which the Clerk may have regarding these issues would need to be reported to the Council before the paper was received. While the Clerk could express a lay opinion as regards due diligence, they were not a subject expert. If an expert opinion was needed then the Council would need to instruct the Clerk to go to an independent expert for the opinion.

The procedural matters having been resolved a vote was taken on the Defibrillator Policy.

It is proposed that the Council adopts the Defibrillator Policy Paper.	<i>Seconded</i>	
Cllr C. Wychwood	Cllr D. Ladd	Carried

13. Events

Cllr H. Davies attended a meeting of the Resilience Committee on 12th December 2025. The matter of why the Coracle Hall had not been put forward as an Emergency Centre was raised. It was noted by the Council that they were not responsible for the Coracle Hall and so were not in a position to do this. The Coracle Hall Committee would need to take the lead in offering the Hall as an Emergency Centre.

The Council agreed that it would look at ways it could help the Resilience Committee with equipment.

14. Adroddiad / Meeting reports

Cllr El Tawab said that she had attended a School Governors meeting and that the school had received a good Estyn report. It was agreed that the Clerk would write a letter to the school congratulating them on the achievement.

The Councillor also attended a PACT meeting. It was mentioned at the meeting that the police now had a website on which speeding incidents could be reported. Residents should be encouraged to report such events.

15. Correspondence including electronic communications/ Gohebiaeth (to include consultation documents not covered under any other heading)

The Clerk reported that another Grant Application had been received.

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

Cllr H. Davies noted that people going to and from the Eisteddfod site would be passing through the village and the Council needed to ensure that the village looked its best. It was agreed that the Council would follow this up with Cllr Wychwood taking the lead.

17. Date of next meeting

Monday, 2nd February, 2026 at 7pm.

Any agenda items for this meeting need to be with the Clerk by 21st January 2026.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9pm.