



Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Coracle Hall, Llechryd at 7pm on the 11th May, 2026 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. Virtual access was also provided.

Present:

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

County Councillor: 1

Clerk

Members of the public: 5

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public.

Members of the public made representations to the Council.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

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

Cllr Wychwood and Cllr Robinson declared an interest in agenda item 6.6.1.

Cllr Wychwood declared an interest in 6.6.2 having engaged with the Community Decoration Project on behalf of the Council.

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

Cllr Wychwood expressed the opinion that item 6.6.2.2 should be heard before 6.6.2.1, as 6.6.2.2 was held over from the meeting on 30th April 2026.

Although there is no authority for this within Standing Orders it was agreed that 6.6.2.2 would be heard first.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 13th April 2026 and 30th April 2026

Cllr Wychwood raised the queries that he had regarding the minutes of both meetings. Cllr Wychwood had e mailed these queries to councillors and the Clerk. The Council

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acknowledged that the amendments that Cllr Wychwood proposed to the minutes but decided to vote on the minutes as presented. It was noted that the amendments had only been sent to members early the afternoon of 11th May 2026.

Cllr Wychwood asked that the votes of individual councillors be recorded.

Proposed that the minutes of 13 th April 2026 be accepted as an accurate record.	Seconded	
Cllr J. Culley	Cllr M. Robinson	Carried

Voted for the Motion	Voted against the Motion	Abstained
Cllrs Ken Symmons, J. Culley, Hywel Davies, , Dafydd Ladd, Gareth El Tawab, and Mel Robinson	Cllr Clive Wychwood	Cllr Dafydd Ladd who had given his apologies for this meeting.

Proposed that the minutes of 30 th April 2026 be accepted as an accurate record.	Seconded	
Cllr J. Culley	Cllr M. Robinson	Carried

Voted for the Motion	Voted against the Motion	Abstained
Cllrs Ken Symmons, J. Culley, Hywel Davies, , Dafydd Ladd, Gareth El Tawab, and Mel Robinson	Clive Wychwood	None

5. Update on Meeting arrangements.

Nothing to report.

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

6.1 Year End, Internal Audit, and External Audit

6.1.1 Year End Update

6.1.1.1 2024-25 Annual Accounts Update

Nothing further to report.

6.1.2 Internal Audit

6.1.2.1 2025-26 Internal Audit

The clerk reported that he was preparing working papers for Internal Audit and would submit them early next week.

6.1.2.2 Progress Internal Audit Report

Nothing further to report.

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6.1.3 External Audit

6.1.3.1 External Audit Update.

Nothing further to report.

6.2 Financial Matters

6.2.1 Finance Paper May 2026-1

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

- Payments for the May 2026 Council

Monthly Payments Schedule May 2026 Council Meeting

The Clerk presented the payments schedule as set out in Finance Paper May 2026-1 to the Council.

The Clerk reported that since the papers had been sent out he had received the insurance invoice for 2026-27 from Clear Councils Insurance. This is invoice LC001031 for £2,167.58. The Clerk asked the Council to approve payment of this invoice. The insurance charges had increased by £32.80 year on year, representing an increase of 1.5% which seemed reasonable. The Council agreed to approve the payment subject tot the Clerk checking the cover was correct.

Transaction Date	Supplier	Invoice Number	Item Service	Amount £
28/04/2026	Telemat	INV - 11141	Exchange Online April 2026	38.02
08/04/2026	Royal Mail	n/a	Postage Meting 13/4/2026	6.60
15/04/2026	Royal Mail	n/a	Postage Cheques	2.73
28/04/2026	Royal Mail	n/a	Postage Extraordinary Meeting 30/4/26	3.60
11/05/2026	Clerk	n/a	Gross Pay and WFH Allowance	719.27
05/05/2026	Danfo	INV-0894	Toilets Aprils 2026	329.58
04/05/2026	Coracle Hall	1466	Hall Hire 13/4/2026	20.00
28/04/2026	Clear Councils	LC001031	Insurance	2,167.58
Total				3,287.38

Direct Debit

Transaction Date	Supplier	Invoice Number	Item Service	Amount £
31/03/2026	LAS Recycling	P282534	Litter March 2026	30.01
Total				30.01

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Proposal

It is proposed that the Council approves the:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments for the May 2026 Council 	Seconded	
Cllr D. Ladd	Cllr H. Davies	Carried

6.2.2 2026-27 Planning and Precept

The Clerk reported that the first tranche of the precept had been received in late April 2026.

6.2.3 Community Facilities Programme

Nothing further to report.

6.3 Governance

6.3.1 Timetable Compliance

The Clerk reported that while the timetable had not been achieved the Council had complied with its statutory duties.

6.3.2 Update on Outstanding Work May 2026-2

The Clerk reported that the outstanding VAT claim had now been received.

6.3.3 Bank Signatories

The Clerk reported he had now received the final signature required and would submit the revised information to the bank.

6.3.4 Public Engagement

Nothing further to report.

6.4 Development and Training Plan

Cllr Culley reported that she had sent an e mail to members regarding training. It was noted that One Voice Wales provided training courses for Councillors and that the Clerk frequently circulated information regarding the courses.

6.5 Technology

6.5.1 Dedicated email

Nothing further to report.

6.5.2 Website

The Council needed a specification for its website so that a developer could work on this. The Clerk said he had been talking to other Councils regarding their websites.

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6.6 Grants

Cllrs Wychwood and Robinson left the meeting.

6.6.1 Grant Application from Trotters Lounge CIC May 2026-3

The Clerk briefed Councillors that OVW had confirmed that the Council could award the grant. Cllr Wychwood had also answered the queries raised by Councillors in March and the Clerk had circulated the replies to Councillors.

The application was discussed. Councillors were worried that the service was replicating something that was available from the NHS free of charge. Councillors also noted the public perception of awarding a grant to an organisation with which two Councillors were involved.

There was no proposer for the motion as set out and so the grant was not awarded.

Cllrs Wychwood and Robinson returned to the meeting.

6.6.2 Grant Application Eisteddfod Decorating Group

As agreed item 6.6.2.2 was moved and heard prior to item 6.6.2.1.

6.6.2.2 Financial Support for Community Decoration Initiative Paper April 2026-4

The motion was proposed by Cllr C. Wychwood. The proposal was not seconded by a councillor and so was rejected.

6.6.2.1 Grant Application Eisteddfod Decorating Group Paper May 2026-4

The Eisteddfod Decorating Group had submitted a new grant application for £750 of funding to decorate the village for the Eisteddfod. The Clerk had several questions regarding the application and these had been resolved by e mail prior to the meeting.

<p>It is proposed that the Council approves the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Award of a grant of £750 to the Eisteddfod Decorating Group 	<p>Seconded</p>	
<p>Cllr H. Davies</p>	<p>Cllr M. Robinson</p>	<p>Carried</p>

6.6.3 Grant Application from HAHAV Ceredigion

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

6.6.4 Grant Application Football Club

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning

Application A260207. The Council wished to raise concerns regarding rights of way and drainage in relation to this application.

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Planning Enforcement

Nothing to report.

LDP2 update

Nothing to report.

8. County Council Matters

Cllr James briefed the Council that the County Council had just come out of a period of purdah. The first meeting of the Council following the Senedd elections would take place on Friday.

Cllr James noted that he would be raising the issue of footpaths and signage.

Cllr James asked community councillors to raise any questions that they might want addressed at future meetings.

The Council thanked Cllr James for his briefing.

Cllr James left the meeting at 8:25pm

The meeting took a 5 minute break and resumed at 8:30pm.

9. Committees

9.1 HR Committee

It was noted that the Clerk had met Cllr Culley twice as HR lead.

9.2 Finance Committee

Nothing further to report.

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

10.1 Action

10.1.1 Mapping for Village speed

Nothing further to report.

10.2 Footpaths / open spaces

10.2.1 Llechryd Bridge/River

Nothing further to report.

10.2.2 Public Rights of Way

Previously discussed.

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10.2.3 River Teifi Pollution

For information.

11. Mwynderau/Amenities

11.1 Update on the Field and Play Area

Cllr Robinson reported that wood for the slats in the bench were being sourced. The RoSPA visit was expected in June 2026.

11.2 Crossing between Garage and School

Nothing further to report.

11.3 Car Parking in the Llechryd Area

Nothing further to report.

11.4 Bus Stop Decoration

11.4.1 Budgetary Matters Relating to Item 5.2 Paper April 2026-5

It was noted that the Council would need to identify the slippage to fund the project, the original project having been agreed in November 2024.

11.4.2 Bus Stop Decoration Paper April 2026-6

It was confirmed that the bus shelter to be decorated was the one by the school which is owned by the Council.

Councillors discussed the fact that they would like to see the designs before they are agreed and would also like details of engagement in the project.

Cllr Culley raised the point that anyone participating in the project really needed to have a DBS check as they were dealing with school children and youths. An amendment to the proposal set out in Paper April 2026-6 was proposed.

<p>It is proposed that the following amendment is added to the proposals in Paper April 2026-6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That DBS checks are carried out as necessary on those working on the Bus Stop Decoration Project with the Council funding the checks if necessary. 	<p>Seconded</p>	
<p>Cllr J. Culley</p>	<p>Cllr G. El Tawab</p>	<p>Carried</p>

<p>Motion</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept the quotation from Lloyd the Graffiti Artist to undertake: 	<p>Seconded</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An initial clean and treatment of the blockwork; and ○ The subsequent creation of a graffiti artwork at the site. ● Commission Lloyd the Graffiti Artist to carry out the work, with the design to be co-created with young people from the community. ● Agree that Cllr Clive Wychwood liaises with the artist and the youth participants to develop the design. ● Agree that the design brief will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Imagery specific to Llechryd, reflecting its rich heritage; ○ Reference to 2026 as the 850th anniversary year of the National Eisteddfod at Cardigan Castle; ○ Style that is in keeping with other graffiti in the town, contributing to a sense of a shared local identity; ○ Elements that highlight the bus stop as a place for community information. ● That DBS checks are carried out as necessary on those working on the Bus Stop Decoration Project with the Council funding the checks if necessary. 		
Cllr C. Wychwood	Cllr J. Culley	Carried

Cllr Wychwood as project lead was charged with ensuring that the appropriate DBS checks were in place.

12. Events

Nothing further to report.

13. Adroddiad / Meeting reports

Cllr El Tawab noted that the Police had requested that residents forward to them any information that residents may have regarding Raves.

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

The Clerk reported that he had received a communication from County Councillor Edwards asking about the possibility that flower boxes could be obtained for the area.

It was agreed that Cllr Culley would look at sourcing the boxes and this matter would be

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brought to the June Council. It was noted that there were volunteers in the community who would tend to the boxes.

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

Cllr H. Davies noted that County Cllr A. Edwards mother in law, Mrs J. Edwards, had died. The Council send their condolences to Cllr Edwards and her family.

16. Date of next meeting

Monday, 1st June, 2026 at 7pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:58pm.

Any agenda items for this meeting need to be with the Clerk by 18th May 2026.

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