



Minutes of the Finance Meeting held by Zoom at 5pm on the 30th April, 2026 in accordance with The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. Virtual access was also provided.

Present:

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

County Councillor: 0

Clerk

Members of the public: 3

Due to a delay in Cllr Ladd logging into the meeting, the meeting commenced at 5:09pm. The Chairman welcomed the members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

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

There were no declarations of interest made.

Cllr Culley questioned whether Cllr Wychwood had an interest in the Community Decoration Group as he was identified as a member of the Group in the minutes of a Council meeting. (This was subsequently identified as item 12 in the March 2026 minutes by the Clerk).

Cllr Wychwood said that the meeting should stick to the agenda. The Chairman ruled that the query was valid

Cllr Wychwood said he had no prejudicial interest in the grant application being discussed.

Cllr Culley queried this based on the minutes and asked Cllr Wychwood if the minutes were inaccurate.

Council Wychwood responded that there was no formal Committee and that the Community Decoration Group was an informal grouping put together to decorate the village.

Chairman's signature

Dated:

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

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. Grant Application Community Decoration Group

4.1 Financial Governance Matters Relating to Item 4.2 Paper April 2026-3

Cllr Wychwood objected to the fact that the Financial Governance paper was being heard before the proposal.

The Clerk informed Cllr Wychwood that he had a duty to brief Councillors and this was best done before the proposal was heard.

The Clerk raised concerns regarding the way that financial probity and value for money could be monitored using the current grant application and the proposal as drafted.

The Clerk also raised concerns about who was responsible for managing the grant, which is public money, as this was not currently clear and no bank account details were given in the application.

The clerk said that following a request from Cllr Davies he had sent a new grant application form to the group together with a further offer to help.

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

Cllr Culley questioned the grant application as it stood and did not think it contained enough information for a decision to be made.

Cllr Culley also raised the meeting of the Eisteddfod Organising Committee to decorate villages in the area at Cardigan Castle on 17th May 2026 and asked how the Community Decoration Group were linking into this. Cllr Wychwood said he was unaware of the meeting.

Cllr El Tawab raised the issue of public engagement and commented that most of this was currently taking place on the Llechryd Village Party website. Cllr El Tawab was uncertain at present how Llangoedmor was to be included in the proposal.

Cllr Wychwood said that public engagement would encompass both areas.

Having warned Councillors on several occasions that he would close the meeting unless temperaments improved, the Chairman closed the meeting with no vote being taken on items 4.2 and 5.2. The item would be considered at the regular Council meeting on 11th May 2026.

Chairman's signature

Dated:

5. Date of next meeting

Monday, 11th May, 2026 at 7pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 5:54pm.

Chairman's signature

Dated: