



Minutes of the Council meeting held at the Coracle Hall, Llechryd at 7pm on the 1st June, 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, Dafydd Ladd, Gareth El Tawab, and Mel Robinson.

County Councillor: 0

Clerk

Members of the public: 2

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public.

Members of the public made representations to the Council.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Clive Wychwood and County Cllr James.

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.

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of 11th May 2026

The meeting was advised of the e mail from Cllr Wychwood that had been distributed to all Councillors. It was agreed that the minutes be amended to reflect that fact that Cllr Wychwood had not requested the names of Councillors be recorded in the vote regarding the minutes of previous meetings. The Clerk apologised for this misunderstanding.

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| Proposed that the minutes of 11 th May 2026 be accepted as an accurate record after being amended as described above. | Seconded | |
| Cllr J. Culley | Cllr G. El Tawab | Carried |

Chairman's signature

Dated:

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

The Clerk reported that he had now received the completed Annual Return from the Internal Auditors and would call a meeting on 15th June 2026 to get the Annual Return signed off by the Council before submission to the external auditors..

6.1.2 Internal Audit

6.1.2.1 2025-26 Internal Audit

Nothing further to report.

6.1.2.2 Progress Internal Audit Report

Nothing further to report.

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 June 2026 Council
- Income received in the period 27th March 2026 to 28th April 2026
- The Bank Reconciliation at 28th April 2026

Monthly Payments Schedule June 2026 Council Meeting

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

Chairman's signature

Dated:

| Transaction Date | Supplier | Invoice Number | Item Service | Amount £ |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 06/03/2026 | Moonpig | 69703 | Monpig Birthday card | 5.79 |
| 08/05/2026 | Home Bargains | n/a | Envelopes | 0.99 |
| 07/05/2026 | Royal Mail | n/a | Postage Meting 11/5/2026 | 10.80 |
| 15/05/2026 | Morrisons | n/a | Envelopes | 1.25 |
| 07/05/2026 | Royal Mail | n/a | Postage Cheques | 3.64 |
| 18/05/2026 | Morrisons | n/a | Printer Paper | 4.75 |
| 10/06/2026 | Clerk | n/a | Gross Pay and WFH Allowance | 683.72 |
| Total | | | | 710.94 |

Direct Debit

| Transaction Date | Supplier | Invoice Number | Item Service | Amount £ |
|------------------|----------|----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 07/04/2026 | SSE | IV04306380 | Supply 05/01/2026 to 31/03/2026 | 260.44 |
| Total | | | | 260.44 |

Bank Charges 10th March 2026 to 9th April 2026

| Invoice Date | Transaction Reference | Period | Credits Paid In £ | Cash Paid In £ | Cheques Paid In £ | Cheques Paid Out £ | Account Maintenance Fee £ | Total £ |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| 10/04/2026 | 483748852 | 10/03/26 to 9/04/26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.50 | 4.25 | 5.75 |

Income Received from 27th March 2026 to 28th April 2026

| Transaction Date | Received From | Transaction Reference | Transaction Description | Credit Amount £ |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 10/04/2026 | HMRC | 104184 | VAT Rebate | 2,629.03 |
| 30/04/2025 | Ceredigion CC | 67687 | Precept | 14,500.00 |
| 30/04/2025 | Ceredigion CC | 67687 | Burial Grounds | 559.00 |
| 09/04/2026 | Lloyds | n/a | Gross Interest | 0.44 |
| Total | | | | 17,688.47 |

Bank Reconciliation at 28th April 2026

The Clerk presented a bank reconciliation at 28th April 2026 to the Council.

Chairman's signature

Dated:

Proposal

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| It is proposed that the Council approves the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payments for the June 2026 Council • Income received in the period 27th March 2026 to 28th April 2026 • The Bank Reconciliation at 28th April 2026 | Seconded | |
| Cllr J. Culley | Cllr M. Robinson | Carried |

6.2.2 2026-27 Planning and Precept

Nothing further to report.

6.2.3 Community Facilities Programme

It was agreed that the Clerk would clarify what this was and remove from the agenda if necessary.

6.2.4 Grass Cutting Contract 2026 Paper June 2026-2

The Clerk presented the Council with a paper proposing that the Council's grass cutting contract be extended for another year with the contractor receiving a 4.2% uplift on the 2024-25 prices to take account of inflation.

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| Proposed that Council extends the current grass cutting contract for 2025-26 with a 4.2% increase in 2024-25 prices. | Seconded | |
| Cllr J. Culley | Cllr H. Davies | Carried |

6.3 Governance

6.3.1 Timetable Compliance

The Clerk reported that the timetable had been achieved for the issue of the draft minutes but not for the issue of Council papers. In both cases the Council had complied with its statutory duties.

6.3.2 Annual Report 2024-25 Paper June 2026-3

The Clerk presented Annual Report 2024-25 to the Council. The Council needs to approve the report before it is published.

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| Proposed that Council adopts the Council's Annual Report 2024-25 | Seconded | |
| Cllr J. Culley | Cllr G. El Tawab | Carried |

6.3.3 Update on Outstanding Work May 2026-2

The Clerk reported that the Annual Report for 2024-25 had now been completed. Cllr Culley asked that it be minuted that the Clerk had only joined the Council in May 2024 and much of the legacy work pre dated the Clerk's employment.

Chairman's signature

Dated:

6.3.4 Bank Signatories

The Clerk reported that he had now returned all the papers required to the bank.

6.3.5 Public Engagement

Cllr Culley introduced the One Voice Wales report Community and Town Councils Manifesto, Building stronger Communities for Wales 2026-31 as a guide to what Community engagement may entail.

Cllr Culley gave examples of how the manifesto addressed some key elements of the Council's agenda. It was acknowledged that the Council needed a broader mechanism for gathering community views and a development plan.

Cllr Culley said that the Council was not good at communicating what it did in the Community.

6.4 Development and Training Plan

The training courses provided by OVW were seen as a way to provide Councillor training.

Cllr Ladd said there was more information on the website if you log in as a member. The Clerk is to look into Councillor access to the website.

6.5 Technology

6.5.1 Dedicated email

Nothing further to report.

6.5.2 Website

Nothing further to report.

6.6 Grants

6.6.1 Grant Application from HAHAV Ceredigion

It was agreed that this application would be deferred until October pending a review of grants.

6.6.2 Grant Application Football Club Paper June 2026-5

The Clerk presented the Football Club grant application to the Council.

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| Proposed that the Council awards a grant of £2,000 towards the cost outlined in report June 2026-5. | Seconded | |
| Cllr D. Ladd | Cllr G. El Tawab | Carried |

7. Ceisiadau Cynllunio / Planning

The council raised no objections to planning applications A260277 and A260279.

Chairman's signature

Dated:

Planning Enforcement

Nothing to report.

LDP2 update

Nothing to report. It was agreed that this heading would be removed from future agendas.

8. County Council Matters

Cllr James had sent his apologies.

Cllr Edwards had sent a written update that had been e mailed to Councillors regarding traffic matters and other local matters. Cllr Culley thanked County Councillor Edwards for the report which was highly informative.

9. Committees

9.1 HR Committee

Cllr Culley informed the Council that she continued to have HR meetings with the Clerk and would organise a HR Committee in the near future.

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

Cllr James is to report to the Council on this matter.

11. Mwynderau/Amenities

11.1 Update on the Field and Play Area

Cllr Robinson updated the Council about the RoSPA visit, the repair of the bench and dealing with a poisonous plant.

It was noted that the area around the toilet need weeding.

11.2 Crossing between Garage and School

Chairman's signature

Dated:

Nothing further to report.

11.3 Car Parking in the Llechryd Area

Nothing further to report.

11.4 Bus Stop Decoration

Cllr Wychwood the project lead was absent and so there was no update. The Council asked the Clerk to e mail Cllr Wychwood for an update.

11.5 Road side flower planters Paper June 2026-6

Cllr Culley outlined the plan of how the Council would deal with the allocation of funds for the planters and ensure that there was maximum engagement in the allocation of planters to the community.

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| <p>It is proposed that the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approves the allocation £2,500 to the acquisition of planters, soil and plants. • Invite residents who are interested in maintaining a planter to discuss their ideas with the Council. | <p>Seconded</p> | |
| <p>Cllr J. Culley</p> | <p>Cllr G. El Tawab</p> | <p>Carried</p> |

12. Events

It was noted that the group preparing decorations to decorate the village for the Eisteddfod meets on Wednesday evenings.

13. Adroddiad / Meeting reports

Cllr El Tawab had attended a meeting regarding Cardigan Swimming Pool.

Cllr El Tawab briefed the Council regarding PACT. The police wanted any information about Raves taking place in the area.

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 County Councillor Edwards which had been discussed previously.

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

Cllr H. Davies asked if the battery in the Llechryd defibrillator was still in date. The Clerk said he would contact Cllr Wychwood to find out.

16. Date of next meeting

Chairman's signature

Dated:

Monday, 6th July, 2026 at 7pm.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Any agenda items for this meeting need to be with the Clerk by 24th June 2026.

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Chairman's signature

Dated: