

# CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANSANTFFRAID AND DEYTHEUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LLANSANTFFRAID AND DEYTHEUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
30th JUNE 2025 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT                      MR J ASHTON – VICE CHAIR (JA), MR M BEBB (MB), MRS B CROSS- CHAIR (BC), MRS R DAVIES (RDA), MR R DAWSON (RD), MR R EVANS (RE), MR R JONES (RJ), MR G THOMAS (GT), MR E WILLIAMS (EW)

APOLOGIES                      MR D EDWARDS, MR D WILLIAMS

MEMBER OF PUBLIC              MR G DAVIES, MR E DAVIES

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>WELCOME AND APOLOGY</b></p> <p>The meeting was chaired by BC.</p> <p>Councillors were welcomed to May 2025 meeting.</p> <p>The apologies received were accepted.</p> <p>The Chair thanked GT and team at the Lion for the Council dinner.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>AGREE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD APRIL 2025</b></p> <p>The minutes of the April meeting had been circulated to councillors – AIF for them to be signed as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>The AGM minutes had been circulated to councillors – AIF for them to be signed as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>The monthly meeting minutes had been circulated to councillors – the typo was amended and AIF for them to be signed as a true record of the meeting.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rose bed – a letter to A Ellis for his work on the rose bed.</li> <li>• Wasps nest – a reply received stating that advice was to be sought. A follow-up email to ask if the advice had been received and suggest a bee keeper in the village.</li> <li>• Bethel Chapel ongoing.</li> <li>• Wynnstay wall – GT had contacted the artist, who is still available to do the art work. GT suggested the council meeting with the artist and having a quote for the work to be done on the wall.</li> <li>• Recreation fence completed.</li> <li>• Information board completed – an invoice of £27.46 for posts to complete the work – AIF for this to be paid for RD.</li> <li>• Collfryn lane – nothing further has been done – an email to be sent again.</li> <li>• River bank – this has been reported but nothing has been heard. A report to the Enforcement Planning team to be sent by individuals. Chair to request guidance on planning regarding the issue.</li> <li>• Facia board done,</li> <li>• Security cameras to be installed next week.</li> <li>• Chain on door at Public Conveniences– RE agreed to replace this. EW had received a comment regarding the poor state of the toilets. The light and hand dryer in the toilet for the Disabled not working – EW to speak to D Jones the electrician about this.</li> <li>• The headstone check at the cemetery had been done. RJ's personal opinion about the cemetery was that it was a mess. This was discussed and it was thought that there should be a site meeting. JA and EW said that they would look at the cemetery and report back at the next meeting. The only headstone that needed immediate attention was that of the late Evan Roberts 1911. All headstones</li> </ul>

	<p>at the cemetery need a RA done on them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Flood Forum is ongoing.</li> <li>• Green space – another email to Pickstocks’ regarding the matter.</li> <li>• Llanfyllin library – a copy of the minutes that stated that the community council were happy to continue with the agreement for a further five years had been circulated. AIF for £735 to be paid to the library for 2025/2026– the payment is not in instalments as it was in the past.</li> <li>• BC had cut some of the branches that were obscuring the visibility of the zebra crossing lights.</li> <li>• Quotes for a MUGA for the new recreation field had been received. £80,000 + VAT - this didn’t include any groundworks and it was for a MUGA 30 x 20. Planning was needed. £97867 from Pentagon – this didn’t include any groundworks and was for a 400m<sup>2</sup> MUGA. GT was adamant that there was no need for planning and this wasn’t included in the quote. Clarification to be sought from PCC regarding planning on the recreation field and advice – Chair to do this. It was felt that a Preplanning application would inform the CC of what was needed to develop the field. A site meeting on the field with BC, RD, JA &amp; EW to discuss the matter – date to be arranged. Grants will need to be applied for. It was felt that the MUGA cost a lot of money for what it is was and wondered whether tarmac and a fence would suffice. Plans would be needed before a public meeting. RE suggested costings from another council regarding the installation of a MUGA. It was agreed that costings and a site meeting need to be done before the community council are to proceed any further. BC to contact PAVO for advice.</li> <li>• Lynch gate – RD had part of this to repair.</li> <li>• Asset Review – ongoing.</li> <li>• Recycling – clerk to contact the Recycling at PCC and request a more regular service to the clothes bank in the car par.</li> <li>• Plaque – this action to be discontinued.</li> <li>• Police &amp; Crime Commissioner – email sent, it was acknowledged but awaiting a fuller reply.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>Application Reference: 25/0765/HH Grid Reference: E:321920 N: 320319 Proposal: Proposed lean-to canopy on rear elevation Site Address: La Chapelle, Winllan Road, Llansantffraid, Powys, SY22 6AH</p> <p>The council is in favour of supporting this application - AIF</p> <p>Application Reference:25/0840/FUL Grid Reference E:322659 N:320475 Proposal: Conversion of chapel into a residential dwelling Site Address: Zion Chapel, Llansantffraid-Ym-Mechain, SY22 6AU</p> <p>The clerk declared an interest in this planning and left the room while it was discussed. The Council is in favour of supporting this application subject to provision being made for onsite parking on the premises due to concerns regarding proximity to junction.</p>
5.	<p><b>ACCOUNTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Llanfyllin library - £735 – AIF for it to be paid.</li> <li>• Clerk’s Fees and Expenses - £858.22 – AIF for it to be paid</li> <li>• HMRC - £196 – AIF for it to be paid</li> <li>• JM &amp; EA Jones - £136.80 – AIF for it to be paid</li> <li>• Border Supplies £36.46 – AIF for it to be paid</li> </ul>

	<p>Payments since last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>British Gas electric - £18.23 SO – the clerk to record usage of electricity to monitor monthly usage.</li> <li>British Gas electric - £11.94 DD</li> <li>Hafren Dyfrdwy - £5.95 DD – RE to check the water meter for allotments as there appears to be a leak</li> <li>Hafren Dyfrdwy - £30 DD – the clerk to record usage of water to monitor usage</li> </ul> <p>Receipts since last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£75 for allotments</li> <li>£394.25 Interest</li> </ul> <p>The Bank Reconciliation was read and agreed.</p>
6.	<p><b>APPROVE AUDIT 2023-2024</b></p> <p>The Audit for 2023-2024 had been returned on the 29th May 2025 and the state of the return of the papers was a complete shambles. A letter to be sent expressing disappointment regarding the poor state in which the audit papers had been returned.</p> <p>Audit Wales had spent 3 days in Welshpool meeting with councils who had not returned their audits. The Clerk was praised for her work on the audit.</p> <p>Recommendations made on the audit by the auditor were:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not all assets were insured eg defibrillators. Clerk to enquire the cost of insuring these.</li> <li>2. The clerk's expenses and costs are combined. These were not combined on the Annual Audit return and each quarter there is a clear summary of what salary and expenses are to be paid. Clerk to review Practitioner's guide for clarity on what is required.</li> </ol>
7.	<p><b>PUBLIC CONVENIENCES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Donation</b> A donation was given to B Roberts for £600 for cleaning the toilets. Going forward, even though there is only the toilet for the disabled open, it was agreed to give the same amount as a donation.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - GT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pot holes in the area are being done as the machine for repairing the pot holes is in the area for 2 weeks.</li> <li>Schools in the area are a big issue. Ysgol Bro Cynllaith is to close at the end of this term. The receiving school for the pupils will be Llanrhaeadr but after a meeting with the Admissions and Transport committee of PCC, it appears that the receiving school will be Llansantffraid as there is not enough room in Llanrhaeadr.</li> <li>Ysgol Llanfyllin is need of a new build which has been promised.</li> <li>The Llanfyllin Sports centre income £230,000 a year of which 80% is swimming lessons but the facility is in danger of closing.</li> <li>Recycling / Waste – even though there are slight hiccups in the waste collection, on the whole it is more settled. PCC are proposing a 4 weekly refuse collection. There is an increase in fly tipping.</li> <li>GT has finished his term as Chairman to the Fire Authority.</li> <li>GT, as County Councillor, was in receipt of PCC and Poverty funding for the community. PCC had decided to divide the funding between County Councillors which amounted to £5000 each. BC said that the Toddler Group could do with a shed to house equipment, a new kitchen for the village hall – this to be discussed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Regulations 2025 AIF to approve this. Clerk to update the website with it.</li> <li>S6 Report A draft copy of this will be presented at the September meeting.</li> <li>Code of Conduct The Chair had circulated a copy of this to the councillors and it will be discussed at the next meeting.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>NEW RECREATION FIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MUGA</b> The Chair had received an email from a company offering service for handling tendering process and made enquiries. Estimated cost for this would be in the region of £5000.</li> </ul>

<b>11.</b>	<b>GREEN GEN</b> The pricing of the over-ground and underground cables was discussed and the email received to be sent by BC to MAP and ask for their /comments on the matter. GT had contacted Steve Witherden MP on the matter and had only had an acknowledgement of his email.
<b>12.</b>	<b>COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>VJ Day 80</b> BC to purchase a flag and it will be flown at the cenotaph of the 15th August 2025.</li> <li>• <b>One Voice Wales Area Committee meetings</b> BC and RDA will attend the meeting on Monday 7th July at 7pm at the Cain Valley Hotel, Llanfyllin.</li> <li>• <b>One Voice Wales Constitution</b></li> </ul>
<b>14.</b>	<b>ADMINISTRATION</b> None – Clerk to ensure answering machine is functional at all times.
<b>15.</b>	<b>COUNCILLORS' REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hedges to be cut by Housing at Bryn Siriol and Treflan this week.</li> <li>• AIF for the clerk to sign the Hire Agreement for the village hall. Regular meeting to be paid for in advance. Any additional usage will be paid for separately.</li> <li>• The Deytheur Trust had supported 31 students and had ranged from £25 00 to £650 grants.</li> <li>• Penrhos Sports on Saturday 5th July and it was agreed that a £100 donation be given – AIF.</li> </ul>
<b>17.</b>	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> None
<b>18.</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 28TH JULY 2025</b> BC gave her apologies for non-attendance at the July meeting – JA will chair the meeting.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 8.45PM**