

# CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANSANTFFRAID AND DEYTHEUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LLANSANTFFRAID AND DEYTHEUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY  
28TH JULY 2025 AT 7PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT MR J ASHTON – VICE CHAIR (JA), MR M BEBB (MB), MRS R DAVIES (RDA), MR D EDWARDS (DME), MR R EVANS (RE), MR G THOMAS (GT), MR D WILLIAMS (DW), MR E WILLIAMS (EW)

APOLOGIES MRS B CROSS, MR R DAWSON, MR R JONES

MEMBER OF PUBLIC MR G DAVIES, MR A REEVES

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>WELCOME AND APOLOGY</b></p> <p>The meeting was chaired by JA.</p> <p>Councillors were welcomed to the July 2025 meeting.</p> <p>The apologies received were accepted.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>AGREE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 2025</b></p> <p>The minutes of the June meeting had been circulated to councillors –AIF for them to be signed as a true record of the meeting.</p>
<b>14.</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>Member of the public Mr A Reeves (AR) introduced himself to the councillors and said that he would look after the Public Conveniences. A copy of the work he would do was given to JA. JA explained why the toilets were closed – it was due to vandalism. AR said that he already had a camera that could be used. AR suggested that the toilets should be closed at evening time – JA said that the issue was that there was no one available to lock and unlock the premises on a regular basis.</p> <p>The situation of the Public Conveniences will be discussed with BC.</p> <p>JA thanked AR for his input regarding the toilets.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zebra Crossing – email has been sent but not reply received.</li> <li>• Wasps nest – RD not available to give an update</li> <li>• Wynnstay wall – GT mentioned that the Marketing Department at the Wynnstay would like to have contact with the artist.</li> <li>• River Bank – Cllr R Church to be contacted with regards to any problems over the planning at River Bank stating that the building is in a flood plain and that the replacement seems inappropriate. Councillors' concerned that a dwelling has been erected without planning permission which sets a precedent for other planning applicants.</li> <li>• New chain for toilet for the disabled has been done.</li> <li>• Open Space – Pickstocks – no reply</li> <li>• Installation of CCTV – this has been done</li> <li>• Drain by Tan House – ongoing</li> <li>• Repair of metal for lych gate – ongoing</li> <li>• Asset Review – this has been completed and circulated</li> <li>• Recycling Clothes bank – email sent and no reply</li> <li>• Police Commissioner – the reply was read and it was agreed that an email to be sent stating that the council appreciates what has been done. Request from the Police Commissioner any stats that are available. Crimes need to be reported and the Council Facebook to be used.</li> <li>• Defibrillators – the value of the 3 defibs for insurance purposed is £5000 – AIF of this</li> <li>• Public Conveniences – electrician has been to the toilet for the disabled today and hopefully has fixed</li> </ul>

	<p>the hand dryer and light.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hedge – the hedge by Treflan has not been cut – GT has notified the council of this.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>None</p>
5.	<p><b>ACCOUNTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audit Wales - £300 this invoice states that the audit is for 2020/2021 – clerk has emailed for this to the corrected – once the correct invoice is set the councillors are in favour of it being paid.</li> <li>Village Hall - £160 – AIF for this to be paid</li> <li>Power Cord – B Cross - £11.98 – AIF for this to be paid</li> <li>Flag – B Cross - £4.99 – AIF for this to be paid</li> </ul> <p>Payments since last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>British Gas electric - £6.93</li> <li>British Gas electric - £24.24DD</li> </ul> <p>The Bank Reconciliation was agreed.</p>
6.	<p><b>PUBLIC CONVENIENCES</b></p> <p>The electrician should have solved the issues with the hand dryer and light – JA to check that this has been done. AR to look if there is a suitable post by the toilets to erect a CCTV camera.ke</p>
7.	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - GT</b></p> <p>There was nothing to report as it had been a quiet month.</p> <p>GT said that the potholes in the area needed to be reported. They are:-</p> <p>on the road by Crib y Gwynt</p> <p>By Hazel Mount in Llansantffraid</p> <p>The road surface between the letter box and the bottom of Plas Gwyn bank is in need of attention.</p> <p>The Bwlch y Ddar road is in need of attention - pot holes and road surface</p> <p>Subsidence on the road between Plas Gwyn bungalow and Plas Gwyn needs attention – this has been reported several times before.</p>
8.	<p><b>STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Code of Conduct</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct that had been circulated to councillors – AIF.</p>
10.	<p><b>NEW RECREATION FIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SuDS</li> <li>Report of meeting 24th July 2025</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed to wait for the plans after the meeting which was held on Thursday and then decisions to be made.</p> <p>BC had agreed to attend the Fair Funding event which will be held on 24th October 2025 which may help the council to attain grants.</p>
10.	<p><b>GREEN GEN</b></p> <p>BC to put a poster on the council's Facebook page.</p> <p>Any landowner who had been contacted by Green Gen re S174 should contact MAP.</p> <p>Email to be sent to Steve Witherden thanking for his support against the windfarms and pylons.</p>
11.	<p><b>COMMUNICATION / CORRESPONDENCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Code of Conduct Training</b></li> </ul> <p>It was decided not to have the Code of Conduct training – AIF.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Library Report</b></li> </ul> <p>The library report to be attached to the minutes as it states what support the council gives to the library – see Appendix 1.</p>
12.	<p><b>ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>None</p>
13.	<p><b>COUNCILLORS' REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comments to be made to Cllr R Church about the chalet erected at River Bank:-</li> </ul> <p>Councillors concerned that this planning could set a precedent against planning applications</p>

	<p>The building has been erected in a flood plain The replacement building seems inappropriate as to what was there originally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BC and DME had met with Hafren Dyfrdwy and other householders regarding the leak on Llety lane. The leak was from Porth Gwyn and this to be mended by Hafren Dyfrdwy as it is on public property - a highway.</li> <li>• GT mentioned that the wooden bridge is in need of repair – email to be sent.</li> <li>• GT felt that the council’s Facebook page needs to be used more often.</li> <li>• The pavement by the Palace needs cleaning</li> <li>• There is a warp in the pavement outside the Palace that needs attention</li> <li>• The metal drain cover that is cracked needs to be reported again</li> <li>• Polite email to be sent to allotment holder expressing the council’s concern that it has not been cultivated and that it is not fair on other allotment tenants.</li> <li>• New notice to be put on the toilet doors “toilet closed due to vandalism and the Community Council are dealing with the matter”.</li> </ul>
<b>15.</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>AR mentioned that cars are parking on double yellow lines by the Palace and felt that this could be the cause of an accident.</p> <p>Advice to be sought from PCC regarding permanent vehicles that are parked on the car park.</p>
<b>16.</b>	<p><b>NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 29th SEPTEMBER 2025</b></p>

**MEETING CLOSED AT 19.50pm**

2025 Our library continues to serve as a vital community hub, delivering a wide range of services to the public. This report outlines our recent activities in customer service, educational outreach, community engagement, and event planning, as well as our preparations for the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge.

- We remain committed to providing excellent customer service. Key areas of focus include:
  - Staff offer daily assistance with book loans, IT access, printing services, and navigating digital resources.
  - We continue to offer one-on-one support for users needing help with devices, online forms, and basic computer skills.
  - We strive to ensure inclusive services, including large-print books, home delivery for housebound patrons, and accessible technology.

We have resumed regular school visits, with staff either hosting groups in the library or visiting schools directly to promote reading and library membership. Activities include story times, book talks, and guided library tours, encouraging young people to develop a lifelong love of reading. We have forged strong relationships with local schools to support curriculum learning and student engagement.

Our library works collaboratively with local organizations to address community needs:

- POBL: We provide space and support for POBL representatives to meet with service users, helping to tackle issues around housing, health, and wellbeing
- Citizens Advice: We host regular drop-in sessions, ensuring residents have access to free, confidential advice on legal, financial, and personal issues.
- Kaleidoscope: Our partnership supports mental health and addiction services. We provide private rooms for one-to-one sessions and promote awareness of local services.
- Local Police: Community officers use the library as a neutral space to engage with the public, host safety talks, and offer crime prevention advice.

We are preparing a vibrant Summer Reading Challenge for children and families:

- Our theme for the Reading Challenge this year is Gardd o Straeon/Story Garden
- We're recruiting young volunteers to support the initiative, gaining valuable skills while helping their community.
- We are using low-cost materials and reusing decorations from previous years. All promotional materials are sourced through national partnerships where possible.
- Activities will include craft sessions, storytelling, and competitions to encourage participation and maintain reading levels during the summer break.
- We continue to deliver meaningful events using creativity and community support:
- We make use of local talent (e.g., authors, artists, musicians) who are willing to volunteer or offer reduced rates.
  - Working with community groups allows us to co-host events, share costs, and reach wider audiences.
- We rely on donations of craft supplies and decorations. Library users and staff often contribute items and time.

Our library remains a cornerstone of community life, offering access, learning, support, and inspiration. We are proud to maintain and grow our services with resourcefulness, strong partnerships, and the ongoing dedication of our team. Continued collaboration and investment—however small—will help ensure we meet the evolving needs of our community.

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