

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANFAIR DYFFRYN CLWYD COMMUNITY
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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Council held at Llysfas College, Ruthin on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7:30 pm.

PRESENT – Councillors Jayne Mayers (Chair), David Baker, Shaun Williams, Keith Mouldsdales, Ceri Ranson, Eilir Jones, Osian Owen, Owen Evans and Alan Garratt. Also in attendance were County Councillor Hugh Evans and the Clerk and RFO, Sam Roberts.

Part 1

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm

1656. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and went through the housekeeping matters.

1657. **Apologies**

None received.

1658. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Jones declared an interest in the matter of the Ysgol Pentrecelyn speed sign.

1659. **Public Participation Session**

None received.

1660. **To Agree and Sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 12th of September 2026**

The Council, having considered the minutes, agreed that they were an accurate record and that the Chair should sign them. This was **Proposed** by Cllr Jones and **Seconded** by Cllr Garratt. Vote passed in favour.

1661. **Matters arising from the minutes**

The Clerk has been unable to contact the company meant to be looking over the War Memorial. The memorial has been visited by the Chair and Vice Chair, as well as the Clerk separately. There are loose slabs, the mortar having not stuck to them. The Chair and Vice-Chair have moved planters to temporarily prevent people from standing on the loose slabs. The lettering also needs redoing, and one of the benches needs replacing, its plaque moving to a new bench. Cllr Jones recommends finding a different company to make repairs. He has spoken with Huw Price of Teeson's, who will take a look and make an estimate. The work may cost enough to require fixed quotes according to the financial regulations, so Councillors will seek other options to consider.

Given the proximity of Remembrance Sunday, the Chair **Proposed** acquiring a new double-seating bench to replace the rotting one. This was **Seconded** by Cllr Baker. Vote passed in favour. Cllr Mouldsdales will acquire the bench, and Cllr Jones will help transport and install it. The plaque will be moved across.

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The Village Hall page for the website is drafted, but needs filling out.

The hedge in Bron Y Clwyd has been trimmed and taken under a resident's care.

Doodle IT are pursuing the website formatting issue.

The Facebook page is up, though it needs populating with posts and managing.

The Clerk has responded to the resident's road safety enquiry, and passed them requested information on Community Speedwatch programs.

1662. **Councillor Vacancies**

One Councillor post remains vacant. Interested residents are encouraged to attend a future meeting.

1663. **Report from Hugh Evans, DCC Councillor**

County Cllr Evans is now leader of DCC until the elections in 2027. He intends to use the time to get the Council into a better spot, focusing more on the county's communities. He has a list of issues to tackle, and believes that adjusting some internal priorities should produce good results.

The County Cllr had a conversation with Ben Wilcox-Jones regarding flashing speeding signs in Graigfechan.

The County Cllr has also been pursuing the waste collection teams to close their vehicles' flaps between stops, but has been informed that the flaps are not required to be closed if the distance between stops does not reach a certain threshold.

County Cllr Evans is also revisiting recycling policies, looking to make improvements.

1664. **Community Matters**

a. Alms Houses

No update from Grwp Cynefin. County Cllr suggested a meeting with them and solid actions from that meeting. FOI request may not be viable, due to the limits on the definitions of a 'public authority'. The unpaid council tax situation continues to be a problem- the County Cllr recommends including someone from DCC's debt team in the above meeting. The County Cllr will look into the matter.

b. Playing Field Llanfair DC

Enfys have sent an invoice for their work, totalling £960.

Mr Cutmore has returned a draft report, and had some questions regarding Root Protection Areas. The RPAs for the oak tree and other plants should be untouched by the path, as it won't be going deep. The Chair suggested a meeting with Planning and the Tree Officer to go over these points and make

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sure any potential harm is avoided. The Clerk will contact Planning and the Tree Officer for the meeting.

The Chair **Proposed** paying the Enfys invoice. This was **Seconded** by Cllr Mouldsdale. Vote passed in favour. Clerk to make payment.

No contact from YGC. Councillors discussed submitting the Planning once the above is handled and dealing with SAB when it comes up, if waiting for a pre-emptive test would delay things further.

1665. Highways and Environment Issues

Cllr Jones has found that a bridge on the road up to the shelf from Graigfechan is partly collapsed, the stones underneath having fallen out. Cllr Jones will forward information to the Clerk, who will report it to DCC via C360.

a. Speeding

Flashing speed sign is going up at Ysgol Pentrecelyn. Its battery will need recharging every two weeks. The Chair suggested that the Council assist with the cost of this by acquiring a solar panel for it.

Grids blocked across area- Clerk to report locations passed to them to DCC.

b. Llanfair-to-Ruthin Footpath

County Cllr Evans is looking into possibilities for improvement.

1666. Risk Assessment

Clerk has performed the Risk Assessment. Noted that the Pentrecelyn noticeboard needs repairs. Cllr Mouldsdale will repair it, with assistance from Cllr Williams to transport it.

The Chair **Proposed** accepting the Risk Assessment as presented. Cllr Baker **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

1667. Training Plan

Councillors are encouraged to look into training.

1668. Finance Matters

a. The RFO gave an update on the banking situation and financial tasks.

Clerk has begun the process of adding the Vice-Chair to Unity's system. A form needs to be signed by the former Clerk, which will also finish removing her from the account entirely. Clerk to pursue.

b. The RFO presented the Schedule of Payments for September 2026, and all payments were agreed by Councillors.

c. Quarterly Budget Update

The Clerk gave an update on finances and the Council's budget usage. The Council is within budget in most areas, and predicted to remain so.

Repairs/Maintenance/Street Furniture budget is predicted to overspend due to last year's grass-cutting falling into the 2026/2027 financial year.

d. Grant Requests

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-Ysgol Llanfair requested a grant to help fund transportation for pupils, to sports events, Urdd events, and so on. The Chair **Proposed** a grant of £500 to Ysgol Llanfair. The was **Seconded** by Cllr Baker. Vote passed in favour.

-Nightingale House requested a grant to assist with ongoing operations. Cllr Baker **Proposed** deferring the request to the end of the financial year. The Chair **Seconded**. Vote passed in favour.

1669. **Planning Matters**

- a. Application 20/2025/0446/HH- Erection of extensions and remodelling of existing dwelling at Berthen Gron, Pentrecelyn: No objections.

1670. **Correspondence for Review**

- a. OVW- Training Dates
b. Streetworks Updates
c. DCC Spare Benches Email
d. Ruthin Twinning Meeting Invitation- Cllr Ranson to attend and keep the Council informed. The plan is to restart the twinning relationship with Brieç, get more local groups involved, and put a committee together.

1671. **Items brought to the Council's attention**

White Horse- posters are up for a community meeting on the 23rd.

The White Horse have approached Cllr Jones about whether the Council wants to put up a Christmas tree outside the pub this year. Cllrs discussed putting up a second tree, the other being at Neuadd Eleanor. The matter will be considered at the next meeting.

The Clerk will be taking a break for some months, due to mental health. They will hand off over the next month through to the November meeting.

1672. **Date of next meeting to be agreed**

The next meeting will be held on the 9th of November, at 7:30pm.

ACTIONS LIST:

- Clerk to pursue Unity online user form.
- Clerk to make agreed payments.
- Clerk to make agreed reports to DCC via the C360 system.
- Clerk to contact Planning and Tree Officer to organise a meeting to go over Mr Cutmore's report.
- Clerk to contact Grwp Cynefin to organise a meeting with Cllrs and DCC.
- Cllr Mouldsdaie to acquire and install new War Memorial bench, with assistance from Cllr Jones.
- Cllr Mouldsdaie to repair Pentrecelyn noticeboard, with assistance from Cllr Williams.

The meeting ended at 8:49 pm.

CHAIR

DATE

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Initials ☐