

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE
17TH DECEMBER 2024

1. Present: H. Wright, E. Morris, M. Parry, G. C. Evans, E. Williams, J. Borthwick, J. McGuire,
G. Butler, A. Evans and Clerk

2. Apologies: R. Griffith

3. Declaration of interest – Cllr Parry in all planning matters

4. Community policeman – had been invited but unable to attend and no written report received.

There were concerns about exceeds speed within the restricted 20mph area and this would be reported to see if PCSO's could increase their presence in the area.

5. Correspondence

Broxap 4 acknowledgment that the bench is on order delivery due 21st Jan

January training dates

Press release DCC - toilet strategy

Press release DCC - benefit campaign

Draft business plan can be discussed

Planning – old coach house – on agenda

DCC 4-Wern Farm – on agenda

6. Minutes of last meeting – it was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the November meeting were a true record and signed by Chairman

7. Matters arising

A box had arrived to store the audio equipment

The tree had been placed and lit up – thanks to all who offered to help

8. Reports

Cllr. Butler had prepared a collective dispensation request for anything to do with the shop - because most councillors were shareholders. The case had been meticulously prepared and was presented to the Standards Committee on the 13th December in County Hall Ruthin. Cllr. Butler was asked some questions as to why the request had been made and the Committee granted the dispensation and it would be confirmed in due course. Some work needs to be done before reaching that stage and the Clerk is waiting to hear more. Cllr. Butler was thanked for her work on this task.

9. Financial Report

Current Account £7,665.44

Business Account £20 025,58

10. Matters for payment

JA Jones	Litter picking cae nant	£78.26
R B Davies	salary	£423.20
G.Hession	Box for audio equipment	£75.42

Members approved matters for payment

11. Precept

The community council had been asked by DCC what precept it required to function 25/26 and it was agreed to add 5% to the current budget and request £12993. Although based on the draft budget this would lead to an overspend it was decided that if required funds could be transferred from reserves to cover the deficit.

12. Draft Budget

Draft budget 25/26

	Budget 24/25	actual 24/25– projected	Budget 25/26	Notes to be considered
RECEIPTS				
Precept	12,375	12,375	12993	Inc. 5% increase
Interest - Charinco G.H Foulkes Acc			?	Figure required
Interest - Charinco Recreation Ground			?	Figure required
Interest - COIF Deposit Fund	2.00	12.66	15.00	
VAT reclaimed	200	200		
Donations	200	250	250	Cannot be depended upon
Deposit Account Interest			?	Input projection
Hire of Cocoa Rooms	200	250	360.00	Input with projected income for 24/25
BUDGET TOTAL		12195.66	13368.00	This will be your total income for the year
TOTAL RECEIPTS				

	budget 24/25	Actual 24/25 - projected	budget 25/26	
PAYMENTS				
Salary - Clerk	2200	2200	2,700	Inc £500 additional work re finance
Election costs	2000	000	NIL	
Booking clerk honoraria	250.00	250.00	250.00	
Bank charges	65.00	90.00	100.00	
HMRC	1,200.00	816	1,000.00	
Salary - Litter Cleansing	865.00	936	650.00	
Salary - Cocoa Rooms Cleaning	320.00		0	No current payments
Internal Auditor	1000	850	1,000.00	
website hosting	250.00	300	250.00	
Payroll services				
Zoom Fees	176	155	155.00	
Postage / Photocopying	50.00		50.00	
Electricity - Cocoa Rooms	400	1440	570.00	After switching to cheaper tariff
Fire Equipment - Cocoa Rooms	75.00	55	75.00	
Insurance	1200	1445	1500	
OBW Membership	150	140	150.00	
External audit fees	550.00		1000	
Stationery	50.00		50.00	
Parc Ty'n Llan - Grounds maintenance	400.00	500	450.00	
Cae Nant - Grounds Maintenance	1,900.00	2,200	2,200.00	
Cocoa Rooms - General	500		500.00	
Play equipment and maintenance	500	286	500.00	
Christmas lights and flowers	250.00		NIL	
Sundries incl Poppy Wreath	400.00	250	100.00	
Church yard maintenance	400	400	400.00	
Donations	400.00	250	400.00	
Additional works to cae nant	250		0	
Training	500.00	138	250.00	
Water charges to allotment			150.00	
Cultural sponsorship	500.00		500.00	
BUDGET TOTAL			£14950	

Deficit
virement from Reserves)

£1582.00 (to be covered by

This will be presented to the January meeting for approval

13. Draft Business Plan.

Cllr Borthwick had prepared a draft business plan which shows how we are aiming to be an inclusive community council engaging with residents to see

13. Electric supply

It was decided to seek alternative suppliers to the cocoa rooms to compare standing charges and tariffs

14. Planning

application	18/2024/1546
proposal	Erection of shed and gazebo
location	Old Coach House Plas Bennett
Community council response	Support the application

Application	18/2024/1521
Proposal	retrospective planning application Change of use of stable to Dog Day Care Facility and continuation of use of manege as mixed use of equestrian and dog exercise area and continuation of use of land as agricultural, equestrian and dog exercise area (Retrospective application)
Location	Wern Farm, Llandyrnog
Community Council	<p>CC's main issue has been noise pollution as this was the key issue raised by neighbours on the previous application - the new application still does not address those issue</p> <p>now there is an increased number of dogs therefore potentially more disruption and in addition of course to the overnight boarding</p> <p>The applicant has merely referred to the Civitas report - so no new information has been provided to convince the CC that potential noise issues have been addressed.</p> <p>Some of the anomalies between the report and the application form have been addressed re opening hours and number of dogs</p> <p>Overnight Supervision - There is still no clear explanation as to who is going to supervise the dogs overnight should they be disturbed for any reason - is the owner of the site being employed to supervise or is it an ad hoc arrangement ?</p> <p>In view of the lack of information to allow the CC to make an informed decision - then the CC abstain from either supporting or not supporting this application and will leave it to DCC's better judgement.</p>

15. Water to allotment

It was agreed to proceed with the original proposal and commit to paying the standing charge and water usage charge for the allotment site owned by DCC to the rear of Nant

Glyd. Apparently the proposal would be to open the allotments out to the whole village rather than residents and this would fit in with the business plan

16. Members Item

Water to cocoa rooms – it is highly likely that the cocoa rooms comes from the same supply as four and five church square and concerns were raised that should the main be shut off to carry out works then cocoa rooms would be without water. Clerk would discuss this informally with the owners.

Surface water run off – Cross Keys to Capel Dyffryn.

The matter of the blocked ditch opposite Cross Keys had been discussed previously and Clerk had met Mike Evans Senior Engineer on site – the ditch in coed y waen required clearing out – not possible to get a machine there.

The outlet in coed y waen was below the level of the silt

The owner of the adjoining land had perfectly legitimately cut a deep ditch around his land to aid drainage and therefore access from adjoining land impossible.

It would be perfectly possible to enter into negotiations with the adjoining landowner to access his well kept ditch but this is a matter for DCC to decide on priorities and of course the willingness of the landowner to enter into negotiations

Working over hand would offer limited reach to any machine.4

DCC had promised to open the ditch parallel with Capel Dyffryn when resources became available back in October 2024

Clerk would remind the Senior Engineer of their legal requirement to keep the ditch open.

The meeting closed at 20:55

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Signed

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