

MINUTES OF THE OF THE LLANDYRNOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE
19TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE COCOA ROOMS LLANDYRNOG

1. Present: Cllrs. G.Butler,R.Griffith,G.C.Evans,E.Morris,A.Evans,J.Borthwick,
E.Williams via Zoom

2. Apologies: Cllr M.Parry and H.Wright

3. Declarations of interest : Cllrs Butler and E.Williams in application
18/2024/1461/PF

4. Correspondence :

- Planning 18/2024/1452 – erection of three bay cart shed – Glan y Wern Cottage
- Bench update – Jones Bros agreed to provide base Community Council to order bench after consultation with Llais
- Request for financial assistance – Urdd Parc Margam – historically the community council tend to support the Eisteddfod when in North Wales
- Planning 18/2024/1461 – extension to Llangwyfan Farmhouse
- Invite to DCC Christmas Service – Chair to represent the Community Council
- Allotment to water – there was doubt whether this was actually required and decided to leave until next meeting
- Car blocking road outside Olivers Row along with PCSO response – refer to Highways
- Inspector Harvey would like to attend meeting sometime
- Application for dispensation – on agenda

5. Confirmation of minutes – it was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the October meeting and signed by the Chair

6. Matters Arising

Election box still in cocoa rooms – Clerk had sent E mail in August and three subsequent e mail

Blue gloves – MCH were going to advise staff to be more careful they were not being disposed of deliberately.

Cllr Griffith was thanked for planting the Celynog, Brownie and Cocoa rooms Boxes

Planning decision – Wern Farm – approve with numerous conditions

DCC had confirmed it would be in order to proceed with co option

7.Reports

Councillor Butler attended the Ruthin Hospital League of Friends meeting on 13th November

2024 where it was reported that all clinics are running to capacity and the League continue

to support with the purchase of equipment as it is requested. There will be a coffee morning

on 30th November to raise funds.

Councillor Butler also attended a meeting of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Local

Landscape Forum on 7th November where a number of issues were discussed.

There had been a very successful International Junior Ranger Camp hosted locally which brought

together young participants from 11 European countries who had very much enjoyed the

visit, participating in nature restoration projects sporting events and learning about local

history.

The Dark Sky project was discussed, updating on progress towards applying for Dark Sky

Status and informing about the new Supplementary Planning Guidance which has also been

adopted in other local authority areas such as The Lake District.

The proposed National Park consultation is also reaching a final period. Having refined the

proposed boundary, the public consultation is underway with drop in venues arranged to

allow individual and groups to participate in the debate. The consultation ends on 16th

December.

Report of the Highfield Park Liaison Group Meeting held on Wednesday 30th October 2024

The meeting was introduced by Shaun Jones, Director of Operations who welcomed those

present. It was a positive meeting and two representatives from North Wales Police

attended as new additional group members. Topics discussed included:

1. In relation to lighting, the management are awaiting some feedback including the

dark skies report and will take further action if needed.

2. Llais – they are planning to submit articles and are currently working on these.

MHC

also have their own regular publication and a few spares were available.

3. Registration of on-site defibrillators for public use has been agreed and is in progress. Members of the public should ring 999 and will be given instructions.

4. Work is in progress for putting new signage in place for Alexandra House and Entrance B.

5. A new residential service, Hillside View, has now been completed. It is registered for

two residents with high needs. Committee members were able to attend a drop-in

the following week and it was felt that this is an excellent new service.

6. The resident occupancy is 69 currently; total occupancy when Hillside View is included will be 72. There is a 'pathway approach' meaning that there are more younger residents than in the past as they prepare for a more independent living.

7. Staffing currently averages 94% and no agency staff have been used since last year.

8. Welsh language provision is actively offered although at present the number of Welsh speaking residents is small.

9. Recent inspection results were 8 out of 13 of their services graded as excellent and

the others good. Highfield Park has also recently received Autism accreditation.

10. Community matters discussed included that of litter, particularly that of blue gloves

being found along the roadsides. It was felt that this was likely to be accidental, however the management would address it with the staff team.

11. Road safety was discussed as a continuing issue; in particular, group members who

drive were concerned about the residents' safety in the narrow lanes.

8.Financial Report

Financial update and matters for payment November 2024

Current account £10812.98

Business account£19930.66

9.Matters for payment November 2024

Hannah williams	Managing website	£300.00
Royal British Legion	wreath	£20
David Weyman	Cae nant maintenance	£2000
David Weyman	Parc Ty'n Llan	£500
Bryn Davies	Wages	£190.39
John A Jones	Wages	£78.06
HMRC	PAYE	£67.20
Green Fingers	Ruth – additional viola's etc for brownie boxes, cocoa rooms and celynog boxes	£30.00

Wage increase

The Clerk is on LC 1 points 12 – 17 and currently on 17 – top of the agreed increments - and therefore the recommendation from OVW is that the pay is increased from the current £13.70 to £15.58

12 £27,711 £14.36 LC1 (substantive benchmark range)

13 £28,163 £14.60 LC1 (above substantive range)

14 £28,624 £14.84 LC1 (above substantive range)

15 £29,093 £15.08 LC1 (above substantive range)

16 £29,572 £15.33 LC1 (above substantive range)

17 £30,060 £15.58 LC1 (above substantive range)

OVW recommend that his is backdated to April 2024

The difference between the current hourly rate and the proposed hourly rate is £1.88

Four hours per week x 4.3 weeks in the month an increase of £33.33 per month
backdated to April 8 months makes £258.68

This will be included in the December payment

Members agreed with all of the above.

10.Planning

application	18/2024/1452
proposal	Erection of three bay cart shed
location	Glan y Wern Cottage
Community council comments	Support the applicatoin

Both Cllrs Williams and Butler declared their interest and did not take part in the discussion – Cllr Borthwick led the discussion.

Application	18/2024/1461
proposal	Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling
Location	Llangwyfan Farm
Community council comments	The community council have no issues with the principle of extending the dwelling but would question the use of full depth glass to both the ground and first floor rooms and would like the designer to re consider and offer more appropriate fenestration to complement the existing dwelling which as it's unique characteristics.

11.Dispensation

It was agreed that the Chair apply to DCC Standards Committee for blanket dispensation to cover all members should there be any need to discuss any issues with the Shop in future – it would be difficult if not impossible to make a decision because most members were shareholders . The applaction would

be considered by the Standards Committee on the 13th December and Chair had kindly agreed to attend

12Members Items

The bus shelters need a coat of paint – leave until Spring

The box to hold the keyboard mouse etc was ready – thanks to Cllr Borthwick for arranging this

It was agreed to spend up to £100 on a Christmas Tree – Clerk to arrange

There being no other business the meeting finished at 8:45

Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th December

Signed.....

Dated.....