

**CYNGOR CYMUNED LLAN LLŶR/LLANYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

A meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Llan Llŷr/Llanyre Community Council was held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 in Llanyre Church Hall.

There had been no public requests to join the meeting remotely.

051/25	<b>PRESENT:</b> P Stevenson (chairing), Mrs M Davies, M Davies, S.D Powell, J Owens, M Watkins  Attending Remotely: G Rees.  <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:</b> PCC Cllr C Johnson-Wood  Observing: Mr A Ashton  Cllr PS opened the meeting at 7.30 pm
052/25	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:</b> None.
053/25	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</b> The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 were then agreed and signed (MD/SDP).
054/25	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> from the previous Meeting: None
055/25	<b>LOCAL MEMBER UPDATE:</b> None
056/25	<b>PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</b> The following applications were discussed.  25/1394/FUL - Land South of Upper Cilgee, Doldowlod, LD1 6HD: change of land use for 2 Glamping Pods and associated works. There were NO OBJECTIONS. Care should be taken to ensure implementation of proposed environmental mitigations.  25/1238/TRE – 12 Cortay Park, Llanyre. Fell 2 Ash Trees with Ash Die back to hedge level. There were NO OBJECTIONS but the loss of wildlife habitat that would result was discussed and it was suggested that two small trees that support wildlife be planted (e.g Crab apples) and/or two bird boxes be sited on or near to the Ash tree trunks remaining after tree works.  No other applications had been received.
057/25	<b>FINANCE including INVOICES FOR PAYMENT</b>  a) The balances which had been reconciled on 20/10/2025 were agreed and signed. (PS/MYD). Copies of the bank statements were viewed and signed as seen.  Balances in hand Current Account: £ 6,669.21 Savings Account: £ 29,611.05

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The following invoices were noted, agreed/signed as seen for payment.

Info – Colin Tarry webhosting charge inv 1112	3.60	IB
Info - Llanyre Rec Field community funds held by LCC for LRC (play area)	223.86	IB
Info - Llanyre Rec Field Little Stars closure fund held by LCC for LRC	1,452.38	IB
Info - OTM Groundscare inv 7433 (contract payment)	370.50	IB
Info – PCC Play area inspection invoice	78.00	IB
Info – SSE NoW toilets inv IV03583742 £44.89	(586.22 Cr balance)	
Info - SSE Llanyre Toilets inv IV03586789 £235.01.	(2,567.41 Cr balance)	

- b) External Auditor 2024-25 - no contact or queries had been received from Audit Wales
- c) Budget updates - Management Accounts were viewed and discussed
- d) The following community funding requests had been received and were discussed.
- e) A request from the Friends of Newbridge-on-Wye Primary School for financial support towards various school resources, including:
  - 1) New Maths Curriculum and Resources (£2,000 total)
  - 2) Technology Equipment and Training (£3,500 total)
  - 3) Outdoor Learning Equipment for Key Stage Two (£1,500–£2,000)
  - 4) Paper, Card, and Craft Supplies (£1,000)

Members noted that items 1–3 relate directly to curriculum delivery and teaching provision, which are statutory responsibilities of the Local Education Authority. Accordingly, the Council does not have the power to fund these items under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

However, the Council recognised that general paper, card, and craft materials can contribute to wider creative and community activities, such as displays, events, and projects that involve or benefit the local community. It was therefore agreed:

That the Council agreed a contribution of **£500** (to be allocated as a Section 137 payment) towards the purchase of paper, card, and craft supplies for use in community-related activities at NoW School (JO/SDP). Council Members expressed the Council's appreciation of the efforts of the Friends of the School to enhance opportunities for local children.

- f) Applications from Llanyre Church Hall and NoW Community Centre for support for each to purchase a Projector Screen. These applications were considered together. An award of **£500** for each application was agreed (SDP/JO). It was agreed that the funding must be used in the first instance to purchase projector screens. Any residual funds must be **ring-fenced** by each applicant for the purchase of new facilities that improve the halls and/or their use. The funds may also be used for **small, essential immediate repairs** to ensure the hall remains available for community use. It was agreed that the awards **cannot** be used for day-to-day running costs or other revenue expenses (SDP/JO)
- g) PCC Councillors Anti-poverty Fund – LCC submission. PCC had sent an online form to complete which had been submitted. An approval letter had been received

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	<p>confirming that the full amount of the application for £2,500 would be funded. Members thanked Cllr CJW in her absence for her support of the application. There was a discussion about the delivery of the project. GR agreed to lead on the Football posts project and would review the cost and update the clerk to place an order. MO and Jo agreed to progress a multigenerational event to be held in Llanyre. There was initial agreement to divide the event funding equally between each event but that there should be flexibility of the use of the funds to ensure that the outcomes and activities could be achieved. Members agreed a shortfall budget of £100 for each event from Council General reserves (MW/JO)</p> <p>h) Utility Aid – the SSE price agreements for the Toilets have been subject to an agreement through Utility Aid. The NCT deal will close at the end of October 2025. Members discussed this briefly and agreed to re-join the scheme for the coming year.</p> <p>i) Co-option – MD asked if, having attended the previous meeting and this meeting as an observer Mr Andrew Ashton would consider Joining the Council as a Co-opted member. Mr Ashton thanked MD and accepted the nomination. The proposal was formally made to the Council and agreed by all (MD/PS). Mr Ashton was advised that he would be required to complete XXX which would be submitted to the PCC Elections Office and subject to approval of his eligibility he would be able to join the council and participate at the November Meeting representing The Llanyre (Newbridge Ward) / Llanllyr (Ward Pontnewydd)(MD/JO)</p>
058/25	<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b> none other than those previously circulated by email. Email notes received from residents outline issues relating to the Llanyre Recreation/Play area and Loos were noted and discussed. SDP to repair broken fence by war memorial. A request for cleaning materials and paper supplies for Llanyre Toilets had been received and an order had placed with the preferred local supplier. It was agreed that the invoice be paid on receipt from the toilet budget. (JO/MYD)</p>
059/25	<p><b>COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSION and ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA</b></p> <p>a) Remembrance Wreaths – It was agreed that PS should pay for and collect two wreaths and be refunded £40 on presentation of a receipt. MD to collect the NoW from PS.</p> <p>b) Newbridge-on-Wye Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seats and benches - it was agreed that no immediate renovations were needed (GR/MD)</li> <li>• the stoned paths on NoW green are difficult to maintain well. Gravel was washed off onto the public path and road during the last heavy rains and the paths are uneven for disabled access. It was agreed to research cost to repair the paths with tarmac. GR to check potential local suppliers. Mr Ashton offered to measure the path lengths.</li> <li>• NoW Toilets: Mr Ashton asked for permission to speak to Council. Members agreed. Mr Ashton advised that there was a potential number of volunteers in NoW who would be prepared to lock and unlock the toilets and take on day to day upkeep. It was agreed that new door locks were needed and repairs to the flushing systems for the ladies toilet and the urinal were also known to be required. A professional clean would be appropriate before a volunteer group took on responsibility. GR/MD and Mr Ashton</li> </ul>

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	<p>liaise to assess what other minimal repairs would be required to enable the toilets to be opened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-option – Additional to the long standing advertisement of vacant seats on the Council (and Notices of Intention to Co-opt advertised in 2022, 23 and 24), having attended the October Ordinary Meeting as an observer at the October meeting Mr A Ashton was proposed By Cllr M Davies to be co-opted onto the Council this was seconded by JO and agreed by all. The Co-option would be subject to Mr Ashton qualifying as eligible for co-option and completing a declaration of office. It was agreed to again post a Notice of Intention to Co-opt in order to inform the public again of the Council doing so.</li> </ul>
510/25	Exclusion of public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business - NONE
511/25	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>            The next Ordinary Meeting was set to take place on <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.</b></p>
CLOSE	The Community Council Meeting was closed at 21.19 pm.

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