

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLAN LLŶR/LLANYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Llan Llŷr/Llanyre Community Council was held
At 7.00pm on Tuesday 17th FEBRUARY 2025 in Llanyre Church Hall.

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

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PRESENT: J Owens; S.D Powell; A Ashton.

Attending Remotely: P Stevenson (chairing), Mrs M Davies.

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: M Davies.

The Clerk advised that Mr M Watkins had telephoned that afternoon advising his resignation as a Councillor due to ill health and had given his apologies for the short notice of this. Members were saddened to receive the news and acknowledged his many years of dedication to the Community and the wealth of knowledge that he had contributed to careful and considered decisions. They all, including the Clerk, wished to record their thanks to him for his help and support to them as his community council colleagues.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 20th January 2026 were agreed and signed (AA/PS).

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MATTERS ARISING from the previous Meeting:

- External Audit – a report had still not been received from Audit Wales. It was agreed that Audit Wales be contacted to request a timetable for this as the clerk and Members wished to be aware of any issues that should be addressed and advised to their internal auditor.
- Biodiversity Report - submitted
- Play Area - RoSPA Report Action Plan – see 099/26 below
- Repair of paths on NoW Green – it was agreed to send the brief to 3 contractors as well as post it as a tendering opportunity on the website and the notice boards

The Chairman brought forward item agenda item 9a – Newbridge-on Wye Community Garden. She thanked Georgina Llewelyn and Melanie George for attending the meeting and invited them to give a brief outline of the project that was proposed.

Members asked to be updated of progress of the project and agreed in principle to provide evidence of Community Council support for the project if required for external funding applications. Members reminded the project representatives that some external funders would require evidence of a constitution and banking arrangements from applicants along with evidence of land ownership/lease terms as part of the grant eligibility – the arrangement between the community fund raisers and the LCC set up to facilitate some of the grants for Llanyre play area was identified as a model of how LCC might be able to help the Community Garden project although such an agreement would need to be presented at a council

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	meeting and approved. After the project representatives left the meeting members noted that the project would be eligible to apply for funding from the NoW recycling fund.				
095/26	LOCAL MEMBER UPDATE: None – no members attending				
096/26	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 26/0163/TPO removal and cutting back of 9 trees in TPO group (674) Hafodybryn, Llanyre, Llandrindod Wells LD1 6EA</p> <p>Although, there was NO OBJECTION to the application it was agreed that the actions of this application would impact local biodiversity habitat. The Community Council requested that the application be approved subject to recommending planting of native trees to replace those that are removed and also that bird boxes appropriate for a range of species be sited on or nearby the remaining trees also with at least one 'bug hotel'.</p> <p>There were no other applications.</p>				
097/26	<p>FINANCE including INVOICES FOR PAYMENT</p> <p>a) The balances which had been reconciled on 17/02/2025 were agreed and signed. (SDP/MYD). Balances in hand : Current Account: £ 18,396.57 Savings Account: £ 23,072.47</p> <p>The Current account included £7K (from the Recreation Filed Charity iro of grants received for the play area renovations to 'refund payments made by the Community Council'). Play Area reserves noted as £3,340.99. The Current Account also included £11,792 first claim payment from NRW for the Turbary Peatland Restoration project to be offset against payments previously made by the Community Council.</p> <p>The following invoices were agreed/signed as seen for payment.</p> <table> <tr> <td>Office Solutions Wales (stationery) inv 6017</td> <td>£ 56.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A C Bufton (peatland restoration hard standing) inv 0243</td> <td>£2,422.80</td> </tr> </table> <p>MWMAC - invoice due for work on Peatland sluice – Fred Slater has advised that the work has been seen and he is happy to sign off as completed. It was agreed that the invoice be paid on receipt subject to it being in accordance with the previously agreed quotes, in order that costs should be defrayed within the eligible period of the NRW grant.</p> <p>b) There were no new applications for funding and support for community organisations. c) Budget review and financial update: a summary of income and expenditure against 2025-26 budgets, reserves and a statement of income and Expenses were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that planned projects (path repairs – NoW, play area repairs and proposed trees surveys would greatly reduce the monies in hand. a) Review of Internal Audit services and appointment of internal auditor for 202 audit. A report outlining the current internal audit arrangements was discussed. Members</p>	Office Solutions Wales (stationery) inv 6017	£ 56.00	A C Bufton (peatland restoration hard standing) inv 0243	£2,422.80
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	<p>agreed that the previous internal audits undertaken by Mrs Price had been prompt, careful and her comments were helpful. Mrs Price had indicated a willingness to undertake the internal audit again this year at an hourly rates of 24/hr. The budget set for 2026-27 was thought to be adequate. It was agreed that the documents be submitted for internal audit as soon as practicable after the end of the current financial year. (JO/MYD)</p> <p>b) Appointment of an Internal Auditor for 2025-26 Mrs T Price was appointed as internal auditor (SDP/AA)</p> <p>c) A Community Planting and Greening Policy was discussed. It set out the council’s approach within the context of the environmental, biodiversity and wellbeing benefits of appropriate community planting on public land. Councillors acknowledged that Public land, including verges, pavements and parks, requires permission prior to planting. Unauthorised planting on highway land may constitute a breach of the Highways Act 1980. Certain plant species are restricted under Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Public safety, accessibility and sightlines must not be compromised. It was agreed to adopt the policy note.</p>
098/26	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: a correspondence summary of the following items was circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recycling and waste collection days - households in Powys will have a new recycling and waste collection day starting from Monday 2 March 2026. • Powys Teaching Health Board: current review of temporary changes to NHS services in Powys. Discussion Paper and views at www.haveyoursaypowys.wales/tsc2025 • Welsh Government - Correspondence Receipt Our Reference TO/RE/00133/2 - We aim to respond within 17 working days from receipt in the Welsh Government. • Event: Resilient Powys on Saturday 7th February at Knighton and District Community Hall. • Claim What’s Yours – Welsh Government and Advicelink Cymru can help you claim what’s yours. National communications campaign – ‘Claim What’s Yours’. Campaign page URL: www.gov.wales/claimwhatsyours • The Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2025 – in force from 13/11/2025. Sets out roles or offices that disqualify people from being members of the Senedd, replaces the previous Order. • Request for Volunteering Opportunity – resident working towards Duke of Edinburgh award, and is looking to complete approx 12/13 hrs of voluntary work. JO to co-ordinate with resident – re potential projects, Cleaning play area equipment, staining noticeboard and seat woodwork (noted need to provide PPE). • Primary School - Community Planter project (see community issues below) • Biodiversity packages: One Voice Wales Biodiversity Packages <i>One Voice Wales Office: 01269 595400 closing date Friday February 27th 2026.</i> <p>This was discussed and identified as an opportunity to move forward some of the actions proposed in the Biodiversity Plan. Improving and maintaining habitats in Pritchard’s Patch was welcomed particularly as it was expected that some would be lost as a result of any tree safety work undertaken. The citizen science packs would also be a great tool to encourage interest in the natural environment of the community and could be used in both Llanyre and NoW. Planters in NoW should also be investigated although a similar project had been supported there before CoVID !9.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Council would maintain any projects that were supported and the Clerk was delegated to complete the application and submit. It was noted</p>
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	<p>that most grants will need evidence of ownership and other supporting information and members agreed to help gather this in order that the deadline could be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online health Webinar – register with Esri UK Wednesday, 25 February at 11.00am (GMT), practical, online session exploring how NHS organisations are using spatial technology.
099/26	<p>COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSION and ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns were raised that the capacity of fowl water drainage in Llanyre was critical. Cllr contact with Welsh Water indicated that there was no plan to upgrade/enlarge the sewerage system at this time and that Welsh Water had advised their concerns to PCC about this some years ago. Community Councillors asked that the PCC member be asked to raise community concerns with PCC Planning and other relevant departments of the local authority. • Llanyre Play Area: JO had completed a play area inspections there were no significant issues. The 2025 RoSpa Report Action Plan was discussed in detail – in order to ensure safety of repairs and appropriate liability for their completion to standard it was agreed that the key repairs be completed by professional suppliers/manufacturers from within the play area reserves and with any over reserve costs from the general budget. PS to arrange new ‘dog signs’ and the clerk was authorised to refund the cost of these on receipt of evidence of purchase (budget £12) she would also lead on ownership signs (budget £50). (AA/SDP). • Llanyre Recreation Ground: residents had advised members that the ground was extremely wet and muddy in places. There was a short discussion about the value of land drainage but there were concerns as to where water taken from the field would be loosed. It was decided that the ground was too wet at this time to undertake drainage work because of likely damage to the field by machinery. There was a discussion about cleaning a culvert from near the toilets which was thought to run under the road (this had in the past been rodded by councillors). No specific action in respect of this was agreed. • Tree Safety – members noted the number of recent applications by householders to undertake tree works because of concerns regarding damage to trees by continued stormy, windy and wet weather. Members agreed that they should undertake a survey of the trees on Council owned land in order to identify any safety works that should be done. The clerk advised that 3 Tree Surgeons had been contacted by email and asked for their hourly/ day rate costs for surveying and reporting. I had not replied, one indicated that he was not qualified to do this and a third indicated a day rate of £200 for a non-specialist report. It was agreed to contact MWMAC for prices in addition to those already contacted. A budget of £1000 was agreed to cover surveying and reporting and it was agreed that the appointment of a supplier be delegated to the Chairman and Clerk. • Community Planter project – NoW Primary School Eco Day -pupil Eco Committee would like to run a community project to install planters of flowers underneath the Newbridge-on-Wye signs at either end of the village on the A470. They would aim to work with community groups, including the WI and the Chapel as part of this work as well as parents, staff and governors. Pennaeth/Headteacher Discussed the need for permission from PCC on the mom- A470 roads and Highways agency on A 470. Concerns there may be an H& S issue working on roadside – members would be happy for planters on the area of grass (cut by the Community

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	Council) on Beulah Road or the village green, also potential hanging baskets on toilet buildings.
910/26	Exclusion of public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business – update of bank signatories for Community Council Accounts and for associated bodies for which the Council Acts as Trustees or Custodial Trustees. It was agreed to remove Mw from the Community Council accounts forthwith. Mandated signatories to be reviewed against those agreed (min ref 037/24d). A meeting of the LRF trustees to be held after the next Ordinary meeting.
911/26	DATE OF NEXT MEETING It was agreed to cancel the next scheduled meeting , which had been set for 17 th March 2026 because of farming commitments (lambing) for some members along with already advised absences due to holidays. The next Ordinary Meeting would be held on 21st April 2026 but it was also agreed that short agenda meetings to deal with planning or urgent issues may be arranged. (SDP/PS)
CLOSE	The Community Council Meeting was closed at 8.35 pm.

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