

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLAN LLŶR/LLANYRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

A meeting of Cyngor Cymuned Llan Llŷr/Llanyre Community Council was held
At 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st APRIL 2026 in Llanyre Church Hall.

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

111/26	PRESENT: Mrs P Stevenson (Chairing); Mrs M Davies; J Owens; A Ashton; M Davies. Attending Remotely: None. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: S.D Powell.
112/26	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.
113/26	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 17 th February 2026 were agreed and signed (AA/MD).
114/26	MATTERS ARISING from the previous Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• External Audit – had been contacted by email requesting an update on the progress of the 2024-25 Full Audit, no reply had been received.• Play Area Action Plan proposals – as previous suppliers had been contacted to undertake this but no instructions yet given because of the current banking problems (see below)• Repair of paths on NoW Green –the brief had been circulated directly to 5 contractors as well as being posted on the website and the notice boards. Two tenders had been received (see below)• Tree Safety: requests to tender to undertake a tree safety inspection had been suspended while banking issues continued.• Request for Volunteering Opportunity – this was not progressed by the resident because of sustaining an injury. Members sent best wishes for recovery.
115/26	LOCAL MEMBER UPDATE: None – no members attending
116/26	PLANNING APPLICATIONS: None
117/26	FINANCE including INVOICES FOR PAYMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The balances which had been reconciled on 31/03/2025 were agreed and signed. (SDP/MYD). Balances in hand : Current Account: £ 15918.73 Savings Account: £ 23,149.03

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The HSBC internet banking accounts had been locked since March 2026 due to Llandrindod Branch Staff making multiple attempts to activate a new physical security device. This meant that a number of payments had not been made. Two emergency cheques for payments relating to the claim for the NRW Peatland Improvement grant had been issued. Cheque number 200029 evidencing payments in relation to the administration of the NRW project had been cashed. However, cheque no 200027 for project contractor works had been presented but refused by HSBC which stated that it believed to be 'a fraudulent cheque'. Although The NRW claim submitted had included this cheque as a payment Members agreed NRW should be updated that this had now not been defrayed. It was noted that this may mean that the full grant may not be paid.

- Invoices listed as awaiting payment were agreed/signed as seen for payment. And it was noted to MWMAC - to consider the re-issue of a cheque from HSBC.
 - Cheques no's 200028, 30, 31 and 32 were agreed to be cancelled and the payments re-arranged when the banking issues had been resolved (SDP/PS)
- b) In preparation for the Annual Audit the management accounts and draft year end documents including a summary of income and expenditure for 2025-26 were circulated and noted. Reserve balances and a list of assets as at 31/03/2026 were reviewed. These were cross referenced with the bank reconciliation. A draft of the Audit Statement of Income and Expenditure for 2025-26 was presented and explained. A draft VAT 126 Form and supporting detail of the entries was discussed. This was agreed to be submitted to request a VAT refund. It was agreed that year end accounts should be presented for internal audit. (MYD/MD)
- c) To consider applications for funding – none were discussed.
- d) Anti-poverty Fund – PCC had indicated that the reported project underspend of £760 may be approved by them for future use. It was agreed to request that this be used towards two summertime teas (MYD/JO)
- e) HSBC banking issues – recorded as a confidential item.
- f) Members approved the opening of Unity Bank current and savings accounts. An enquiry had been made to open accounts with Unity Bank and an application form had been completed. To move this application forward to be processed by Unity Bank additional information is required including signature form the Clerk and the four Councillors listed as signatories. Councillors signed the form. The clerk to upload the form and organisational information. A confirmation to instruct unity bank to liaise with HSBC to close accounts and transfer balances held by them in the name of Llanyre Community Council was unanimously agreed. (PS/JO) Mandated signatories were recorded as a confidential item.
- g) To consider the tenders for the renovation of the NoW village Green path. Two organisations (ref Tenders A and B) had submitted Tenders. Tender A had completed the total cost line only of the Pricing Table of the Brief which had also been signed – the tenderer had been contacted to ask if any additional information should be considered with the form. No other information was supplied. Tender B provided 2 completed and signed Pricing Tables – one costing timber edging and the other concrete curbing. It supplied some other specification details and an overview of previous similar projects completed. Customer references were offered. The tenders were discussed. Members agreed that: Tender A provided insufficient information on which to make a decision. The costs of Tender B exceeded the planned budget. There was a short discussion about the specification of the path including the need to upgrade from a natural grass path. Tenderers to be contacted to advise that that the

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	specification were under review. (JO/MD)
118/26	<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 13/01/2025. 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). •
119/26	<p>COMMUNITY ISSUES, MEMBER DISCUSSION and ISSUES NOT ON THE AGENDA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • Biodiversity packages: <u>One Voice Wales Biodiversity Packages</u> <i>One Voice Wales Office: 01269 595400 closing date Friday February 27th 2026.</i> A submitted application to improving and maintaining habitats in Pritchard's Patch had been successful. JO had taken receipt of bird boxes, a hedgehog house and insect boxes. PS advised that she would co-ordinate installing these. Member noted that a resident had said no additional bird boxes were required, however it was noted that a number of potential nest sites had been lost in the village because of approved tree removals; that the existing boxes create additions to the bird population and the insect boxes would encourage a balance of biodiversity while additional boxes would create new additional nesting opportunities. The grant givers had been advised that the site was used by dog walkers and that the hedgehog house may as a result be vulnerable – it had been agreed that this could be located elsewhere in the community. Members would identify a location (possibly the churchyard) and record the selected site. It was also agreed to identify other sites for the boxes which would need to be approved by the Grantors.
910/26	Exclusion of public and press due to the confidential nature of the following business : due to the use by branch staff of a non-recognised activation code supplied by their internet service the Internet banking facility has become locked and a number of payments have not been /cannot be made. Because naot all LCC active signatories have access to individual IT and personal mobile phones the bank supplied a paper document to be signed by three signatories to reset the account. However, the secure upload link required for this has not worked despite being attempted by bank staff. At least one
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	<p>presented cheque has been declined to be cashed by the bank because it was assumed to be fraudulent. A complaint has been lodged it has recognised the issues, apologised for the inconvenience and offered compensation of £50.00 (it was noted with irony that this would not be accessible as the account remains locked) but no adequate means of resolution has been supplied. To date the clerk has made 6 visits to the branch, signatories have meet to complete documents on two occasions, a visit to a supplier to deliver an urgent cheque for payment has been, the terms of the NRW grant have been breached due to a payment not being defrayed by the grant deadline and numerous telephone calls have been made to the bank. It was agreed that a further complaint should lodged and this should be copied to the HSBC CEO. A complaint to the Banking Ombudsman would be considered at a later date. It was agreed that the clerk should be paid for the extra hours worked addressing this issue.</p>
911/26	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING The next Ordinary Meeting would be held on 19th April 2026 at the conclusion of the ANNUAL MEETING which would begin at 7pm it was also agreed that short agenda meetings to deal with planning or urgent issues may be arranged before that date (AA/PS)</p>
CLOSE	<p>The Community Council Meeting was closed at 9.22 pm.</p>

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