

**Minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of Llangynin Community Council
Bryn Chapel Hall, Llangynin
Tuesday 13 May 2025 – 7pm**

Present : Councillors Les Murphy, Caroline Jones, Rhydian Davies, George Bulford

In the Chair - Councillor Rhydian Davies

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs B Ramruttun and P Morgan
2. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Jones declaring a personal interest in respect of all and any matters concerning the Bryn Chapel Hall (of which she is a trustee). Cllr Jones declaring a personal interest in item 4.5 as she is part of the local Eisteddfod Committee raising money for Eisteddfod Y Garreg Las 2026. No prejudicial interest in either matter.
3. **Minutes of the meeting 13 May 2025**

It was **RESOLVED** that minutes of the Annual and Normal meetings of the council held on 13 May 2025 be approved and signed as correct record. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Murphy.

4. **Existing business:**

- 4.1. **Llangynin Park** – members noting the terms of an email dated 30 May 2025 received from Carmarthenshire County Council asserting a claim for adverse possession and/or prescriptive rights entitling them to site and use the sewage treatment works. The clerk had sought details of the extent of the claim but so far had had no response. Any progress on the park was held currently pending the County Council clarifying its position. No further information had been received from the sellers on enquiries raised. ROSPA were to be undertaking a safety inspection of the play equipment which would be sent through to the council. Cllr Murphy had taken a look at the broken baby seat for the swing and reported that as it was plastic it could not be repaired and would need full replacement. Further he reported that upon his brief inspection earlier, the poles for the ladder onto the slide were showing signs of rot at the base. It was agreed that this information be passed to the Entertainments Committee that manage the park.
- 4.2. **traffic damage, village signs, speeding and road safety** – it was noted that many drivers were still seen to be coming through the village at speeds thought to be in excess of the limit. Members considered a report received from GoSafe for “captures” from 24 April to 24 June 2025. The number of “captures” the report said were not necessarily the same as the number of tickets. During the two month period there had been 6 visits and 61 captures. The Members then reviewed the commitments made by Mr Jacobs as reporting in the minutes for May 2025. Of those it was noted that the roadmarkings promised had been put in place. However the speed indicator sign was not working still (although someone had been seen working on it a few weeks ago) and the village signs had still not been repaired/replaced. Nothing further had been heard by the council in relation to gates or laying tubes to catch further data. It was agreed that all of this would remain on the agenda and the members would monitor progress.
- 4.3. **Footpath exit by Eithinduo** – as Cllr Phillips was not at the meeting, it was **RESOLVED** that this matter remain on the agenda and discussed at the next meeting.
- 4.4. **Next steps for the Bryn Hall grant application proceeding in upcoming financial year** – The members noted that it remained to be taken forwards. It was agreed that given the limited annual budget, it would be prudent to receive the updated costs estimate from the solicitors retained by the community council in respect of the park, before further committing on this grant matter. Further noting that the solicitors would be in difficulties providing an updated

- 4.5. **Request for Grant/Financial Assistance in respect of Eisteddfod Y Garreg Las 2026**
 - the members noted that a letter of thanks had been received from the local fund raising committee. It was further noted that the letter indicated that the committee were, in May, close to halfway to their target already which was to be congratulated. Members agreed that this matter go back on the agenda in November when next years budget was first being considered.
5. **County Councillor's Report – N/a**
6. **Clerk's Report and correspondence not otherwise on the agenda**
- 6.1. The clerk had identified online training provided by Planning Wales that appeared to provide the scope of training that members had said they had wanted. Details would be circulated to members for Responding to Planning Applications Part 1 and Understanding S106 Planning Obligations.
- 6.2. Carmarthen County Council had sent round a link to their annual residents survey so that all could indicate their preferences/priorities for spending. The links could be found on the CCC website.
- 6.3. The same update reported that community events could be promoted for free on the Discover Carmarthen website. To submit an event go to
<https://www.discovercarmarthen.com/whats-on> and click "Add Your Event"
- 6.4. Coleg Sir Gar were offering training for volunteers and employees of community councils including land maintenance skills.
- 6.5. One Voice Wales had written to all councils expressing concern about the lack of attendance at the Area Committee meetings. The members discussed the requirements and Cllr Murphy was happy to be put forward to OVW as the representative for this council to attend the online meetings going forward.
- 6.6. Aberystwyth University were carrying out a survey on Farm and Rural Crime. It can be undertaken in Welsh here: <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/aber/rural-crime-survey-lpip-2025-cymraeg>
 Or English here: <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/aber/rural-crime-survey-lpip-2025-english-final>
7. **Planning Matters – none**
8. **Finance and Payments (Contractual and invoiced).**
- 8.1. Budget monitoring – the members reviewed the spreadsheet for monitoring spending to date. They noted the current bank balances: current account £4068.82 as at 2 July 2025, taking into account payment of clerk's June wages. Instant access savings account £5350.93.
- 8.2. Confirmation of payments made:
- payment of clerk's wages monthly in May and June 2025;
 - ICO direct debit payment collected on 16 May 2025.
- 8.3. Payments RESOLVED as authorized by members:
- Fees of Audit Wales for detailed audit for the year 22/23 in the sum of £495.
 - Fees of Audit Wales for detailed audit for the year 23/24 in the sum of £290.
 - Hall hire for Community Council meeting July 2025 - £10.
9. **Date of next meeting – 16 September 2025.** It was agreed that the date for the next meeting be moved forward by one week to accommodate the clerk.

Meeting closed: 19.40