

**Minutes of the meeting of the Meeting of Llangynin Community Council
Bryn Chapel Hall, Llangynin
Tuesday 16 October 2025 – 7pm**

Present : Councillors Les Murphy, Caroline Jones, Rhydian Davies, Philip Morgan and B Ramruttun (attending remotely)

In the Chair - Councillor Rhydian Davies

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr G Bulford
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). No prejudicial interest.
3. **Minutes of the meeting 8 July 2025**

It was **RESOLVED** that minutes of the meeting of the council held on 8 July 2025 be approved and signed as correct record. Proposed by Cllr Jones and seconded by Cllr Murphy.

4. **Existing business:**

- 4.1. **Llangynin Park** – After a period of being unable to progress matters due to the discovery that the County Council septic tank was located on the park land, there were now signs of things moving on. Cllr Phillips confirmed that he had been able to speak to the legal department and that the matter had now been picked up by the property team. Mr Evans of the legal team had confirmed to the clerk that day that the property department had been seeking further details from him. It being agreed that the County Council needed to be clear on what area it claimed rights to prevent duplication and a waste of money. Discussion moved to review of the ROSPA report secured on the condition of the park play equipment. The report concluded that all it was not financially viable to repair the existing equipment. It was agreed that the report be shared to the Entertainments Committee. There was wide ranging discussion on how the park might be invested in in coming years and the way in which public consultation might take place to secure all viewpoints together with a constructive plan for future grant applications and development.
- 4.2. **traffic damage, village signs, speeding and road safety** – of the improvements promised by the County Council (and listed in previous minutes) the speed indicator sign was not working still, the village signs had still not been repaired/replaced and no data had been supplied on the outcome of the tubes/wires being laid across the road. It was noted that GoSafe visits had declined – it was unclear whether this was due to data or some other reason. It was further noted that information appeared to be passing between GoSafe and the County Council but not being passed to the community council – which was being left out of the loop. Cllr Phillips agreed to follow up and get an update and further information on the position (including whether gates were feasible). It was agreed that all of this would remain on the agenda and the members would monitor progress. Separately, correspondence had been received from a member of the public about the poor quality of the road surface between Llangynin and St Clears. A list of the current major issues was identified and will be reported by Cllr Phillips to the County Council.
- 4.3. **Footpath exit by Eithinduan** – Cllr Phillips had continued to pursue the issue since the Countryside Access Department had concluded barriers at the exit would not be practical – as there was insufficient space between the carriageway and the gate. The inspection team had agreed to take a look at the exit whilst on a return trip from Llanboidy and would then report further. Separately, there was discussion of the condition of the footpath dog legging to the forestry. Brambles had been cut back by users but it was thought that it would require more substantial attention over winter. Clerk to contact Countryside Access Team.

4.4. Next steps for the Bryn Hall grant application proceeding in upcoming financial year
– on hold.

5. New Business

5.1. Review of

5.1.1. **The asset register** – the members concluded that the list of assets remained the same and were insured. RESOLVED that the asset register was approved.

5.1.2. **The training plan** – the members noted that with the booking of the two planning related courses (attendance in October and December this year) that will address the skills that members had identified on the adopted training plan. The members would reflect on any further training and the clerk would circulate the current email from OVW with the courses it is running.

5.1.3. **The annual report** – members had reviewed the changes incorporating the up to date position (as drafted by the clerk) and RESOLVED that they be adopted.

5.1.4. **Policy in relation to mandatory payments** – it was confirmed by the clerk that the adopted policy already reflected the up to date determinations relevant to this community council but that the policy would benefit from the addition of a sentence confirming that the figures take into account the determinations of the panel for 25-26. She proposed that a sentence be added which confirms that this was the case. It was RESOLVED that the clerk draft in a further sentence as suggested.

5.2. **Consideration of the matter of insurance due for renewal 31 October 2025** – for historic reasons, the insurance renewal falls between meetings. The clerk suggested that as for other years, she check in with the two brokers to see what figures are available but Zurich had already provided a renewal figure of £264 which was unlikely to be matched and provided cover currently sufficient for the council's requirements. RESOLVED that the clerk to report to the members on the current market figures and was provided with authority to proceed with renewal with Zurich unless there were reasons not to – so that there was continuity of insurance from 1 November 2025. The matter to be retained on the agenda to be covered off formally at the November meeting.

5.3. **First consideration by members of action plan for financial year 2026/27** – members discussed various ideas for the next financial year. Those ideas to be refined with some idea of costings and brought forward for further review at the November meeting.

5.4. **Application for donation** toward the costs of running the pumpkin carving competition – the amount sought was £30. RESOLVED that this donation be provided.

5.5. **Attendance at St Clears Remembrance Sunday 2025 and purchase of wreath** – Cllr Murphy is able to attend. Cllr Morgan will be attending the Whitland ceremony. RESOLVED that £25 be paid for the wreath for St Clears ceremony.

6. **County Councillor's Report** - most matters on the County Councillor's list had been discussed within the main agenda. The matter of the current condition of local roads was discussed – and members identified various locations where the road is crumbling at the edges or has substantial holes to fill. Cllr Philips had noted that the condition of the road at Rhydyceisiad hill continues to deteriorate. He reported that the presence of large tractors on the roads in the County was giving rise to a lot of complaints – associated with drivers being seen texting while driving; speeding; appearing to be overloaded and being on roads that are too narrow for their presence. He reported that the police are aware of the complaints but that travel on the roads by the tractors is not in itself illegal and the police have to see and catch the behaviours reported.

7. Clerk's Report and correspondence not otherwise on the agenda

7.1. The Annual Report of the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner is now available online to download;

7.2. Repair Café Cymru are providing open sessions to encourage volunteers to set up/get involved with local Repair Cafes. Next date is 23 September. More details from the clerk.

7.3. Public Forum on the Future of Carmarthenshire's rural welsh speaking communities – 27 September 10-12.30 in the Library in Carmarthen with senior County Council members present;

7.4. 1 day closure of U6216 Pwll Trap on 1 October 2025.

8. Planning matters – noting consultations since last meeting – PL/09711 and PL/09688.
Members noted these two consultations which had now closed.

9. Finance and Payments (Contractual and invoiced).

9.1. **Budget monitoring** – Bank balances current account £6116.15 as at 1 September 2025, taking into account payment of second tranche of precept in the sum of £3533.33. As at the date of the meeting the balance was £5783.15. Instant access savings account £5350.93

9.2. **Consideration of Local government Services Pay Agreement for 2025/26** in so far as it applies to clerk's remuneration and also noting the annual increment. **RESOLVED** that the pay agreement increase which was from 1 April 2025 be applied to the clerk's wages and as such the increase be paid as back pay in September's clerk's wages. The annual increment – which had not yet been paid would also be paid as back pay at month end.

9.3. Members noted and confirmed payments made:

- clerk's wages monthly in July and August 2025.
- Audit Wales invoice - ARINV/013700 £250.
- Playsafety Limited invoice - £96 (VAT of £16).

9.4. Members authorized the following payments to be made:

- Hall hire for Community Council meeting September 2025 - £20
- Insurance Premium payment when figure is confirmed by clerk in line with decision at paragraph 6.2
- Donation in the sum of £30 towards the costs of the pumpkin carving competition
- Payment for wreath for St Clears Remembrance Sunday ceremony in the sum of £25
- Planning Aid Wales invoice CTC5 4/25 for online course on 20 October 2025
- Planning Aid Wales invoice CTC7 1/25 for online course on 1 December 2025

10. Date of next meeting – 11 November 2025

Meeting closed: 20.25