

LLANFAIR YN NEUBWLL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council's Meeting - 7.00 pm, Tuesday 18 March 2025

Present: Councillor Einir Thomas – Chairman

Councillors: Gwilym O. Jones, Siân Enfys Jones, William Victor Owen, Sharon Parry, Evan Wyn Robertson and Gareth Thomas.

Also Present: Mai Owen – Clerk/ RFO and County Cllr. Ken Taylor.

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs. Celfyn Furlong, Gordon Owen and Dyfed Williams.

2. **Declaration of Interest** – declarations of personal interest:

Cllr. Gwilym O. Jones in item 4.2 Village Hall and item 6.1 - donations to Y Rhwyd.

Cllr. K. Taylor - planning matters because of his position on the Planning Committee.

Cllr. Sharon Parry - item 6.1 – donations to MônFM and St David's Hospice.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of 18 February 2025 were accepted as being correct (prop. Cllr. E.W. Robertson, sec. Cllr. G.O. Jones)

4. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

4.1 Playing Field: Cllr. Einir Thomas reported that the rocking horse had been vandalised – the rocker was intact but the head was damaged. She had removed the debris and ensured that there were no sharp edges to cause injury.

It was agreed to accept Shaun Wharton's the quotation of £100 per cut for cutting and strimming the playing field and £160 to remove the shed, cut back the ivy and remove all debris from the play area.

4.2 Village Hall: It was reported that:

1) The Insurers had paid £3,000 for the removal of the storm damaged trees and repairs to the boundary wall and fence.

2) Môn Fire was due to attend on 7th April to commence work on the Fire Alarm system.

3) R.G. Hire was due to start work on laying the new waterpipe on 24 March.

4) Shaun Wharton would remove the bush growing at the rear of the chapel but Members wanted to view the grounds before deciding on any further ground works there.

It was agreed that the clerk would purchase a first aid kit, some cleaning materials and paint match pots to tidy up the existing paint work.

She would also produce an Equal Opportunities Policy and Safeguarding Policy for the next meeting.

4.3 Defibrillator Caergeiliog – IOACC had been to collect the external housing box, the defib would be installed as soon as that was in place. Cllr. Furlong had sourced some training for 6th May but there were concerns that it would be held too early in the day for most people. The clerk was to ask IOACC to look at the tree that was hanging low over the defib post by Rhen Ysgol.

4.4 Any other matter arising from the minutes:

The white lines were still missing on the A5 in Caergeiliog.

5. **Planning**

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5.1 **LUE/2025/11 at Trewan Sands Caravan Park, Bryngwran**

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the land as a seasonal site for touring caravans, tents, and motorhomes for over 10 years. – No observations other than the need to check whether the site was on common land.

5.2 **VAR/2025/11 Tir yn/Land at Zealand Park, Caergeiliog**

Application under Section 73 for the variation of condition (09) (measures for the future maintenance of the access and estate road) of the access of planning permission reference FPL/2023/68 (Full application for the erection of 8 affordable dwellings, construction of a new vehicular access and associated works) so as to allow for the submission of the details prior to the occupation of the dwelling(s) - noted that it was best to retain the condition as there had been serious historical problems regarding the access road through Zealand Park towards the development.

5.3 **VAR/2025/14 Llain Bont, Llanfair yn Neubwl**

Application under Section 73A for the variation of conditions (02)(Approved plans), (04)(Hours of operation) and (07)(Access surfacing material) of planning permission reference FPL/2023/221 (change of use of agricultural land into a dog exercising facility) so as to amend site layout, extend opening hours and amend surface material of the access on land - no objections.

6. **Financial Matters**

The RFO submitted the financial report for the period from 1.2.2025 to 28.2. 2025 together with bank reconciliations, statements and copies of the accounts.

Current Account £33048.19, Deposit Account £4081.97.

The clerk would produce the final accounts for scrutiny at the next meeting. It was agreed that the clerk would ask a suitably qualified clerk from another community council whether she would be prepared to audit the 2024/25 accounts but if not, the Council would ask last year's auditor whether he was available again this year.

It was agreed to include Cllrs. Evan Wyn Robertson and Gareth Thomas on to the Bank Mandate for on line banking.

6.1 **Donations - it was agreed to make payments as follows:**

1.	Y Rhwyd	150	Local Government Act 1972, s. 145
2.	St David's Hospice	100	Local Government Act1972, s.137
3.	Wales Air Ambulance	100	Local Government Act1972, s.137
4.	MônFM	100	Local Government Act 1972, s. 145
5.	Eisteddfod yr Urdd	500	Local Government Act 1972, s. 145

6.2 **Members Allowance - Members were again reminded that in order to receive a tax free payment they would have to confirm in writing that they work from home on official duties as a Councillor and that they are not already claiming a tax allowance for home working**

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expenses against another source of income. Anyone who did not wish to receive the allowance should forward written confirmation to the clerk.

6.3 Payments since last meeting: noted / agreed.

Salary (February.)	£353.07	One Voice Wales	£316
IOACC	£137	Members Allowance	£208
Mon Fire	£55.20		

It was also agreed that the Clerk / RFO would pay any invoices received in respect of previously agreed expenditure.

7. Correspondence – the following were submitted and noted.

- 7.1 One Voice Wales Training
- 7.2 Senedd Review Final Determinations
- 7.3 Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector.
- 7.4 Draft diversity and inclusion guidance for registered political parties
- 7.5 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Annual Report 2025 |
- 7.6 Town and Community Councils Liaison Forum meeting – 6.30 pm 19.5.2025.

8 Member Reports

- 8.1 Cllr. Sharon Parry:
Reported that a resident had complained to her about the noise emanating from the Evri Depot in Caergeiliog – it was noted that the distribution service started early morning to ensure timeous deliveries.
- 8.2 Cllr. Wyn Robertson:
Asked about the need for a booking system at the recycling plant in Gwalchmai – it would appear that this was put in place following complaints from North Wales Police that vehicles had been queuing back and obstructing the A5.
- 8.3 Cllr. Sian Jones:
Aked whether the 20mph could be moved to beyond the entrance to the new development on Minffordd Road – the clerk would enquire about this.
- 8.4 Cllr. Victor Owen:
Referring back to item 7.4 regarding diversity and inclusion he said that the Council and its Members should be proud of the way they worked together, everyone was doing their best. The Clerk pointed out that the Council was well represented with male and female Members from a wide age range, some were more physically able than others but their collective knowledge, skills and experiences complemented each other. It was agreed that everyone had their worth.

9. Next Meeting - 15 April 2025

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