

# CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNCRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## **MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 17.11.25 - 7.15 pm**

*6.30 pm Councillors meeting with BCUHB and Tywyn Hospital Action Group. Ordinary meeting will commence at 7.15 pm.*

Both BCUHB and Tywyn Hospital Action Group (THAG) attended the meeting to provide the Council with an update on the current position relating to Dyfi Ward, Tywyn Hospital which has been temporary closed since 2023. Both groups acknowledged that there is a general shortage of community nurses right across Wales not just in rural communities. Accommodation shortages along with poor transport links also makes it difficult to recruit. Add to that the ongoing issue of closing the ward permanently and who is likely to apply for a position and relocate to an area where work is generally difficult to find.

### BCUHB

- Advised that it was asking the community for opinion on the three options, they were meeting with Community Councils, Parent & Toddler Groups etc. etc.
- Advised the matter was still in the engagement phase and not a consultation phase.
- Stated that all documents relating to Dyfi Ward were on their website.
- Stated that four extra beds had been given to Dolgellau
- Ran through the criteria they had to follow before putting the three options forward, essential criteria i.e. travel, workforce, staff wellbeing, sustainability followed by desirable criteria which had resulted in the three options available standing out
- The three available options will be on their website shortly
- Confirmed a review of the process by the end of November
- Unable to advise when a final decision would be made, however, acknowledging there had been comments about this being in January.

### THAG

- highlighted the fact that the three remaining options available all included permanent closure of the ward.
- Stated that BCUHB had implied that if the beds were re-opened other services would be cut.
- Asked why Tom Brookes expert professional analysis of the Health Board and published after meeting 1 was not on BCUHB website
- Asked why Tom Brookes had not been invited to meeting 2.
- Highlighted the knock-on effect for Dolgellau hospital, Altwen (Porthmadog) and Bangor

### **Ordinary Meeting commenced at 7.10 pm**

**Present:** Alan Jones (AJ) (Chairman), Geraint Evans (GE) (Vice Chairman), Richard J Evans (RJE), Andy Goff (AG), Richard C Evans (RCE) and Jane Jenkins (Clerk)

**1. Chairperson's Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to all to the meeting. Condolences were extended to Richard Evans.

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2. **Apologies Received:** Bethan Lawton and Geraint Edwards

2.1 **Registration of Interest:** None.

3. **Approval of previous minutes – 20/10/25:**

**RESOLVED:** Previous meeting's minutes were agreed as a true account.

**Proposed** - GE      **Seconded** – AG

4. **Matters arising from the previous meetings – 20/10/25:**

1. GCC email re footpaths

Noted that the areas of concern have been inspected. Work has not to date been completed.

Some confusion over footpath numbers and Clerk to query if footpath numbers have been changed and obtain up to date map.

**ACTION:** Clerk to send letter to Footpaths, GCC

2. SLCC Annual Membership

Clerk advising that she had spoken to Corris now and they felt the membership should be continued as it offered employment advice and protection to the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimous agreement to continue with the membership, with the annual cost to be shared with Corris.

**ACTION:** Clerk to check salary information is correct before renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> December as membership cost is relative to salary.

3. Update from Alfie Waiting re Brynchrug bus stop

Noted but timescale is pushing very close to grant deadline, both for the installation and for invoices to be produced, paid and reclaimed as per terms of the grant.

**ACTION:** Clerk asked to contact Rhian Wyn Williams in first instance to ascertain whether an invoice can be submitted to the Council now for payment.

5. **Correspondence:**

1. Email re Welsh Govt consultation on the changes to local govt election rules in Wales  
Noted.

6. **Planning Applications:**

None.

7. **Financial Matters:**

1. **Financial Report October 2025**

Councillors reviewed the report and accepted it.

**RESOLVED:** This was agreed as a true account and approved by all.

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## 2. Clerk's report inc payments made using delegated authority

Nothing to report.

## 3. Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere

Clerks' salary for October, HG Web Designs (annual renewal) and GCC for toilets.

**RESOLVED:** Unanimous agreement to approve all invoices and cheques signed.

**ACTION:** Clerk to make payments.

## 4. Audit Wales – completion of audit 2024/25

Clerk has now had notice of completion of the audit for 2024/25. Result as below:

### **Audit opinion: Qualified**

*Except for the matters reported below in my Basis for Qualification, on the basis of my audit, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:*

- *has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;*
- *that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met;*
- *is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and*
- *that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.*

Clerk has prepared the Notice of Completion, and this has been displayed on the website and the Councils noticeboard.

## 8. Representatives' Reports:

AG advised that the work on the replacement kitchen at Y Ganolfan AGM continues. There has also been work to the garden. The fireworks event was a success.

## 9. County Councillors Report:

Nothing to report.

## 10. Any Other Business:

1. Clerk handed out draft precept/budget for 2026/27 to be discussed further at the December meeting. Councillors asked to think on anything else that needs to be included.
2. Discussion over whether it would be beneficial to Brynchrug to have the public toilets open all year round and Clerk asked to make enquiries as to whether possible, and if so the cost.

## 11. Employment/Co-Option

**(These are confidential matters, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting)**

Nothing to report.

Meeting concluded 7.55 pm.

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7pm**

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Signed: *A H Jones* Chairman

Date 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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