

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL – 21.09.26 - 7 pm at Y Ganolfan

Present: Alan Jones (AJ) (Chair), Geraint Evans (GE) (Vice Chair), Bethan Lawton (BL), Richard C Evans (RCE), Richard J Evans (RJE) and Jane Jenkins (Clerk).

1. Chairperson's Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to all at the meeting.

2. Apologies

Andy Goff and Geraint Edwards

2a. Registration of Interest if known

None.

3. Public Participation Session (LGEW Act 2021)

Nothing to report.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting – 20.07.26

Minutes agreed as a true copy.

RESOLVED: Proposed RCE Seconded GE

5. Matters arising from previous meeting – 20.07/2026

a. Old Website

Clerk advising that HG Websites had been in talks with Fasthosts, but they were adamant that the old website could not be removed until 2027 as it had been paid for up until that date. Hannah (HG Websites) will continue to monitor.

6. Planning Applications/Licensing Applications

None.

7. Highways and Footpaths

a. Footpaths update – behind DMS and Maeshyfryd

AJ advising he had met with Sam Hollingsworth and walked around these areas. JK Jones has satisfactorily cut back.

b. AJ mentioned an issue with the gate/old fashioned stile by Rhydyronnen Station that had been reported to him and Clerk was asked to contact Sam Hollingsworth with a view to alternatives available.

ACTION: Clerk to send email.

c. AJ mentioned excessive water on the green lane from Rhydyronnen to Pantyrn and asked for an email to be sent to GCC Highways.

ACTION: Clerk to send email.

AJ

8. Meddiantiau/Assets

a. Benches

Nothing to Report.

b. Noticeboard

Nothing to Report.

c. Bus Shelters

Nothing to Report.

d. Little Garden

1. Tree (Ash Dieback)

AJ advising that documentation has been found showing the land which the tree is on to belong to the Community Council. AJ advising that he has asked Alfa Tree Services to quote to remove the tree which is suffering severely from Ash Dieback.

9. Materion Arianno/Financial Matters

a. Monthly finance statements for July and August 2026

RESOLVED: Unanimously agreed as true accounts.

b. Clerks report inc. payments made using delegated authority

Clerk reporting that delegated authority had been used in respect of GCC Audit Fees 2025-26 in accordance with the Standing Orders as the payment could be subject to interest and penalties. The payment had been set up and authorised by AJ.

c. Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere

Clerks pay (August), Audit Wales 24-25 fees

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to pay.

ACTION: Clerk to set up payments.

d. Matters relating to Audit

Nothing to report.

e. Update on Cronfa NI grant

Clerk advising that Alfie Waiting of GCC had confirmed that the new bus shelter would be included within GCC programme of works – the Community Council would be invoiced for the total amount of the grant £5,500 and all remaining costs would be covered by GCC. A contractor had been approved to undertake the works and once an installation date was available, Clerk would be notified.

f. Precept p2 remittance

Clerk advising remittance has been received and the payment is now in the bank account,.

AJ

g. Monies set aside

Clerk advising that now part 2 of the precept had been received, monies budgeted for would be moved into the monies set aside pot. With the installation work for the new bus shelter now covered, there was surplus funds which could be moved to other areas i.e. election costs, maintenance. Clerk given authority to move surplus funds to other areas where required. BL requesting that in light of several speed enquiries, a new pot be formed to be used for speed restriction signage within the village and this was approved by all Councillors present.

ACTION: Clerk to adjust monies set aside and to set up a new pot for speed restriction issues.

h. Transfer of funds from 596 to 702 Dolgoch (Pavillion/Cae Chwarae)

The Councillors discussed this and concluded that the monies within the account were not specifically specified as for the playpark/pavilion and therefore a transfer could not occur. In the circumstances it was agreed to leave this account as it is whilst costs are obtained for Vehicle Activated Speed signs as it could be used for purchasing these and obtaining the necessary permits.

10. Review of Policies and Regulations

a. REVIEW GDPR (Privacy Notice)

All confirmed they had read through the document and there were no changes to be made.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the GDPR Privacy Notice as drafted and adopt for 26-27. To be reviewed in 36 months.

ACTION: Clerk to date policy, post to website and list for review in September 2029.

b. REVIEW S6 Biodiversity

All confirmed they had read through the document and there were no changes to be made.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the Biodiversity Plan as drafted and adopt for 26-27. To be reviewed in 12 months.

ACTION: Clerk to date, post to website and list for review in September 2027.

c. REVIEW Risk Assessment

All confirmed they had read through the document. Two small amendments were required namely to remove Playpark section as this was now registered under RJ Roberts, and to amend the payments section to read *minimum of two signatures for cheques and dual authorisation for online banking.*

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the Risk Assessment as amended and adopt for 26-27. To be reviewed in 12 months.

ACTION: Clerk to date, post to website and list for review in September 2027.

d. REVIEW Donations Policy

All confirmed they had read through the document. The following changes were made to the document, namely:

Criteria (bullet point 2) to be amended to read *Individual Applications **will not be eligible except in special circumstances and with the unanimous agreement of the Councillors.***

General Conditions to be amended to specify *annual donation cheques/BACS payments to be signed off.....etc*

Policy Review be amended from annually to *every two years*.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the amendments and Donations Policy to be adopted for 26-27. To be reviewed in September 2028.

ACTION: Clerk to make amendments, date, post to website and list for review in September 2028.

11. Community Queries

a. Bryncreg to Tywyn cyclepath

Signage appears to be the main issue here, so Clerk requested to contact footpaths, and request signage is reviewed as there have been some near misses reported.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Footpaths, GCC

b. Speed restriction enquiry

This request was sent initially to BL who has made some enquiries and has spoken with Andrew Gregson, GCC. Gwynedd Council is of the view that signage is adequate and upon checking the average speed noted it as 46.3mph so within the 60mph current speed limit. Clerk requested to make contact on behalf of the Community Council and ask for the road to be reviewed.

ACTION: Clerk to send letter to Andrew Gregson, GCC

BL also mentioned that the average speed recorded on the B4405 was 37.84mph within the 30mph zone. This information will be passed to Go Safe for further monitoring.

c. Request for footpath – Pont Felindre to Maeshyfyd

This proposal had been sent to BL and was requested under the Active Travel Network scheme. There was some recollection of a similar request in the past, but Clerk asked to make new enquiries, as there is significant footfall in the area.

ACTION: Clerk to contact GCC via the Consultation 2026 page reference 134200

12. Correspondence

a. 1. Tywyn Community Hospital

2. Update on timetable for public consultation re Tywyn Hospital

Contents of both communications noted. To be discussed further when date and time for consultation is released.

b. Training dates August – December 26

Noted. BL reporting that she had undertaken safeguarding training recently through an independent provider but suggesting it may be worth contacting OVW and enquiring whether this is something they could offer.

ACTION: Clerk to make enquiries of OVW.

c. Notification of Wales Audit Office participation in National Fraud incentive

Noted.

d. GCC – update on Corbett Hotel, Tywyn

Noted. The cost to GCC so far is significant and still a considerable way to go to move this forward.

e. Community Boundary reviews

Noted.

f. Biodiversity packages

Not of interest currently.

g. Gwynedd Active Travel Network Consultation.

Noted. Discussed at 11c above.

13. Representatives' Reports

GE reporting that Y Ganolfan had held the Country Fair which was well supported, the entrance to the car parking area has been re-tarmacked and the café is doing well.

14. County Councillor's Report

BL reporting that all had been quiet with the County Council over the summer, but there had been some requests from the public to deal with. BL reported that she had received a request for a "Mirror" for Y Ganolfan entrance due to the parked vehicles either side of it. She had spoken with Andrew Gregson who had stated that GCC do not support siting mirrors on main road as they can cause drivers to become too dependent on them. Additionally, even if placed on private land it has to be outside of the public highway and siting and maintenance of it would be the responsibility of the owner. Clerk advising that if it is placed on private land but is deemed to distract drivers then that is an offence under the Highways Act, s137 and those that have placed it there can be subjected to prosecution and a claim for damages in the event of any accident. Y Ganolfan will need to take a view as it is their request.

BL also advising there was supposed to have been a briefing on the Visitor levy today (21/09/26) but this had been cancelled due to the high volume of responses.

15. Any Other Business

16. Employment Matters

(This is a confidential matter, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for this item).

a. Pay Settlement 2026/27

Clerk left the room for this discussion and signed Notification of Personal Interest.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to make the recommended pay increase and backdate with immediate effect to 1st April 2026.

Meeting closed 8.05 pm.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 19/10/2026 at 7 pm – "Y Ganolfan" Bryncrug

Signed: *A H Jones*

Chairman

Date: 19/10/2026

AHJ