

CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNCRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 16.02.2026 at 7pm

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

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

2. **Apologies Received:** None.

2.1 **Registration of Interest:** None.

3. **Approval of previous minutes – 19/01/26:**

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

Proposed - AG **Seconded** – GE

4. **Matters arising from the previous meetings – 19/01/26:**

a. Update on position re Cronfa GI grant

Clerk advising that the work is now complete, the grant has now been paid to the Council, and the completion Report required has been submitted to GCC. The funds can now be transferred back to account ending 596.

b. Response from GCC re outstanding work Pont Dysynni

Noted and AJ confirmed that the work has now been completed in accordance with Works Programme at 5b.

c. Response from GCC re Penowern

Noted and the matter has now been resolved.

5. **Correspondence:**

a. Update on Corbett Arms Hotel

Contents of email received from GCC noted.

b. Works Programme re Pont Dysynni

Noted as above at 4b.

c. Acknowledgement from Liz Saville Roberts MP re Dyfi Ward

Noted.

d. Email received from Gwenyn Bach Nursery

Noted but Council not aware of any grants suitable for them.

ACTION: Clerk to respond.

AJG

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e. Email received from Dysynni Defibrillator Guardians
Council happy with current arrangements for its defibrillators (village and Dolgoch).

ACTION: Clerk to respond.

6. Planning Applications:

None.

7. Financial Matters:

1. Financial Report January 2026

Councillors reviewed the report and accepted it.

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

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

Nothing to report.

3. Authorisation of any payments not authorised elsewhere

Clerks' salary for January

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to approve and cheque signed.

ACTION: Clerk to make payment.

4. GCC Grant Remittance

For information only – noted.

5. Insurance renewal (with adjustments)

Clerk advising the quote policy schedule had now been amended to account for the additional defibrillator at Dolgoch and the new bus shelter in the village. The annual price had increased by £58 pa over the original quote reviewed last month. The price quoted was £2,904.99 for a one-year term and £2,624.01 for a three-year term which would incur an annual admin fee of approximately £50 which would see a slight increase in years 2 and 3. Due to the new bus shelter in the village the share of the annual cost was also discussed.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the three-year price and share the policy cost 65% R J Roberts Charity and 35% Bryncriug Community Council.

ACTION: Clerk to confirm acceptance of the three-year price.

6. Quotes – annual grass cutting, footpaths and maintenance contract for village.

Clerk advising that JK Jones Landscaping had agreed to hold their prices for the work for the next twelve months. The Council took into consideration that they had been the most competitive last year and there had been no issues with their work.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the held price for 2026.

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ACTION: Clerk to make contact with JK Jones Landscaping and accept offer.

7. Donation requests

Numerous requests had been received and were considered. Interests were noted (see below). Notification of personal interests were completed and signed.

RESOLVED: Agreement reached as follows:

- a. Dysynni Hockey Club – Initial request received in mid 2025 relating to the astro turf project which is now nearing completion. RCE proposed a payment of £100 which could be used towards equipment etc. as the club is used by many in the community. GE seconded and a donation of £100 was awarded.
- b. Wales Air Ambulance – Declined. RJE proposed £100 but remaining Councillors rejected on the basis that there was soon to be no local base and the community would suffer.
- c. Dail Dysynni – (BL left). All remaining Councillors agreed to a donation of £100.
- d. Bryncreug Litter Pickers – (AG, GE left). All remaining Councillors agreed to a donation of £50.
- e. Y Ganolfan – (BL, AG, GE left). All remaining Councillors agreed to a donation of £850 which would cover the cost of new defibrillator if their grant application was unsuccessful or could be used toward ongoing projects to improve Y Ganolfan if the grant approved.

ACTION: Clerk to make the payments.

8. Information Commissioners Office registration.

Clerk advising that the Council should be registered re data protection, GDPR and that the annual cost currently is £52. Initially this could be paid by cheque but as reminders are not sent out, then a direct debit mandate would need to be set up for future years.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to register and cheque signed.

ACTION: Clerk to complete registration and make payment.

8. Representatives' Reports:

AG advising that Y Ganolfan kitchen will be completed and open by middle of March. He touched up the situation with the Defibrillator and that one was currently on loan to them whilst a new one was sourced. BL advising that all policies are now in place and the online booking system is heading in the right direction. The community coffee and soup mornings have been very successful with very good attendance. GE advising that regular events are taking place in the building.

9. County Councillors Report:

BL advising that she has received lots of complaints about dog fouling in several of her areas, namely Bryncreug, Llanegryn and Abergynolwyn and the warden has been out. If the issue persists then the chalk paint method may have to be reverted to.

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There have also been several complaints regarding speeding on the B4405 into Brynchrug village from Dolgoch Falls direction and there had been an accident by the bridge today. There is also considerable speeding on the Llanegryn straight A493. Situation is getting worse. Clerk asked to contact GoSafe.

BL shared advance notice of a road closure (Minffordd) B4405 from 12/04/2026 for up to three days.

BL had attended the finance meeting mentioned last month and GCC had received a better settlement from Welsh Government than expected. However, there will be a rates increase of 5.17%.

10. Any Other Business:

AJ had received a request for a dog bin for the road by Rhydyronen station. Clerk to make enquiry.

AJ asked if BL could speak with GCC regarding the amount of standing water in the area.

11. Employment/Co-Option

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

Nothing to report.

Meeting concluded 8.10 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 16th March 2026 at 7pm

Signed: *A H Jones*

Chairman

Date 16.03.2026