

CYNGOR CYMUNED BRYNCRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 16.03.2026 at 7pm

6.45pm Meeting with TBFC – this is a confidential matter, and the public and press will be excluded from this meeting. **(Details to be minuted under R J Roberts Charity)**

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

1. **Chairperson's Welcome:** A warm welcome was extended to all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies Received:** Richard C Evans (RCE), Geraint Edwards (GED), Bethan Lawton (BL)
- 2.1 **Registration of Interest:** None.
3. **Approval of previous minutes – 16/02/26:**

RESOLVED: Previous meeting's minutes were agreed as a true account.
Proposed - AG Seconded – GE

4. **Matters arising from the previous meetings – 16/02/26:**

- a. Update on dog bin request Rhydyronen Station
Clerk advising that there has been no response to date

- b. Response and photo from GCC re Footpath No 5 Bryncrug
Noted that the work has been undertaken to the bridge and to a good standard.

5. **Correspondence:**

- a. Email from Y Ganolfan
Contents of email relating to donation noted.

- b. Email and letter re Cambrian Coast Railway.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to support the cause but unclear who we need to send letter of support to so Clerk to make contact to establish before sending letter.

- c. Response from GCC re trees by Little Garden/Pont Fathew
Noted that GCC had said the trees requiring attention were on private land and they would contact the owner.

- d. Email re Local Development Plan 3 – Call for Candidate Sites
Noted but Councillors did not have any suitable sites in mind to put forward. The poster has been placed on the village noticeboard but there have been no enquiries to the Council.

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e. Training Dates

These were noted and will be reviewed further at the April meeting when the training plan is put together for 2026-27. Clerk explaining we now must display the training plan on our website so this needs to be completed in April in time to meet audit requirements. Clerk mentioned the free training that has been offered by OVW for Clerks and Chairs in respect of account closure and preparation of annual return and it was agreed that Clerk and AJ will register for this course on 15th April between 2pm and 3.30 pm.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Wendi Patience OVW and register.

6. Planning Applications:

a. Planning application NP5/55/250 re change of use of land
Councillors discussed the application and comments supplied by Cllr. G Edwards were noted. The general feeling was that those present had no objection provided the roadside hedge remained.

ACTION: Clerk to respond noting Cllr G Edwards comments and those comments regarding the roadside hedge made by the Councillors present at the meeting.

7. Financial Matters:

1. Financial Report February 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 February, postage, Y Ganolfan room hire, A Jones (Planters), Zurich Insurance (35% of the total sum of £2626.01 namely £918.40. Remaining 65% to be covered by R J Roberts Charity). Clerk requesting a cheque be signed for HMRC in order that payroll can be closed down for the year end at 31.03.26 and outstanding Tax be paid.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to approve all and cheques signed, including one for HMRC.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments.

4. Request for Funding, Cais Cffl Merionnydd 2026 – letter and accounts

This had been received following last meeting. Discussions as this request was for Young Farmers as a whole and not just Brynchrug.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to make a donation of £50

ACTION: Clerk to send payment.

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5. Information Commissioners Officer registration update

Clerk advising that registration is complete and Certificate has been received. In respect of future payments a Direct Debit needs to be completed as invoices are not sent out. Clerk provided form which AJ signed.

ACTION: Clerk to complete Mandate and return to ICO.

6. Members payments year end 31.03.2026

Clerk had sent forms and information out to the Councillors already but reiterating the payments available to each Councillor. Those absent had completed the forms and returned them already. Five Councillors wished to decline part of the allowance payments namely the £52 (office consumables) whilst the remaining two claimed the full amount of £208.

RESOLVED: Cheques were issued to those Councillors present. Cheques will be issued to the remaining three Councillors at the next meeting.

7. Engage with Internal Auditor

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to use Gwynedd Council for the internal audit.

ACTION: Clerk to engage.

8. GCC re-opening of city, town and community council support fund 2026

Clerk advising this grant had gone live on 4th March and applications were open until June. Project ideas discussed but general feeling was that we replaced the bus shelter by Maes Hyfryd as it was in a poor condition. Clerk to start completing the application form and the matter to be listed on the April agenda.

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

JK Jones Landscaping had confirmed in writing that a three-year contract was available at the same price charged for 2025-2026.

RESOLVED: Unanimous agreement to accept the three-year contract. The price for 2025-26 had been cheaper than any other quotes, the work had been to a good standard with no complaints and therefore a three-year quote with the price holding was an extremely good offer.

ACTION: Clerk to notify JK Jones Landscaping of the Councils acceptance of the three-year price/contract

8. Representatives' Reports:

AG advising that Y Ganolfan was very close to opening the café but no date yet. GE advising that Y Ganolfan community garden had been levelled and he was preparing to plant. A visit from the National Park was due on 17th March.

9. County Councillors Report:

None.

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10. Any Other Business:

Clerk discussed meeting dates for 2026-27. The December meeting would fall on 21st December, so this was provisionally moved to the 14th December. AG made a note and would provisionally book the room at Y Ganolfan for the meetings.

11. Employment/Co-Option

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

Nothing to report.

Meeting concluded 8.03 pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th April 2026 at 7pm

Signed: *A H Jones*

Chairman

Date 20.04.2026