

Cyngor Cymuned Llanarmon yn Iâl Community Council
7th May 2025 7.40pm Ordinary Meeting of Llanarmon yn Iâl Community Council
Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom

1. Present: Susan Jones (Chair), Darren Pollard (Vice), Kevin Ford, Steven Latham, Trevor Brand, Hannah Munro, Cllr. Terry Mendies, Norma Wright (Clerk) Hugo Watts, One resident. **Apologies:** Richard Rogers (family issues). **In accordance with standing orders, a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given at the next council meeting.** Please note in light of recent long public sessions; - This Community Council had provided the public with an opportunity to speak, consider information and exchange views, but does not permit rude language, open ended protracted monologues/speeches or debate in respect of irrelevant considerations. Whilst the Council has no wish to stifle relevant debate, a speaker will be stopped by a point of order if the comment or speech is irrelevant to the motion in debate. Public session held earlier in AGM.

2. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: None

3. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: For the Meeting held 2nd April 2025. **Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted the minutes as a true and correct record by the Council. Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions, motion carried.

4. Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda:

1. S Latham reported he had attended the site meeting on 3rd April at BURLEY HILL PLANNING, although in Llanferres. The Tarmac Company has requested a 15 years extension. He reported a lot of local residents opposed the application, of the reopening of the quarry.
2. Councillors wished to thank the Llanarmon & District Conservation Society for yet another successful 'Annual Litter Pick' in the community, on Saturday 5th April.

5. Cllr Terry Mendies Report:

- a. BURLEY HILL PLANNING APPLICATION:** Llanferres Community had strong objections about 21/2021/1194/PS Tarmac Company has had many conditions imposed on it i.e. only 6 blasts allowed per year, plus security and safety issues. This application is still ongoing by planning.
- b. HEN ARDD & CAE'R ODYN CAR PARKS, ERYRYS:** The plans are still on the drawing board, at no cost to LCC, for Hen Ardd. The DCC Officer doing the plans has been contacted many times now. I will continue to pursue additional car parking in the cul de sacs of Eryrys, now the new financial year has begun.
- c. SCHOOL LANE UPGRADE:** The speed limit on School Lane will be reduced to 20mph; many thanks to the pupils from Ysgol Bro Famau, for their petition. This road has also been earmarked for a full resurfacing; no starting date has yet been given by DCC.
- d.** A Councillor requested the return of the Graianrhyd directional road sign, which was on the fingerpost at the Eryrys crossroads. The sign had been returned to DCC by the Clerk, after being knocked off by a passing vehicle.
- e.** Council were requested to submit a 'Wish List' for consideration when/if funding becomes available from the Levelling Up or Shared Prosperity Funds which assist DCC projects.

6. Planning: 15/2025/0178/HH: 15 Maes Gwyn, Graianrhyd, Mold Erection of a conservatory and patio to the front of the dwelling. Supported.

7. Finance Matters, Accounts, and Schedule of payments:

- a)** Accounts and documents ready for the annual Internal Audit had been emailed to councillors and placed on the website. Clerk will deposit the records with the Internal Auditor in the morning.
- b)** D Pollard checked then signed all bank statements against all transactions made, on all accounts; they were accepted. S Jones confirmed, signed authorisation for internet banking / card payments; balances and the transactions were accepted. **Resolve:** Documents Adopted Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.
- c)** Council agreed to authorise the following Payments Schedule. To prevent being over-due, and when required some invoices may already be paid, Council agreed with the procedure; all payments transactions on all accounts are minuted. **Resolve:** Adopted Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions motion carried.

	HSBC charges (21st May taken)
£488.96	Buyitdirect Laptop
£119.99	Microsoft Store (programme)
£179.50	Spark Wildlife (10 House Martin Bird boxes)
£170.54	Viking Direct (stationary/office supplies)

£688.87	Clerk Pay May
£237.66	HMRC May
£34.20	J&G Jones (payroll services)
£18.00	Canolfan Dewi Sant (rent April)
£126.00	One Voice Wales (training)
£489.00	G S Jones (boxes in Graianrhyd Field, Eryrys door and shelves for phone kiosks)

Paid into account: £7854 Precept DCC 1: £550.00 Morris Funerals: £180 Hearse House lease

d) Consideration of National Lottery Grant Offer for Llanarmon yn Ial Playing Field, the Council was offered a National Lottery grant totalling £91,805 -£91,555 and £250.00 revenue over 1 year for Play Equipment and works in Llanarmon Playing Field. Following a discussion, Council agreed to spend £91000-£93000 plus VAT on the Playing field equipment; this is due to the Project account having accumulated funds over a period of time for the play equipment. The wording of the Tender was agreed. Resolve: To accept offer and amounts to be spent. Prop S Jones Sec; D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

Clerk took advice from the DCC Procurement Officer, so the correct procurement process will be followed for Llanarmon Playing Field play equipment. The designs and plans will be published for consideration with Councillors and the community. Both Chair and Clerk had read the Terms and Conditions of the offer.

Most of the conditions are as expected and the same as applied:

- The Lottery can reclaim the grant at any time if the Council fails to comply with the terms & conditions
- The money can only be used for the work detailed on the application
- The Council must carry out a competitive tender process
- No single person can authorise any transactions or make decisions
- Work must start within 6 months and finish within 12 months of starting
- Grant money should be drawn down within 3 months of work being completed
- Permission is needed from the Lottery for any significant changes to the plans
- The Council must let them know if it runs into difficulties or if there are likely to be any delays
- Communications with the public must be in Welsh and English
- The Council should promote the National Lottery by using the logo on notices, signs etc.
- Comprehensive records must be kept of progress, expenditure and receipts for 7 years after completion
- Update reports to be provided when asked for
- Any unspent money must be returned
- The grant cannot be increased

Clerk will arrange for the grant offer to be accepted; and paid into the old Bonfire Account for clarity of showing the Lottery payments activity. Chair congratulated and thanked the Clerk for all her efforts in submitting the grant application. The local funding officer has confirmed the grant has been awarded.

8. Maintenance

1. Several more moles have been caught on Graianrhyd Community Field. Moles reported in St Garmon's.
2. Rats reported in Dewi Sant graveyard.
3. Again, the problem of an anonymous quantity of glass-bottles dumper has returned in St Garmon's graveyard. S Hanahoe had volunteered to remove and dispose of them.
4. An electrician has been contacted to install an outside electric supply for the two cameras required for St Garmon's graveyard; but has not yet carried out the work. Clerk will contact him for a date to do this work.
5. S Hanahoe had agreed to fill the flower-boxes at the shelter in Graianrhyd Community Field.
6. Playground vandalism reported. The slide/climbing frame had been isolated with hazard tape following damage, but ripped off. Landing platforms have been further vandalised. Gutter has had a broken/ snapped off the shelter. Lots of litter and rocks placed in the field and a homemade ramp put on the skate park, along with the new picnic table. Clerk to make enquiries about installing CCTV. All but one of the cut-down swings posts have been taken; they were to be used for a nature/ flower/herb beds.

9a. Dates of (a) Meetings, Events and (b) Training (future or attended)

a. Meetings & Events:

- i. AONB forum meeting 15th May, 6,30pm Neuadd Eleanor Village Hall, Llanfair DC, LL15 2RU, 6.30pm National Landscapes Champions, Town & Community Councils & Local Members Forum.
- ii. Meeting of local Community Councils on the 21st May at Llysfasi National Park Future Plans. S Latham will attend.
- iii. 85th Anniversary of the Dunkirk Evacuation Afternoon tea & Singing at Dewi Sant 17th May .
- iv. Llangollen Jobs Fair 21st May, at St Colleen's Community Hall, LL20 8PL, Llangollen, 11am to 3pm.

b. Training:

S Latham: 31/3/25 Code of Conduct Module 9: 9/4/25 The Councillor Module 2: 23/04/25The Council as an Employer Module 3.S Latham attended training; April; webinar on play equipment sustainability; gave feedback- play equipment can be so affected by weather on children using play areas and installed equipment, an example being steel or other metals being extremely hot to the touch during high summer & again extremely cold in the winter months, meaning much less or even no use by children; thoughts should be given to shading and planting etc.

S Jones: 29/04/2025 The Council Meeting Module 5: 30/04/2025 Understanding the law Module 4 01/05/2025: Local Government Finance Module 6.

D Pollard: 27/03/25 Understanding the Planning System 8/05/25 Chairing Skills.

K Ford: 17/04/2025 Information Management - Module 15 Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25 on 13/05/2025

R Rogers: 17/04/2025 Information Management - Module on 15Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25 on 13/05/2025

9b. Correspondence: Councillors agreed appropriate correspondence had previously been forwarded by the Clerk.

1. Emails concerning the Chair, and complaints about the Council minutes to be discussed in Part 2.
2. S Latham still concerned about the procedures concerning the monitoring of the dust possibly from Padeswood Cement Works; white dust that lands on property around Graianrhyd and Black Mountain late at night and early morning. He will contact parties involved.
3. Reply from Louse Hughes Senior Caseworker for Mats in Llanarmon- no plans for battery deployments at the prsetn time.

10. Unrhyw fater arall / other Matters Brought to Councillor/Representatives Attention:

- 1 The water supply should now become more reliable following major repairs in the area.
- 2 Concerns over a residents conifers; causing vision problems for road users will be reported to DCC
- 3 More pot holes reported and Fly tipping continues.

11. PART 2

12. Meetings: General Meeting 7pm 4th June 2025 at Canolfan Dewi Sant.

All minutes are ‘draft’ until signed off by the Chair. Meeting ended 8.40pm

Signed Dated.....