

Cyngor Cymuned                      Llanarmon yn Iâl                      Community Council  
**2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 7pm Ordinary Meeting of Llanarmon yn Iâl Community Council**

**Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom**

**1.A. Present:** Susan Jones (Chair), Darren Pollard (Vice), Kevin Ford, Steven Latham, Norma Wright, Clerk Dr. Hugo Watts, Ray Parry.

**1.B. Apologies:** Richard Rogers, Hannah Munro, Trevor Brand, Cllr. Terry Mendies

**2. Meeting open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes:** Presentation by Mr Ray Parry concerning the supply and installation of the new Lottery Llanarmon Field Play Equipment Plans.

**3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts:** None

**4. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> June. 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. **Minutes from the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025.-Resolve:** Confirmed and accepted the minutes as a true and correct record by the Council Prop: S Jones Sec: K Ford. No votes against or abstentions, motion carried.

**5. Matters arising from both those minutes not on the agenda:** None

**6. Cllr Terry Mendies Report SUN INN PLANNING APPLICATION:** Public concerns that observations on this application were not being posted on the DCC Portal, this was due to the relevant Officer being absent. It's hoped that all observations have now been posted on the Portal together with a redacted copy of the community proposal to buy the Inn 2 years ago. A decision will be made in the coming weeks.

**PLANNING BREACHES:** There will be local site Audit visits conducted in the coming weeks.

**BURLEY HILL QUARRY:** Coming before the Planning Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> July and is expected to be approved.

**ROAD CLOSURE:** The Pont Cyfnant Road will be closed from July 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August to facilitate work on the bridge. Council will make enquires to ensure access for the Llanarmon Show.

**7. Planning: a. Sun Inn 15/2025/0211/PF Eryrys, CH7 4BX Change of use of public house into a residential dwelling and associated works.** Concerns the DCC Planning Portal is still not showing all comments made by locals.  
**b.** Reported North Hills Farm has changed its name to Forest Firs.

**8. Finance Matters, Accounts, and Schedule of payments:**

**a) The External Audit Report:** had not yet been returned from the Welsh Audit Office.

**b) Annual Insurance Policy:** As the new play equipment is not yet installed on the Llanarmon Playing Field, Clear Councils Insurance Company refunded £109; until all the installation is completed.

**c) A copy of the First ¼ accounts;** were presented to Council with bank reconciliation and updated budgeting figures.

**d) Delegated powers to the Chair and Clerk during the recess.**

**e) Payments:** D Pollard checked and 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. Fireworks: £1313.20 Project: £27,473.79 Main: £10,038.58.

Council agreed to authorise the following Payments Schedule. **Resolve: Schedule and Adopted (a-e)** Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. No votes against or abstentions motion carried.

£5.00                      HSBC Charges

£42.00                      One Voice Wales (invoice 9656) Kevin Ford Training Biodiversity Part 2

£624.27                      Clerk July

£209.57                      HMRC July

£39.72                      Post Office

£39.00                      Canolfan Dewi Sant rent room 4<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> June

£2,307.00                      White Oak Property Services o/n LCC 96

Received Invoices: HJ Williams £285: Dowell £288.50: Dowell £390: Blackwell £143: Ruthin Mem. £46

**8f) National Lottery Grant Offer for Llanarmon yn Iâl Playing Field Equipment: Timetable of Key Activities –**

1. Council voted to put two additional pieces of equipment on the field the total invoice will be £99,697 plus VAT.

**Resolve:** After careful consideration, they had accepted the Tender from Ray Parry Company; following the 24<sup>th</sup> June meeting, and to fund the increased equipment of a junior timber seesaw and a Vortex overhead spinner from the Project Account, which held the saved funds towards this project. Council are fully aware that the total cost will now be above the Lottery Fund of £91,805 – (£91,555 and £250.00 revenue). Prop S Jones Sec: D Pollard. There were no votes against or abstentions and the motion was carried.

2. The plans will be circulated, to school, community shop, pub, notice-boards, website public invited to meetings.
3. For H&S the field will be completely closed to the public from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept for 5 weeks; being after the school holidays.
4. A welfare unit for the workers will be placed on the field, at the start of the installation work.
5. R Parry will contact a local farmer to gain costs of providing water, help off load equipment etc.
6. Lottery to be asked to pay 50% of the cost of the equipment after 30 days of the start of the project for equipment that had been delivered; if possible. With 5% held until after snagging.
7. Steven Latham and Gareth Bryan will be on hand for snagging, H&S issues, and compliance with the contract etc.
8. There will be a 'Fun Grand Opening Day' on the playing field, to celebrate the installation of the new Play Equipment. This will hopefully be held at October ½ term holiday; with invited guests and speaker. There will be free hot-dogs, ice-cream / juice for all children.
9. DCC Youth Services will be invited to attend and if possible organise games and fun activities to celebrate the Lottery Funds Achievement.

**8g) Land for Sale in Llanarmon, rear of Tyn Llan:** LCC have continually advertised this small piece of land for sale, for several years on all notice boards and the website. The Clerk had met with Bradburne Price & Co Agent and is awaiting details and a valuation. Legal advice will be taken before any transaction is agreed.

## **9. All Maintenance: Assets Risk Assessment**

**9.1.** Residents are asked to remember that although the grass vergers and selected areas of our graveyards and playing fields in all three villages may become long at times; they are left intentionally to aid the existence and growth of both our wild flowers and planted ones. Hugo Watts reported a host of Common Spotted rare orchids present in Maes y Droell, and a good show of Bluebells in Dewi Sant. White Oak Company carrying-out the maintenance of our grounds does so with outstanding consideration for the environment.

**9.2 . Llanarmon:** Unfortunately more dumped glass bottles in St Garmon's Graveyard were reported.

**A. Later in July extra CCTV cameras will be installed** on Llanarmon Shop and the School Room to help deter the problem of the anonymous glass-bottles dumper and vandalism in St Garmon's graveyard. Also, a local dog is allowed to roam continually using the graveyard as its toilet. The Raven Pub had given permission for an additional camera to be fitted to the outside of their building. **Resolve:** Council accepted the quotes from MFS to purchase two additional cameras to be added to the CCTV system, to cover the graveyard. Cost of the installation of a camera on the Raven will be considered, as soon as it is received. White Oak asked to fit springs to enable the gate to become self-closing. Prop: K Ford. Sec: D Pollard. No votes against or abstentions, motion was carried.

**B.** The growth of saplings in the St Garmon's graveyard wall near the side gate, along with a small tree growing in the front wall will be removed, by White Oak later this month.

**C.** Quotes for fixing the loose ridge tiles and re-pointing the building are required for the Hearse House.

### **D. Playground further vandalism;**

1. LCC authorised CCTV cameras to be installed, and warning signs installed.
2. The bottom gate lock has been broken and front lock no longer works; these will be replaced.
3. The old broken, picnic table will be removed.
4. The damage to the side of the shelter will be attended to.
5. The complete fencing around the playing field will be checked for rotten/ damaged posts. Replacements and repairs will be carried out before the installation of the new equipment.

## **9.3. Eryrys:**

**A.** Quotes required for the metal fencing refurbished, by shot-blasting, and prices of replacing/repairing the gates for Dewi Sant.

**B.** Countryside Services stated they will be willing to resume rebuilding the rear wall of Dewi Sant, if suitable stones can be found.

**C.** Kevin Ford has installed all the swift/martin boxes in the community. Clerk asked for their locations and photos of the boxes for the on-going LCC Biodiversity Report. Also photos of the hedgehogs seen with LCC night vision camera. These will be uploaded on to the council website.

## **9.4. Graianrhyd:**

Gwyndaff Jones was sincerely thanked for making vegetable boxes that will be installed as a **Community Garden in Graianrhyd**: Kevin Ford would like to start a community vegetable garden on the field, so volunteers will be needed and made most welcomed. Clerk will make enquiries into gaining a grant.

## **10. Dates of (a) Meetings, Events and (b) Training (future or attended)**

### **a. Meetings & Events:**

27<sup>th</sup> July, Eryrys Vintage Gathering & Tractor Run.      9<sup>th</sup> August Llanarmon Village Show

## **b. Training:**

Details from Planning Aid Wales Annual Training Programme were issued to interested councillors.

**N Wright:** 2/7/25 The Clerk as an Employee & HR Advisor & Policies Required for Councils.

**K Ford:** 18/06/25 Biodiversity Part 2 - Module 26, One Voice Wales £42

**11. Correspondence:** Councillors agreed appropriate correspondence had previously been forwarded by the Clerk.

1. The closure of Pont Cyfnant road from July 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August to facilitate work on the bridge; will cause a very long detour and inconvenience for the village could hinder the access for the Llanarmon Show.

2. DCC Mike Jones traffic Sent apologies again for the delay as snowed under with various grant funded projects. He confirmed that DCC Engineer Ed Parry will produce a simple design and cost estimate in the next couple of months.

3. **Llanarmon Field Foot-paths:** Clerk, Gareth Bryan, Huw Jones and Michelle Bunce DCC Officers met on footpath no 71 in Llanarmon; with landowner Mr David Jones. □ The Community Council discussed the option of installing our own stile in the boundary hedge, at the western corner of the field, between the playing field and Mr Jones's field, in order to assist with access for children into and out of the playing field; so there being no need for them to go on the road. Mr Jones did not wish to pursue this option, therefore no agreement was made.

□ Mr Jones has been given a small "keep your dog on a lead" sign from DCC, to place on the stile entering his land and address the issue of some path users letting their dogs off the lead on private farm land. LCC agreed to get larger versions of the sign to help Mr Jones.

□ As the Right of Way through Mr Jones's field is on the Definitive Map, DCC are able to address the issues with the damaged stiles. DCC has given Mr Jones the option of replacing the damaged stiles with more sustainable, stock-proof kissing gates. DCC can provide and install these on Mr Jones's behalf, at no cost. DCC will be carrying out some gate installation works for a neighbouring landowner, along the Right of Way from Maes y Llan Farm, therefore DCC offered to incorporate Mr Jones's gates with these works.

□ Mr Jones will contact DCC to confirm whether he would like kissing gates in replacement of the 2 stiles on his land.

4. Kate Thew, Denbighshire CC's new City, Town and Community Council Liaison Officer: New role designed to improve representations between local government bodies within Denbighshire. Her focus will be on meeting the needs of Councils via the 360 communication system. She will answer initial enquiries or direct them to the relevant department, provide information to Councils looking for advice and funding for new developments, organise training programmes in conjunction with One Voice Wales and disseminate general information via email. Council will invite to September's meeting. Chair stated there use to be quarterly area meetings, which should be reinstated as they provided useful information.

5. DCC has reviewed the 20 mph speed limit and resolved to keep them all in place.

6. HSBC will be withdrawing bank charges from August 2025.

7. One Voice Wales has invited the Council to comment on proposed changes to their constitution.

8. Graham Bose, chief executive of DCC has announced his retirement in January 2026.

9. DCC sent an invitation to the Council to visit the tree nursery in St Asaph. Dates will be arranged to attend.

10. DCC is reviewing council tax premiums on second homes and long term empty properties.

11. The Pensions Regulator has asked the Council to re-confirm the number of staff qualifying for a pension. Clerk responded no one has a pension.

## **12. Unrhyw fater arall / other Matters Brought to Councillor/Representatives Attention:**

1. A resident had reported Knot-Weed in local verges; asked to inform DCC.

2. Pots in the community reported on DCC system – felt a waste of time as such poor quality work.

3. The Chair stated that the current 360 system was not working because enquiries were regularly classed as completed when they were clearly not.

## **13. PART 2: None**

**14. Meetings: No meeting August:** General Meeting 7pm 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at Canolfan Dewi Sant. All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair. Meeting ended 8.45pm.

Signed ..... Dated.....