

Cyngor Cymuned Llanarmon yn Iâl Community Council
3rd September 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, Richard Rogers, Hannah Munro, Trevor Brand, Cllr. Terry Mendies, Norma Wright, Clerk Dr. Hugo Watts.

1.B. Apologies: None

1.C. In memory of Dave White: Council had sent their condolences, as Dave had been a Community Councillor for many years, having given a great deal of his time to our community. Dave unfortunately passed away this summer after losing his fight with cancer, and will be greatly missed.

2.A. Meeting open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes: Hugo Watts gave his report on the community maintenance work he had carried out.

2.B. Kate Thew, Denbighshire CC's new City, Town and Community Council Liaison Officer, explained that this is a 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. Answering initial enquiries or directing 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. Discussed:- a) Better feedback from DCC Planning and enforcements. b) To be notified when the quarterly area meetings take place; as they provided useful information. c) Council reported the current 360 system was not working, because enquiries were regularly classed as completed when they were clearly not. Potholes are the biggest example. d) LCC feels DCC have forgotten little councils, with the larger councils in particular Rhyl having so much more than most rural communities will ever receive. e) There are no Youth Club or Youth activities/ services provided by DCC as in many other areas. Kate stated that DCC will try to give support for both the Fun Day on 25th Oct and in establishing a Youth Club. Chair sincerely thanked Kate for coming and wished her every success in her new position.

3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: None

4. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting 2nd July. 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.

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

6. Cllr Terry Mendies Report:

SUN INN PLANNING APPLICATION: This application is not scheduled to come before the Planning Committee, but the Planning Officer and is third on his list. It is expected that a decision will be made in the coming weeks.

PLANNING BREACHES: The Planning HoS is going before the Scrutiny Committee; a fuller report in October. Local breaches are being processed with residents being contacted.

BURLEY HILL QUARRY: This application was rejected by DCC Planning Committee in July. Tarmac, have six months to appeal that decision.

ROAD CLOSURE: The Pont Cyfnat Road Bridge has been completed ahead of schedule. The next project will be the School Lane, Llanarmon.

PROPOSED FUN DAY 25TH OCTOBER noon: Both Terry and Darren Millar will be attending this day.

7. Planning: 15/2025/0370/HH Ty Minffordd, Eryrys, CH7 4DD: Erection of a detached garage with first floor accommodation. **Resolve:** No objection as a garage.

15/2025/0323/LP Caravan at Graig Goch requested cert. Resolve: Council stated appropriate screening from view is required.

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

a) The Welsh Audit Office /External Audit: the certificate will be issued after 25th September; the Clerk was assured by email that the council 'had a clear audit'.

b) SLCC Approved and Recommended new pay scales for Clerk's: are to be back date to April 2025.

c) Insurance: The insurance company will be notified on completion of the installation of the new play equipment.

d) 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: £12,388.61. Fireworks money will be transferred, the Lottery Grant Money for clarity, will be shown separately for the Auditors.

e) Council agreed to authorise (a-e): Resolve: Finance Matters & Payments Schedule, Confirmed & Adopted

Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. No votes against or abstentions motion carried.

£18.40	Lasting impression signs
£116.26	Safety signs
£34.20	Jones & Graham payroll
£50.00	HSBC Charges (to 29 th June)
£5.80	HSBC Charges (to 30 th July)
£98.34	Viking ink bottles/stationary
£27.98	Toolstation (Llan field lock)
£27.98	Toolstation (Llan field lock)
£624.47	Clerk August
£642.47	Clerk Sept
£209.37	HMRC August
£209.37	HMRC Sept
£341.20	White Oak Property Services o/n LCC 96 Invoice 59
£14.00	Stationary
£18.00	Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys (hire for July)
£32.31	Clerk mileage

Received: Lottery £250: Scottish Power £60.71: DCC Precept £7854

f) Land for Sale in Llanarmon, rear of Tyn Llan: The Clerk had met with Bradburne Price & Co Agent who advised to first gain legal advice before any transaction is agreed.

9. National Lottery Grant Offer for Llanarmon yn Ial Playing Field Equipment:

1. The Lottery Funds agent had confirmed in August, with the Chair and Clerk that all paperwork requirements were in place with no outstanding queries; authorisation was given to continue with the project using the Lottery Funding. Acknowledged the total cost will now be above the Lottery Fund funding of £91,805.
2. Darren Millar and Terry Mendies confirmed they will be delighted to open the new play facilities on Saturday 'Fun Grand Opening Day' celebrating the installation of the new Play Equipment. This will be held at Saturday 25th October ½ term holiday; starting at 12 noon -2pm; with free hot-dogs, ice-cream / juice for all children.
3. For H&S the field is completely closed to the public from 1st Sept for 5 weeks.
4. Steven Latham and Gareth Bryan are on hand for snagging, H&S issues, and compliance with the contract.
5. **Fun Day Saturday 25th October at 12 noon; including the 50th Birthday of the naming of the 'Community' Council from previously being a 'Parish' Council** – a) Hannah will publish details on website – social media. Hannah is looking to organise a photography request for local photos of the area, that she can put on the website. b) Sue will produce and distribute posters. c) Trevor and Steve will organise car parking and be on site to help, along with other councillors who are available; to arrange prizes, balloons and large Lottery cheque to be in place etc. d) Village volunteers are needed to help serve the food & drinks. e) DCC Youth Services hopefully will be able to attend, with games and activities.

10. All Maintenance Matters

10. i. a) Llanarmon and Playing Field: biodiversity plans- S Latham has organised the supply of seeds of Welsh endangered / rare plants; some of the seeds are able to go in this month and to up to the end of Autumn, others are Springtime. This will enable the Council to satisfy the Bio Diversity request including:- Welsh Poppy, Bright Yellow flower head; Welsh Bluebell, Government licensed seeds License No.63058:OTH:WCA:2015; Gold Y Mor, Goldilocks Aster, extremely rare endangered and source of nectar for insects; Saets y Waun, Salvia Pratensis, currently extinct in the wild in Wales. Clychlys ymledol, Campanula patula, critically Endangered Native Welsh Wildflower; Cenhin Bedr, Narcissus obvallaris, a dwarf daffodil, is of conservation interest, preservation efforts focus on protecting its natural sites and encouraging cultivation in gardens to protect this national treasure.

b) Following the quotes haven been accepted, the bund is in the process of being removed and the rotten and broken fence posts are being replaced.

c) New signs will be installed, after Kevin Ford has installed CCTV devices.

d) The broken gate locks have been replaced, and two further locks purchased for the pedestrian gates.

e) The old broken, picnic table has been removed. The damage to the side of the shelter has been attended to.

f) Extra CCTV cameras have been installed on Llanarmon Shop and the Old 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.

g) White Oak will try to fit springs to enable the graveyard gate nearest the Old School Room to become self-closing.

h) The growth of saplings in the St Garmon's graveyard walls have been removed, by White Oak.

- i) Quotes for fixing the loose ridge tiles and re-pointing the building are still required for the Hearse House.
j) Complaints about the quantity of dog faeces on the field. It is so inconsiderate and disappointing to see this quantity of mess. LCC do not wish to ban dogs from the field, but feel the amount of mess being left should not be allowed to continue. Dog wardens will be asked to patrol and issue fines.

10.ii. Eryrys: a) Quotes are still required for the gates and metal-fencing refurbished, by shot-blasting for Dewi Sant.

b) Countryside Services will resume rebuilding the rear wall of Dewi Sant, if suitable stones can be found.

10.iii. 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. The rounder's pitch marked out on the field, as requested by residents has been reported as a great success for this summer.

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

a. Meetings & Events:

Council thanked all the volunteers who gave so much time and effort with the Eryrys Vintage Gathering & Tractor Run held in July, and Llanarmon Village Show held in August. They were very well attended and a great success. We are very lucky to have such events; more volunteers are always welcomed in order to be able to continue with these events.

b. Training: DCC invited the Council to attend a series of training sessions.

29/9/2025 Kevin Ford Nature Project Management (Module 27) 6.30pm One Voice Wales.

14/10/25 Steve Latham Biodiversity (Part 1 Module 25) 6:30 pm One Voice Wales

12. Correspondence

1. DCC Mike Jones traffic sent apologies again for the delay with the Hen Ardd project. He confirmed that DCC will produce a simple design and cost estimate hopefully, in the next couple of months. T Mendies stated the creating of a lay-by at Hen Ardd in Eryrys had now already taken 3 years, which really wasn't acceptable.

2. Clerk received a request from the Headteacher for traffic calming measures outside Ysgol Bro Famua, at the Llanarmon Unit; even though the road is now in a 20mph zone. PC John Morris will install a survey monitor and at somepoint will be around the community with a speed-camera. It's hoped that the PTA and parents, are prepared and interested in sharing the community speed camera, to continue this service. If caught speeding warning letters are at first sent out, further speeding is followed by the police issuing fines.

3. Llanarmon Knitting & Craft Group requested to plant a cherry tree near the benches, in St Garmon's graveyard; in remembrance of a local resident who passed away this year.

4. DCC has approved the council tax premiums for second home owners and long term empty properties.

5. OVW invited the Council to name a representative to participate in the preparation of the Strategic Development Plan for North Wales.

6. OVW had invited Councillors to their annual conference; and circulated a consultation document regarding extending the broadcasting of all meetings held by Principal Councils, Police Authorities and the Fire Brigade.

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

1. Llanarmon Field Foot-path 71 : The Clerk, Gareth Bryan, Huw Jones and Michelle Bunce DCC Officers had previously met on this footpath in Llanarmon; with landowner Mr David Jones, to discuss the possibility of installing a kissing gate. It was acknowledged the continuous problems being created by thoughtless local residents; known by name, were actually seen (by councillors) some with three dogs running freely on the farmer's field. This is not acceptable, as this is private land with only the track having a right-of-way. Residents should not let their dogs off their leads, on private, farmer's land and remember that if found pestering livestock farmers have a right to shoot dogs! Large "keep your dog on a lead" signs will be installed.

2. The property of North Hills Farm had previously incorrectly been reported to have had a name change to Forest Firs.

3. Local pensioner resident in Eryrys complained he had no recycling collections for several weeks.

14. General Meeting: 7pm 8th October 2025 at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys and Zoom.

All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair. Meeting ended 9.10pm.

Signed Dated.....