

Cyngor Cymuned Llanarmon yn Iâl Community Council
1st October 2025 7pm Ordinary Meeting of Llanarmon yn Ial Community Council

Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom

1.A. Present: Susan Jones (Chair), Darren Pollard (Vice), Kevin Ford, Steven Latham, Cllr. Terry Mendies, Norma Wright, Clerk, Public: Dr. Hugo Watts, B Jones and a resident.

1.B. Apologies: Richard Rogers (work), Hannah Munro and Trevor Brand (Holiday)

2. Meeting open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes: A relative of a Llanarmon resident living close to Llanarmon Playing Field stated their objections to the removal of the bund in the field; as they felt the skate park is an eye-sore, noisy when being used, and they should have been consulted.

LCC stated the Chair had met with the lady owner and the Clerk had met twice with the son and received a lot of verbal abuse and swearing. The bund had been removed to prevent the hiding of further antisocial behaviour e.g. (reports of drugs and used condoms were found). In consideration of Safe Guarding and for Child Protection reasons, LCC agreed to make the skate-park visible from the road. Hopefully, when funds are available there will be cricket-practice nets installed. CCTV cameras will be installed, to aid reducing further vandalism on the field.

As promised the council had purchased two signs stating 'Please keep to the footpath and all dogs must be kept on a lead'. The residents could ask DCC for the noise to be monitored. If this it is found to be a problem, then LCC would look for possible ways for it to be reduced.

Hugo Watts gave his report on the community maintenance work he had carried out.

3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: None

4. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting 3rd September 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.

5. Matters arising from both those minutes not on the agenda:

6. Cllr Terry Mendies Report:

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

PLANNING BREACHES: All local planning breaches are ongoing and progressing through DCC Enforcement.

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

MAES Y DROELL, GRAIANRHYD QUARRY: Have made a Scoping Application; no further details yet.

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

HEN ARDD ERYRYS, PARKING BAY: 24th September, site meeting with T Mendies, Edward Parry (DCC Traffic, Parking and Road Safety Engineer) and S Latham to discuss the quantity of stone required.

7. Planning:15/2025/0142/SCO MAES Y DROELL, GRAIANRHYD QUARRY: Scoping Application. **Resolve:** to remain on the agenda for November.

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

a) Welsh Audit Office /External Audit: the certificate was issued on 25th September; Council 'had a clear audit'; full audit documents have been placed on the Llanarmon.com website. Council thanked the Clerk for her work. There was not Action Plan required by LCC.

b) A copy of the Second 2/4 accounts; were presented to Council with bank reconciliation and updated budgeting.

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 was transferred to the Project Account. The Lottery Grant Money for clarity will now 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.

£28.50	B+M plants Llanarmon
£5.98	Home Bargains dog bags, Llanarmon Field
£978.96	Dion Jones Fencing Llanarmon Field
£1428.00	MFS Systems CCTV Llanarmon graveyard
£63.00	One Voice Wales (training 9442, 9384, 9362, 10070)
£760.51	Clerk Oct
£269.11	HMRC Oct

£36.00	Canolfan Dewi Sant (room hire Sept & Oct)
£2520.00	D G Roberts Haulage
£43.49	Amazon Inverter (CCTC Llan field)
£89.99	ZFS Automotive UK battery (CCTV Llan field)
£34.20	J & G Jones payroll services
£1010.82	Fireworks Crazy

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

1. Council agreed for The Lottery Funds for the first invoice for 50% payment £45,980.00 (plus VAT to be paid by LCC then reclaimed) total £55176.00) for payment to Ray Parry Company. **Resolve:** Prop: S Jones Sec: D Pollard. No votes against or abstentions motion carried.
2. Darren Millar and Terry Mendies confirmed they will be delighted to open the new play facilities the '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 still completely closed to the public. ROSPA Inspector will be on site shortly; the security fencing is to remain for approximately a further two weeks, to allow the grass to grow and soil settles.
4. Steven Latham reported the installation work by Ray Parry Company has been carried out to a very high standard, and very pleased with the progress made.
5. LCC thanked Gareth Bryan for his monitoring and reports of H&S issues, and compliance with the contract.
6. **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 Munro had previously promised to publish details on website – social media; and to organise a request from locals for photos of the area, that she can put on the website. b) Sue Jones will produce and distribute posters. c) Trevor Brand and Steve Latham will organise car parking and be on site to help, d) Kevin Ford will attend and help out on the day; e) balloons and large Lottery cheque to be in place etc. f) Village volunteers are needed to help serve the food & drinks. g) DCC Youth Services are not available to attend. h) Clerk will purchase the food etc.

10.i. All Maintenance Matters: a) Llanarmon and Playing Field:

BIODIVERSITY PLAN: Community & Town Councils have a statutory duty under Section 6 of The Environment Act 2016, to embed the consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems into all their planning, policies, and functions as a public body. To meet the 'Section 6 Duty' all Community & Town councils must publish a report every 3 years, detailing all actions taken to comply with this duty. The focus of any actions taken must be to: create, restore, protect, and enhance biodiversity and ecosystem resilience. To enable Councils to report on actions taken, this requires a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) leading up to each reporting round. The next reporting round is the end of 2025.

As part of LCC biodiversity programme S Latham will liaise with H Watts on the planting of the newly made 'Amphitheatre of Welsh Plants' area in the rear of the Llanarmon field. Some of the seeds are able to go in this month. They are; -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. Clychllys ymledol, Campanula patula, critically Endangered Native Welsh Wildflower; Cenhinen Bedr, Narcissus obvallaris, a dwarf daffodil, is of conservation interest, preservation efforts focus on protecting its natural sites and encouraging cultivation.

b) LCC thanked Brian Jones and the contractor Gareth Roberts for the excellent work removing the bund then leaving the field seeded and ready for the cricket nets.

c) The rotten and broken fence posts have been replaced. LCC thanked the contractor Dion Jones for his excellent work.

d) The planter-boxes were re-filled. New footpath signs installed along with a new water butt by David Wright.

e) New signs erected clearly informing people, that new CCTV devices are installed, by David Wright. K Ford will purchase the required parts for the cameras.

f) The heavy picnic table and the heavy seat have been fixed in place, by Ray Parry Company. There remain two benches now to be fixed in place. S Latham has anchoring bolts which will help H Watts with securing them; thought either along the skate park equipment or near the fence half way down the football pitch.

g) H Watts to quote for removing some of the hedges in the dog walk area near the skate park seat then replanting them at the rear of the field on the boundary fence.

h) 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. The footage will be studied for evidence, which will then given to the police. The Raven Pub had given permission for an additional camera to be fitted to the outside of their building. S Latham agreed to take over from R Rogers and check the cameras when required.

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

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

k) D Pollard will quote for fixing the loose ridge tiles and re-pointing the Hearse building.

10.ii. Eryrys: a) Clerk has been unable to find quotes which are still required for the gates and metal-fencing refurbished, by shot-blasting for Dewi Sant Graveyard. S Latham has a contact and will forward details to the Clerk.
b) Councillors have been unable to find suitable stone for the rear wall of Dewi Sant.

10. iii. Graianrhyd: Gwyndaff Jones was sincerely thanked for making vegetable boxes which 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.

10. iv. Councillors reminded of the importance to complete the written Risk Assessment Registers, as evidence for the graveyards. The checking of the safety of the headstones **MUST** be recorded. D Pollard for Eryrys; S Latham for Llanarmon, and K Ford for Graianrhyd Maes y Droell; as recorded at the AGM.

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

a. Meetings & Events: WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER- Village Fireworks on Llanarmon Field; Gates open at 6pm fireworks start at 6.30pm £3 for adults £2 for children. Kevin Ford will arrange purchasing and setting-off the fireworks. The First Aid kit and defib will be collected from the Old Llanarmon Schoolroom; the insurance company and local authorities will be notified. Volunteers will be needed.

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

2/10/25 6.30pm Climate & Nature: 9/10/25 6.30pm Procurement:16/10/25 6.30pm Internal Audit.

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

23/9/25 Steve Latham: 12.15pm North East Wales National Park Roundtable.

Reported Carolyn Thomas MS invited councils to the Senedd to learn more about the plans for the National Park which were approved by the Natural Resources Wales board in July. Some of the changes made to the defined boundary and questions about the Park's management, planning and financial arrangements. This was an open session with representations by Natural Resources Wales, and members of the Senedd.

Resolve: LCC voted to object to the creation of the new National Park, and for Cllr Terry Mendies to report this to DCC when it will be debated on 4th November. Prop: K Ford Sec. D Pollard. No votes against or abstentions motion carried.

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. Written Statement: Update on actions to support the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector by Jayne Bryant MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.

3. Drop-in Funding Fair at Llangollen on 15th October at 10am -1pm.

4. Draft Annual Remuneration Report 2026–27 outlines the Commission's proposed determinations on the remuneration, expenses, and benefits for elected and co-opted members across Wales' principal councils, community and town councils, fire and rescue authorities, and national park authorities.

5. Consultation opens on the proposed Glyndŵr National Park 12-week statutory consultation beginning Monday 15 September 2025.<https://ymgynggori.cyfoethnaturiol.cymru/north-east-gogledd-ddwyrain/proposed-national-park-statutory-consultation-2025/>

6. One Voice Wales have drafted a new model complaints policy and Councillors attendance rule.

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

1. LCC thanked DCC for the highways works and repairs that had taken place in Graianrhyd.

2. K Ford stated there are over 20 people interested in attending Welsh Classes in Canolfan Dewi Sant. He asked if it was possible to gain a grant for funding for rent of the hall and tutor.

14. General Meeting: 7pm Thursday 6th November 2025 at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys and Zoom.
All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair. Meeting ended 9.00pm.

Signed Dated.....