

Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom

1. Present: Susan Jones (Chair), Darren Pollard (Vice), Kevin Ford, Steven Latham, Hannah Munro, Richard Rogers, Cllr. Terry Mendies. Norma Wright, Clerk: Public: Brian Jones, Hugo Watts. **Apologies:** Trevor Brand (Health)

2. Meeting open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes: B Jones stated that an emergency services vehicle couldn't gain access to Eryrys. Also the meeting was informed that today there had been two accidents on the School Road, hill Eryrys. If DCC are aware of the fact that Eryrys was cut-off due to snow and ice, (as emails had been sent out), then surely they should make Eryrys a priority for snow clearing and gritting. There should be a minimum of one road either from the Rose & Crown, Graianrhyd direction or from Mold, kept clear to enable emergency services to reach Eryrys; with blocked roads closed off with clear signs. T Mendies stated that in light of the storm due tomorrow he would email DCC immediately.

3. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: S Jones declared she was on the newly set-up 'Sun Inn Community Committee'.

4. Community Council Vacancies: Councillors were asked to encourage locals to join the community council. Adverts are still on the notice boards and website.

5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting 3rd December 2025.

Resolve: Confirmed and accepted the minutes as a true and correct record by the Council. Prop: D Pollard Sec: K Ford. There were no votes against or abstentions, motion carried.

6. Matters arising from those minutes not on the agenda: none

7. Cllr Terry Mendies Reported there are now more than nine ongoing local cases of planning breaches. PLANNING BREACHES. There will be a renewed focus on resolving the Planning Breaches in the Ward. At the budget briefing in December, Terry requested £150,000 for a dedicated Legal Officer and an extra Enforcement Officer; who would also deal with increased fly-tipping problems.
FLOODING. After the inclement weather in Nov/Dec there were incidents of flooded roads, particularly Pant Du Road, which have been reported. Flooding can be reported directly on the Customer Services number and by e-mail.
SUN INN. After a public meeting a Community Committee has formed with a view to keeping the pub open; which is supported by Terry and Darren Millar – informed the 'show support invest and be involved' option is still open.
CAE'R ODYN CAR PARKS. At the last Cabinet meeting Terry requested funds under the PipIp scheme, £18,000 for additional car parking in the cul-de-sac in Eryrys, (DCC Housing Officers in support) and £30,000 for Hen Ardd.
SCHOOL LANE UPGRADE. Earmarked for a full resurfacing between Jan and March. The "Wish List" has been submitted for the 26/27 Budget- requested the Back Lane, Llanarmon to be resurfaced and possibly widened.

8. Planning:

15/2025/0516/HH: Rhos Wen, Llanferres Road: Erection of a first floor extension, installation of dormer windows.

Resolve: Supported.

15/2025/0530/PF: The Twiggery, Gweryd Lodge, Llanarmon. Change of use of the ground floor visitor centre and accommodation to ancillary use. **Resolve: Supported.**

Informed by T Mendies of 15/2017/0172: Tan y Graig, Eryrys; To convert into a residential property- Following 3 bat surveys, originally a 2017 planning application. **Resolve: Previously Supported.**

9. Finance Matters and Schedule of payments:

1. A copy of the third quarter accounts was presented to council with bank reconciliation and updated budget.

2. A successful Financial Risk Assessment had been completed.

3. Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for Community & Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2026-27 is £11.60. This permits Council to incur expenditure for which it has no other specific powers.

4. Clerk had reported an unknown payment of £35 for training at the Awards Council was on the bank statement which was still being investigated. For safety the Bank card had been changed, HSBC had been contacted also the training company; S Latham thought it may be his training session that he couldn't attend.

5. D Pollard checked and signed all bank statements against all transactions made, on all accounts; they were accepted.

6. S Jones confirmed, signed authorisation for internet banking / card payments; balances and transactions.

7. Bank account details on 7.1.26; Main: £14,196.63 Reserve: £5,252.04 Projects: £6,091.39

Funds transferred between the accounts were listed, explained and approved:-

- i. Transfer from Fireworks Account £422.35 as only £420 taken on gate in November and the invoice was £842.35 (Nett of VAT) Account held was £1318.41, now leaves £896.06 for Fireworks.
- ii. Llan Playing field project account held £22,061.74 required 13.10.25 £9196.00 plus 24.10.15 £10,006.00 for Ray Parry and project; this left £2859.74 in that account. Then less payment of the fence and bund invoices of £2915.00 left this project reserve account ended and funds fully used. Council agreed the viral of these funds for the project.
- iii. Youth Activities account held £393.40 less Youth Fun Day Activities (food & entertainer) of £446.36 leaves this project reserve account ended. Council agreed the over spend and viral amount for the project.
- iv. Reserves Account will hold £5000 (Precepted) for DCC Elections Charges, plus the £250 Lottery for Welsh signs. Defibs in the Project Account has £5127 on 7.1.25

8. a. Payment Schedule

£2.08	HSBC Charges CHG7 (21 st Dec taken)
£115.20	E Supplies Medical (3 packs of adult Zoll pads)
£643.79	Clerk Jan
£218.02	HMRC Jan
£18.00	Canolfan Dewi Sant Dec
£49.35	Tesco Pensioners Lunch
£45.00	Sun Inn Chairs Fund
£37.11	Viking Stationary (order books/ paper)

DCC Precept £7854 received

b. The remaining £250 Lottery will be used for Welsh H&S and information signs for Llan Playing Field.

c. Replacement defib adult pads have been purchased as several will be out of date in February. Clerk had been gaining prices and for replacement batteries.

Council authorised 9(1-8): Resolve: All Finance Matters & Payments Schedule, Confirmed & Approved.

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

10. All Maintenance/ Biodiversity Matters:

a) The Hearse building roof was reassessed by S Latham and is not leaking; as usual this will be monitored by councillors as this building is on the Assets H&S register.

b) Gwyndaff Jones will install the vegetable boxes for the Community Garden in Graianrhyd, and promised to finish the telephone kiosk shelving and door repair in Eryrys; as soon as the weather allows..

c) LCC agreed that gaining three quotes will be difficult, but the safety railing on the skate park in Llanarmon are in need of either repairing or replacing.

d) Biodiversity future plans of LCC: will hopefully include DCC agencies working with LCC and becoming more involved with advice and funding for Hen Ardd, Eryrys as part of the Section 6. Annual Report was distributed.

11. Dates future or attended:

(a) Meetings & Events: One Voice Wales Conwy/Denbigh Area Committee Meeting. Jan 7th, 2026 7pm

(b) Training: Clerk had attended a Biodiversity Workshop on 6.1.26 by One Voice Wales.

2026 dates of One Voice Wales’s courses sent to councillors. H Munro is interested in attending Planning Training.

12. Correspondence: Emails forwarded.

1. DDC informed road resurfacing from B430 junction to Pany y Gwylanod 23/03/2026-02/04/2026.

2. Following consultation, The Senedd Cymru Disqualification Order 2025 came into force on 13th Nov. It sets out specific roles or offices that disqualify people from being a Member of the Senedd.

3. The King will give three Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace 6th 8th 12th May 2026. As usual the Chair was nominated for the draw.

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

1. S Latham had reported to DCC a damaged and empty grit-bin in Llanarmon.

2. Councillors agreed that more gritting is urgently needed for Eryrys village and its rural roads. Also, ‘Road Closed’ signs for the steep hill on School Road, following heavy snow and icy conditions.

3. Various local pot-holes, over grown hedges and footpaths were reported to DCC.

4. A public right of way (footpath No.2), is being obstructed by a gate having a private padlock installed to deny passage, in field in Llanarmon was reported to DCC.

14. General Meeting: 7pm Wednesday 4th February 2026 at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys and Zoom.

All minutes are ‘draft’ until signed off by the Chair. Meeting ended 8.11pm.

Signed Dated.....