

Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom

1. Present: Wol (Darren) Pollard (Chair), Kevin Ford (Vice), Richard Rogers, Steven Latham, Cllr. Terry Mendies, Norma Wright (Clerk) **Public:** Dr. Hugo Watts.

Alaw Smith sent a letter of application to become a Co-opted member of LCC. **Resolve:** Alaw Smith was accepted as a Co –Opted Community Councillor. Prop: K Ford Sec: D Pollard. Alaw will be invited to attend the July meeting and requested to attend the required training and sign the Code of Conduct. Council voted in favour, No votes against or abstentions, motion carried.

2. Apologies: Trevor Brand, Susan Jones, Hannah Munro

3. Meeting open to the Public & Press for 10 minutes: No comments.

4. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: none

5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes: Minutes from the AGM & Ordinary Meeting 6th May 2026.

Resolve: Confirmed and accepted the minutes of both meetings as a true and correct record by the Council. Prop: R Rogers Sec: S Latham. No votes against or abstentions, motion carried.

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

7. Cllr Terry Mendies Reported on: PLANNING ISSUES: Planning breaches update meeting for the end of June. A reminder that the site visit for Burley Hill Garage will be scheduled for 9th July, timings are yet to be confirmed. LCC and Llanferres CC invited to attend. **SCRUTINY COMMITTEES:** At the last Chairs/ Vice Chairs meeting it was raised as to ‘Why no requests were being made from the public’? Members of the Community can bring matters before these Committees. **FLY TIPPING AND FULL BINS:** As with potholes, these can be reported in the same way on the C360 system. **MEETING WITH THE CEO:** On 16th July, meeting with Helen White and taking her around the Ward to highlight issues affecting the Community. Any suggestions would be welcome.

8. Planning: 1. S Latham, D Pollard, M Holland, N Wright and developers attended a site meeting at 6pm at Erw Goed Gardens, Llanarmon. The DCC planning permission for 12 houses on this plot of land had now lapsed. The developers now meet all the criteria and conditions set for them, but were disappointed that the process had taken so long; that they now have to start the expensive planning application process all over again. They asked LCC for support, but were informed LCC had no authority over planning permissions.

2. Confirmation that there will be a public meeting at 6pm at the beginning of the next council meeting. This will be to discuss with Holly Robinson Principal Planner, and Adam Perry (Managing Director at Stephenson Halliday) the proposed ‘Recommencement and extension of Maes y Droell Quarry, Graianrhyd’.

9. Finance Matters and Schedule of payments:

1. Internal Audit Report by JDH: a. ‘Annual return should be amended to show correct value’; **Resolve:** Clerk corrected the typing error of the value of the Assets from £174,575 to £174,757.

b. ‘The Council should review the controls over the councils debit card and may want to consider alternative payment methods to limit exposure to council funds; such as prepaid debit card and credit card with set limits. Any changes of this type of card used must be underpinned by robust internal control, in updated Financial Regulations’.

Council agreed that there had not been a credit card fraud – no company or person has attempted to use the card. It was acknowledged as a banking error by HSBC. This had been discovered immediately by the Clerk, and acted upon; the bank refunded the £35. **Resolve: Action Plan:** Council reviewed the internal controls and agreed they were robust and fit for purpose. Other than moving to a different bank they agreed that by changing the type of cards in this instance wouldn’t have prevented a banking error. However, the Clerk will make enquiries regarding other bank cards.

No Action Plan required. Prop: S Latham Sec: R Rogers No votes against or abstentions, motion carried.

2. Reviewed and Adopt Annual Governance Statement & Corrected Annual Return 2025-2026 (After the Internal Audit): Accounts and documents on the council website. **Resolve:** Accepted as correct by the council, signed and dated by the Chair. Prop. K Ford Sec: R Rogers. No votes against or abstentions, motion carried. Clerk will post to Cardiff.

3. K Ford checked and signed all bank statements against all transactions made, on all accounts; accepted as correct. 31.5.26 Main £12,893.06: £5264.42 and £5866.24

4. D Pollard confirmed, signed authorisation for internet banking / card payments; balances and transactions.

5. Council accepted the quote for the lecterns from Michael Jones Welding.

6. Payment Schedule

£34.20	J&G Pay roll (BP9)
£158.00	SLCC Membership (BP10)
£87.80	Viking Office (BP11)
£366.00	JDH Auditors (BP12)
£54.00	Canolfan Dew Sant (April, May, June)(BP13)
£633.99	Clerk June (BP14)
£227.82	HMRC June (BP15)

Resolve: Council authorised 9 (1-6): All Finance Matters & End of Year Accounts, Annual Return, Governance Statements and Payments Schedule, Confirmed & Approved. Prop: K Ford Sec: S Latham. No votes against or abstentions motion carried.

10. A) Maintenance:

- i. Reported both of the telephone kiosks are in need of painting and maintenance; old wet/dirty books to be removed.
- ii. Ray Parry sent an engineer to replace the faulty swing-bar that had signs of rust on the play equipment in Llanarmon.
- iii. Gareth H&S reports show there is a problem with the newly installed climbing frame – its actually on the ground and will be damaged when the grass is strimmed. **Resolve:** H Watts will spray weed killer at the bottom, then K Ford will insert a metal strip all along the front of the wood; preventing strimmer damage.
- iv. Bottles once again are being thrown on to the graves in St Garmon's, Llanarmon.
- v. Reports of a resident playing golf on the Llanarmon field; for H&S reasons golf is not allowed on the field.
- vi. H Watts will make enquiries into the costs of getting H&S Headstones checked by a local professional stone mason.

10. B) Biodiversity

a. Council thanked Kevin Ford and Richard Rogers for digging out and installing the new liner to provide a wild-life/nature-pond for the Graianrhyd Community Garden. Volunteers are asked to spare an hour and contact Kevin to come along and help on the field. Council thanked Ceris Jones and Sue Hanahoe residents in Graianrhyd for filling and attending to some of the flowers tubs in the field, and community. More plants will be bought from the Eryrys Gardening plant sale.

11. DATES: (a) Meetings & Events:

- i. 13th June 'Three Taverns Walk' free parking for the day on Llanarmon field granted, to help reduce the chaos and previously dangerous parking in the community. Raven volunteers will organise the field for H&S.
- ii. 18th July Hidden Talents Exhibition in Canolfan Dewi Sant.
- iii. 26th July Eryrys Tractor Show
- iv. 8th August Llanarmon Country Show

(b) Training- dates circulated to councillors. K Ford will attend a Chairing Course.

12. Correspondence: Emails forwarded.

- 1. Request from a local resident to hold a Car Boot Sale on the Graianrhyd Field on Saturday 11th July, 8am -12pm.
- Resolve:** Council agreed for the use of the field.

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

- 1. S Latham continues to personally report potholes and full bins to DCC.
- 2. Complaints that the local electricity supply in Graianrhyd is being cut off too often; giving a poor service.
- 3. Although pleased that DCC had cut the grass on the verges near Valley Lodge for Highway safety, LCC are disappointed to hear of DCC now refusing to cut areas of grass in various places in our community that have been attend to for many years.

14. Ordinary General Meeting: 7.30pm Wednesday 1st July 2026 at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys and Zoom.

All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair.

6pm-7.30pm Public Meeting 1st July to discuss the Maes Droell Quarry.

Meeting ended 7.40pm.

Signed Dated.....1.7.26.....