

Cyngor Cymuned Llanarmon yn Iâl Community Council
1st July 2026 6pm -7.30pm Public Meeting Followed by
7.30pm Ordinary Meeting of Llanarmon yn Ial Community Council
Canolfan Dewi Sant and via Zoom

1. Present: Wol (Darren) Pollard (Chair), Kevin Ford (Vice), Susan Jones, Steven Latham, Trevor Brand, Alaw Smith, Cllr. Terry Mendies, Norma Wright (Clerk) **Public:** 28 residents attended.

Welcome: Following the Council approving the application in the June meeting, Alaw Smith was welcomed as a Co-opted Community Councillor; she signed the Acceptance of Office, Code of Conduct and will attend the required training.

2. Apologies: Richard Rogers (Work); Hannah Munro emailed her resignation, due to work and travel commitments. Members thanked Hannah for her time on the Council.

3. Meeting open to the Public & Press:

1. Adam Perry, Managing Director at Stephenson Halliday, Holly Robinson, Principal Planner at Stephenson Halliday and Andrew Duckett & Son owners and managers.

6pm-7.30pm- 'The Scoping Opinion' request for a fresh planning application to DCC for silica sand extraction, expansion and progressive restoration at Maes Droell Quarry, Graianrhyd - To assess the environmental effects and significant impacts. The scoping must address the baseline conditions the risks, likelihood of significant impact and outline of the main alternatives studied by the applicant: Points raised. Appendix 1

2. Should dogs be banned from Graianrhyd Field? To be discussed in September; the dog fouling problem will be monitored.

4. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: None

5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes Ordinary Meeting 3rd June 2026: Resolve: Confirmed and accepted the minutes as a true and correct record by the Council. Prop: K Ford 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:

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES: Asked DCC why no requests were being made from the public, as members of the community can bring concerns before the Scrutiny Committees? **FLY TIPPING AND FULL BINS:** As with potholes, these can be reported in the same way on the DCC C360 system. **MEETING WITH THE DCC CEO:** On 7th July 10am: with Helen White, taking her around our Ward, to highlight issues affecting the Community. Matters to be raised should be emailed ASAP. **PLANNING ISSUES:** Met with the Enforcement Officer today; good progress made concerning four local planning breaches. Site visit for Burley Hill Garage, Eryrys CH7 4DD will be held at 10am on 9th July. **CAR PARKS MEETING:** On Thursday 2nd July, at 12.15pm meeting (yet again) with Highways & Housing at Eryrys. **NANTGLYN ROAD CLOSURE:** The junction at B4501 will be closed for re-surfacing work 6th- 12th July.

8. Planning:

1. Scoping Opinion 15/2025/0142/SCO 'Recommendation and extension of Maes y Droell Quarry, Graianrhyd'. Public meeting 6pm at the beginning of this council meeting discussed.

2. Planning breaches complaint concerning ongoing issues with the field opposite the school. It has trampolines, pallets, building materials, two abandoned vehicles etc. DCC Planning and T Mendies will investigate.

3. WAG CAS-04774-D4M6J3 Notice of an Appeal was noted, from Mr Chris Smith, Graig Goch Ganol, Mynydd Du, CH7 4BR concerning the proposed stationing of a mobile home caravan to be used as an ancillary accommodation to the existing dwelling.

9. Finance Matters and Schedule of payments: Appendix 2

1. First ¼ Accounts were presented to Council with bank reconciliation, reserves and updated budgeting figures.

Resolve: Accepted as correct by the council, signed and dated by the Chair. Prop. K Ford Sec: S Jones. No votes against or abstentions, motion carried.

2. K Ford checked and signed all bank statements against all transactions made, on all accounts; accepted as correct. 31.6.26 Main £11,324.20: £5281.29 and £5884.99

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

4. Council accepted the invoice for the bespoke-lecterns from Michael Jones Welding; using the remaining £250 Lottery fund towards the bilingual biodiversity children's signs for Llanarmon Playing Field. Council wished to thank Gwyndaff Jones for putting three information signs up in Graianrhyd Field.
5. Different bank Cards provided by HSBC were discussed as requested by the auditors (Business Debit Card & Commercial Card). **Resolve:** Council voted in favour of keeping the same card as no attempt had been made to fraudulently gain money by using the card; it had been a HSBC Banking error for £35 which had been refunded.
6. Delegated powers to the Chair and Clerk during the recess.
7. SLCC sent the increased tax-free mileage allowance. **Resolve:** Clerk's 55p per mile paid back dated to April 2026.

8. Payment Schedule

£633.79	Clerk July
£228.02	HMRC July
£114.70	Clerk expenses milage, phones, dog bags, AGM, Plants
£1530.00	Michael Jones Welding
£2142.00	White Oak
£7.05	Post Office (Vis 2) external auditor

Waiting for J&G corrected invoice for increased charges of £10.80

Resolve: Council authorised 9 (1-8) All Finance Matters & End of Quarter Accounts, Statements and Payments Schedule, Confirmed & Approved. Prop: K Ford Sec: S Jones. No votes against or abstentions motion carried.

10. A) Maintenance:

- i. Reported both of the telephone kiosks are in need of painting and maintenance.
- ii. White Oak will install the information signs in Llanarmon Playing field, and paint the village notice board black letters outside St Garmon's.
- iii. Gareth Bryan H&S report shows there is a problem with the newly installed climbing frame – it's actually on the ground and will be damaged when the grass is strimmed. **Resolve:** White Oak has sprayed weed killer at the bottom, K Ford will insert a metal strip all along the front of the wood; preventing strimmer damage. Clerk will buy some bark.
- iv. Dog Mess is once again a major problem in the community. Thoughtless dog owners and dogs just let out on their own are causing problems on our footpaths. Residents asked to be more considerate, in addition if known when a certain person passes regularly with their dog leaving dog mess not picked up then please report them by phone or on line to DCC Dog Wardens, for prosecution. Clerk will purchase some more dog signs.
- v. Council agreed for our graveyards to have H&S Headstones checks by a local professional stone mason.

10. B) Biodiversity

- a. Council thanked Kevin Ford for planting the newly purchased plants from the Eryrys Gardening plant sale; around the new 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 flower tubs in the field, and community. More plants and soil will be bought.
- b. Clerk instructed to purchase a cupboard/ small shed for the tools, gardening equipment and a battery small strimmer.
- c. Clerk gained a Grant from OVW Biodiversity Package for Graianrhyd Wildlife pond. Wildflower Plugs: Yellow Iris, Ragged robin, Water plantain, water mint, water figwort, flowering rush, water avens, spiked water milfoil.

11. DATES: (a) Meetings & Events:

- i. 11th July Car Boot Sale Graianrhyd Community Field
- ii. 18th July Hidden Talents Exhibition in Canolfan Dewi Sant.
- iii. 26th July Eryrys Vintage Gathering and Tractor Run
- iv. 8th August Llanarmon Country Show

(b) Training- dates circulated to councillors. K Ford will attend a Chairing Course. Alaw Smith will attend 13/07/2026 Code of Conduct - Module 9 in Welsh. Then on 06/08/2026 New Councillor Induction

12. Correspondence: Emails forwarded.

1. Request from a local holding a function in the village to park cars for H+S reasons on the Graianrhyd Field on Saturday 27th June. **Resolve:** Council agreed for the use of the field.
2. C&A/ Information Session 6pm 2/7/26 - Well-being Assessment Survey; brings together evidence, data and local voices to understand the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of the area.
3. One Voice Wales Conwy Denbigh Area meeting 8th July, Alaw Smith will attend.

4. Consultation on the Draft Statement of Principles (Gambling Act 2005)
5. Denbighshire replacement LDP 2018 – 2033 - Update June 2026
6. News from Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley.
7. Castell, Eryrys, Pant y Gwlandod to Eryrys crossroads 06/07/26 road closed for Water Works.

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

1. Graianrhyd residents complained DCC Bin Crews are not emptying every house, just leave some; they are most unreliable.
2. Complaints about the state of the roads and mess left on the road at the Piggeries in Llanarmon.

14. Ordinary General Meeting: 7pm Wednesday 2nd September 2026 at Canolfan Dewi Sant, Eryrys and Zoom. All minutes are 'draft' until signed off by the Chair.

Meeting ended 8.25pm.

Signed Dated.....2.9.26.....