

Cyngor Cymuned Llanarmon yn Iâl Community Council
2nd September 2026 7pm 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, Richard Rogers Cllr. Terry Mendies, Norma Wright (Clerk) **Public:** Dr Hugo Watts

2. Apologies: Trevor Brand, Alaw Smith

3. Meeting open to the Public & Press:

Should dogs be banned from Graianrhyd Community Field? Council agreed that the dog fouling problem will continue to be monitored. Complaints have been received from Eryrys residents, especially concerning Dewi Sant graveyard. One local in particular consistently doesn't pick up after their dog in the graveyard. This is offending locals greatly, as it thought to be most disrespectful. Graianrhyd and Llanarmon are having problems with dog owners not clearing up after their dogs. Council asked locals to phone 01824 706000 DCC Dog Wardens, if they know the time and names of the inconsiderate owners DCC will issue warnings but if ignored will prosecute; especially if you have CCTV. LCC have purchased new signs.

4. Declaration of Interest & Gifts: None

5. Read and Confirmation of Minutes Ordinary Meeting 1st July 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 of importance arising from those minutes not on the agenda: None.

7. Cllr Terry Mendies Reported on:

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES: Members of the Community can bring matters before these Committees.

COUNCIL CABINET RESIGNATION: On 28th Aug the remaining Cabinet Members resigned. A new leader will be voted in at the next Council Meeting on Tuesday 8th Sept.

PLANNING ISSUES: DCC Enforcement Officer is making slow progress concerning four local planning breaches. Recent application for Burley Hill Garage, Eryrys was approved.

CAR PARKING IN ERYRYS: DCC Highway's have approved the design for the cul-de-sac in Eryrys so we are ready to consult the residents/tenants and will advise the community council of the plans. Following this, work will be planned in with the contractor, and a more accurate timescale can be given to complete the work. The wider issue of Eryrys village parking will be considered; DCC to see if it is possible to develop the area by Hafan Deg. This will be discussed on site, in a meeting with DCC parking and countryside services on 28th Sept.

HORSE RALLY TO HIGHLIGHT SAFETY: In late October, there will be a Horse Rally starting at the Rose & Crown, moving on to The Raven, then on to The Sun Inn, finishing back at the Rose & Crown. There will be prizes for the best dressed rider and the best dressed horse. Interested in joining the ride contact Heather Kirby 07917 420420.

8. Planning:

1. Scoping Opinion 15/2025/0142/SCO 'Recommendation and extension of Maes y Droell Quarry, Graianrhyd'. On 11th Sept, 7pm Canolfan Dewi Sant, Martyn Holland will Chair a 'Public Meeting' arranged by local residents. Their aim is to examine the EIA Scope and DCC's response; Becca Martin from Plaid Cymru will attend to pledge support. Darren Millar Senedd Cymru has sent a letter reinforcing locals concerns to DCC.

2. DCC Planning Enforcement Officers are dealing with local planning breaches.

3. Retrospective planning approval has been granted for Burley Hill Garage.

9. Finance Matters and Schedule of payments:

1. Asset Register has been updated; showing the addition of the new lecterns/nature panels. Also, the scrapping of the wooden picnic table in Llanarmon Playing Field, and the Lenovo office computer purchased in 2016 for £270. **Resolve:** Confirmed & Approved. 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. On 1.9.26 Bank Accounts: Main £13,899.51: £5281.29 and £5884.99.

Details of Transferring of Funds: the last £250 Lottery Fund held in the Reserve account has been spent on the Welsh nature signs. **Resolve:** Council agreed to leave the £250 in the Reserves Account to gain interest. In addition, transfer £6000 to gain interest, until these funds are required. Council thanked locals who supported the car- boot sale, raising £198.23 for Graianrhyd Community Field Play equip acc.

3. D Pollard confirmed, signed authorisation the internet banking / card payments, balances and transactions.
4. To address the internal auditor's comments; after considering changing to a different bank with different bank cards; the council agreed not to change the card to a prepaid debit card, as the credit card is already limited. HSBC made a banking error taking £35 directly from the account. Changing cards would not have stopped this error. Prop: K Ford Sec: S Jones. No votes against or abstentions motion carried.
5. NALC newly agreed Clerk's pay scales were received. **Resolve:** Council agreed for the increased rate for the Clerk, to be back-dated to 1st April 2026 (LC2 18-23).
6. The Clerk reported that Audit Wales have not yet returned the Annual External Audit.

7. Payment Schedule

£4.95	Home Bargains dog bags
£79.97	Amazon various – dog signs
£137.76	Dandy's topsoil Graianrhyd Field
£11.98	W Bevan's – kiosk flytraps
£13.20	EBay Signs 'pond'
£1.52	HSBC bank charges
£200.00	Audit Wales External audit 2024/25
£633.99	Clerk August
£227.82	HMRC August
£10.80	J&G (invoice 24872 increase)
£22.00	One Voice Wales Training A Smith
£32.00	Canolfan Dewi Sant Rent x2 meetings
£55.80	Eurekadiirect burns first aid kit refill
£633.79	Clerk (due later September)
£228.09	HMRC (due later September)
£100.00	Llanarmon Show Children's Prizes (due for September)

Received £150 Blackwells headstone inv 127: £ 8246.67 DCC Precept: £60.71 S/Power Wayleave

Resolve: Council authorised 9 (1-7) All Finance Matters, Accounts, Statements and Payments Schedule, Confirmed & Approved. Prop: K Ford Sec: S Jones. No votes against or abstentions motion carried.

10. Maintenance:

- (a). **General:**
 - i. Blackwell's quote was accepted for the H&S survey on all the Headstones, in the three graveyards.
 - ii. Vandalism inside the Llanarmon Playing Field shelter, has damaged the door to the circuit breakers; as it no longer latches, signs of impact damage to the panel below the circuit breaker, and cracks to light cover reported.
Resolve: K Ford will attend and report back.
 - iii. Dog Mess signs have been purchased and distributed around the community.
- (b). **Kiosks:** White Oak's quote for painting the Graianrhyd telephone kiosk was accepted. Three sides will remain red, with the roadside panel-side to be green; the same as the defibrillator logo. If required new defib signs will be purchased.
- (c). **The defibs are aging:** but the Council holds enough publicly donated funds to replace some on a rolling programme; before needing to fund raise again.
- (d). **Lengths-Man:** Council supported the idea of a trail period for a Voluntary Lengths-Man. This should help with the problems of small maintenance work being carried out quickly. Council agreed costs, so further details will be discussed with the Volunteer.

11. Biodiversity

- a. Kevin Ford will plant the surveying OVW Biodiversity Package for Graianrhyd Wildlife pond (a lot had died that arrived in the post). Wildflower Plugs: Yellow Iris, Ragged robin, Water plantain, water mint, water figwort, flowering rush, water avens, spiked water milfoil. Volunteers are asked to spare an hour and contact Kevin to come along and help move the soil into the tubs. New Pond and dog signs will be installed. Contact Kevin.ford@llanarmon.com
- b. Clerk will purchase a cupboard/ small shed for the tools, gardening equipment and a battery strimmer.
- c. White Oak was asked to quote for purchasing and planting/creating a flower bed in Llanarmon Playing Field in the dog walking area. This will be in relationship to the nature panels, for similar species or the same as those listed

12. DATES: (a) Meetings & Events (b) Training:

- (a)1. **Bonfire Night Event 5th November 2026:** Council considered the amount of complaints for no bonfire being lit last year; complaints from dog walkers after there is a bonfire on the field; complaints from animal owners of their live-stock/horses being frightened by the fireworks; the lack of funds from last year's attendance; the lack of volunteers from

the village. **Resolve:** Councillors voted not to hold the Bonfire & Fireworks event at all, this November in Llanarmon: Prop. K Ford Sec: S Latham. No votes against or abstentions, motion carried.

2.11th September 2026: DCC Standard Committee Meeting; Councillors invited.

3.18th November 2026: Joint One Voice Wales and SLCC Event: addressing the democratic health deficit, employment law update, code of conduct issues, artificial intelligence and the cost-of-living crisis. Attendance by Sian Gwenllian MS the Cabinet Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning in the Senedd.

(b) Training- dates circulated to councillors.

K Ford will attend a Charing Course. Alaw Smith attended 6/08/2026 New Councillor Induction Course by One Voice Wales; and will attend 10/09/2026 Code of Conduct - Module 9 in Welsh. Clerk attended Talking AI and the Future for Clerks & Councils 30/8/26

13. Correspondence: Emails forwarded.

1. Advice from One Voice Wales - overview of the rules brought in by the Procurement Act 2023; was circulated. The Clerk stated OVW template for 2026 Standing Orders with changes on Financial Controls and Procurement will be circulated to councillors for consideration; for adoption in October. There were also a number of documents and general policies that could benefit from being updated. The Clerk would work through and update the policies before the next AGM in May 2027.

2. DCC had circulated a 'Community consultation on the future of community bus services in North Wales'.

3. One Voice Wales letter to the new Cabinet Minister Sian Gwenllian regarding the Community Boundary Reviews being undertaken across Wales had been distributed to councillors.

4. Local resident email request for a 'Mini Colour Run' to be held in Llanarmon playing field during the summer holiday, was unfortunately, received too late- after the recess. Many Councillors hadn't heard of this type of charity event before! Hopefully the resident will apply earlier next year.

5. Local Growth Funds offering capital grants to support Denbighshire businesses to start grow and expand are available. 01490 340500 or admin@cadwynclwyd.co.uk

6. Email complaint about the Pistyll Gwyn quarry publicly used car park being blocked off. The resident was informed this isn't a publicly owned car park. Council heard locally that the quarry is up for sale, as it was worked out and now within the designated National Landscape (ANOB) felt there was little chance of it reopening as a quarry.

7. DCC has confirmed that they are aware that Colomendy is for sale.

8. To discover more about the area and keep it special, join Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley.

www.friends.cymru or email hello@friends.cymru.

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

1. Leading to a public footpath opposite Graianrhyd housing-estate the gates have been bound with barbed wire. Whilst the style is extremely overgrown it too is covered in wire, so there is no access for dogs, to the path. There is also a small sewerage treatment plant in that field that Welsh water visit weekly and the slurry is removed regularly by tanker.

2. Large potholes on the local roads had been reported to DCC.

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

Meeting ended 8.25pm.

Signed Dated.....4th November.26.....