

**MINUTES OF DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AND TALYBONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 7.4.26**

**4.1 APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. Nia Rees (Vice Chairman), Sion Ifor Williams, Gwynfor Evans, Jennifer Yuill, Evan Owen, Eryl Jones Williams (Gwynedd Council)

**4.2 PRESENT**

Cllr. William Hooban (Chairman), Deilwen Anderson, Edward Williams, Beth Bailey, Sian Edwards, John Ceri Evans. Edward Griffiths.

**4.3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman thanked everyone that had been involved with the activities that had been held recently in the village hall.

**4.4 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on March 3rd 2026 were found to be correct.

**4.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No matters were arising from the minutes

**4.6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

Cllr. William Hooban declared an interest in the matter to do with the football field.

No Personal Declaration of Interest Form was signed by him as he had done this already in the last meeting of the Council and the interest in this matter is running continuously.

Cllr. Beth Bailey declared an interest in the matter to do with the football field and she signed a Personal Declaration of Interest form and did not take part in the discussions when the matter was discussed.

**4.7 GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS**

The following report was received from Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams:- With Purdah having come in on 25th March for the Welsh Government elections on 7 May, there are very little meetings taking place. The best way to get detailed information on what is happening in Gwynedd is on the councils web site under press releases. Concern has been expressed by some Gwynedd councillors that they are marked as apologies for not attending some meetings when in fact they are representing Gwynedd on outside authorities like the Fire Service, Pension Boards etc. I agreed as it seems unfair when some members are representing the council and that they could not be at different meetings at the same time. It was felt that when this occurred an explanation in the minutes was justified. Some councillors are missing meetings because their meetings requests are not getting through to their i phones. There was a very good attendance at the local police meeting in Barmouth. For the first time the Machynlleth based British Transport Police were in attendance. This was because of the large number of weekend events that are being held in Barmouth with many people coming and leaving by train. I was not given details of how these events would effect the through traffic on the A496. The traffic light by the Lst Inn for the sea defence work is expected to continue until November with special changes during busy weekends. Some events were being arranged without notifications to Gwynedd, the police and the Harbour committee and in future there has to be full consultation. It was reported that the MotoX in October would not be in the same foremat as they did not comply with last years condition. There will be 3 police officers and 2 PCSO's based in Barmouth, but not at the same times. Their area will be as far as Llanbedr with the police and PCSO's covering Harlech coming from Porthmadog. Several drug raids have taken place. Everyone agreed that road closures and signages needs to be improved with better consultation. The police locally were not consulted about some road closed. I chaired the Barmouth Harbour committee after Cllr Wendy Cleaver was not properly contacted. 92% of feedback from harbour users was excellent or very good and praised the help given by the harbour staff. A loss of around £6k was expected but £4.5k was dealing with winter stprm s damage. Everyone thought that the barbour was being run very well and I asked the two Cabinet members present to relay the harbour staffs good work to the Gwynedd cabinet. Reports were given by senior harbour officer Daniel and harbour master

Kane Triggs and Maritime Officer was in attendance. The events in the harbour so far that may affect through traffic on the A496 are...BARMOUTH Fest 8/9 May. Carnival and 10k race 13 June. Water Fest and Colwyn Bay jet ski rideout 20 June. Food Festival 5 July. Seafront Cinema 7/8 August. Sea2 Sky 5 September. HurleyBurley 12 September. Walking Festival ? MotoX new organisers ? Fireworks Bon Fire 6/7 November, Tractor Parade ? The Kite Festival has moved to Aberdyfi but could return in 2027 All subject to change due to weather conditions. Cllr Eryl Jones Williams 242758

#### **4.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Relocation and re-siting of 9 static holiday caravans (no increase in overall number of units) within the existing site boundary, together with a relocated play area and environmental improvements Sarnfaen Holiday Park Talybont (NP5/58/19M)**

Support this application.

#### **4.9 MATTERS ARISING**

##### **A Budget Plan**

It was reported that the Council had spent £51,782.43 (including bank charges) since the start of the new financial year and this was £11,730.81 less expenditure than what was earmarked in the budget for the year.

The Clerk distributed copies of the Council's budget plan for the year 2026/27 to every Member and they went through this plan. It was agreed to adopt this plan for the year ahead.

##### **B Football Field**

It was reported that no further information had been received from Mr. Michael Evans from ADRA with regards to the above. Good luck was wished to the under 13 football team in the final of the NWCFA next Saturday and to the under 12 football team in the final of the Gwynedd Youth Football League.

##### **C Village Hall**

It was made known that everything was running fine with regards to the above and that the committee is still working very hard and are attracting various events to the hall. Also it was made known that the former snooker room is been turned into a games room and also the Clerk reported that she had been informed that the defibrillator will be installed in the near future.

##### **D CCTV Cameras**

It was decided to leave the above matter until the next meeting.

#### **4.10 CORRESPONDANCE**

##### **A Gwynedd Council – Economic Department**

Further to the email from the above notifying that the Council will have a grant available for Community Councils through the Gwynedd 2026 City, Town, and Community Council Support Fund, further information had been received and it was noted that this Council would be eligible for a grant of up to £7,000 as been a Council with a population of between 1,000 and 4,999 residents.

##### **B. Gwynedd Council – Highways Department**

A letter was received from the above informing the Council that the Tim Tacluso Ardal Ni would be in the area between the 6th and 10th of this month.

##### **C Gwynedd Council – Highways Department**

Received a reply from the above to matters raised at the last Council meeting. The Members were not happy at all with the answers that they had received regarding these matters and it was agreed to ask Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams as the Gwynedd Councillor to take this matter up with the Highways Department.

#### **D Cyngor Gwynedd – Adran Amgylchedd**

Received a reply from the above Department stating that Penrhiw car park is not under their ownership and therefore it is not possible for them to authorise extending it, to improve it or carry out any structural changes to it or erect any signage on it. It was agreed to ask if they knew who owned the car park.

#### **E One Voice Wales**

Received an e-mail from the above informing the Council that a meeting of the Meirionnydd Area Committee is been held on the 14th of this month at 7.00 p.m. over zoom

#### **F Dyffryn Elves**

Received a letter from the above thanking the Council for the donation they received towards the christmas hampers.

#### **4.11 TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that there was £27,549.59 in the current account and £66,763.63 in the reserve account.

#### **Invoices needed to be paid since last meeting**

Mrs Annwen Hughes - £273.06 (wages) + £254.95 costs = £528.01  
Evergreen - £355.00 - cut grass in the 3 cemeteries  
Gary Martayn - £298.00 - cut grass in play park, car park and around the benches  
Mr. G. J. Williams - £112.00 - cut grass in various locations in Talybont  
Village Hall Committee - £20.00 - hire of hall for March meeting  
E. W. Owen & Co - £240.00 – completion of P.A.Y.E on line  
One Voice Wales - £384.00 – membership for the year  
One Voice Wales - £42.00 - Councillor training (Cllr. Beth Bailey)  
Guthrie Jones & Jones - £14.00 - photocopy of documents  
Customs & Excise - £204.80 - tax on Clerk's wages

The above payments were processed by Cllr. John Ceri Evans and Cllr. Edward Griffiths approved the payments and permission was granted to the Clerk/Treasurer to make payment on line or by cheque at the end of the meeting.

The Treasurer had already sent copies of the Council's accounts for the year ending 31st March 2026 to every Member. The Members went through the accounts carefully and they all accepted the accounts. It was agreed by everybody that the accounts book be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

#### **Monies received since last meeting**

Customs & Excise - £363.48 – reimbursement of VAT

#### **Invoices paid since the last meeting**

Catrin Soraya Williams - £159.00 - translation services

#### **4.12 ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Concern was voiced that some park in the Lliadiart y Parc car park all day and night and the Chairman agreed to speak to the ones that were doing this.

Concern was voiced that Welsh Water are closing Bennar Road once again.

It was agreed to ask if it would be possible to remove the recycling banks from the station road car park.

**SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN**

**DATE.....**

