

MINUTES OF DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AND TALYBONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 2.6.26

6.1 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Edward Griffiths (Chairman), Nia Rees, Deilwen Anderson, Sion Ifor Williams, Gwynfor Evans, Evan Owen.

6.2 PRESENT

Cllr. Jennifer Yuill (Vice Chairman), Edward Williams, Beth Bailey, John Ceri Evans, Sian Edwards, William Hooban.

In the absence of the Chairman the Chair was taken by the Vice Chairman.

6.3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

6.4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on May 5th 2026 were found to be correct.

6.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 5.9 (H) The Members were not happy with the reply they had received regarding this matter and therefore they had drawn up an e-mail with additional facts in it to send to the Officer.

6.6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

Cllr. Beth Bailey 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.

All of the Council Members declared an interest in the planning application for 11 Glan Ysgethin, Talybont as everybody that are Trustees on the vilage hall committee are Community Councillors and are in a dispute with the applicant regarding matters to do with the former snooker room at the village hall and a Personal declaration of Interest form was signed on behalf of the Council by the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

6.7 GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS

The following report was received from Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams:- The new chairman of Cyngor Gwynedd is Cllr Elin Walker Jones of Bangor and the new vice chair is Cllr Delyth Lloyd Griffiths of the Dolgellau area. Cllr Dewi Owen of Aberdyfi was appointed chair of the Democratic committee.

Cyngor Gwynedd is to consult on the tourist tax of around £1.25 for adults and 75p for children in overnight accommodation. There were moves to defer the issue for at least 12 months to see how other councils consulted, but it was decided to proceed. A notice of motion to ensure that historic Welsh place names could not be changed was passed unanimously with other councils and the Welsh Government to support retaining old W elshnames and that they could not be changed on OS maps.

During a discussion on the economy I asked whether the Welsh Government lease on Llanbedr Airfield could be changed to a local group and was told that the existing lease was for a very long time, but that the Snowdonia Enterprise committee had discussed the issue without any formal decisions made.

Cllr Gwynfor Owen was appointed chair of the Cambrian Coast Railway Forum and Cllr Anne Lloyd Jones, Tywyn as vice chair. New trains will be introduced on 14 September. The late trains jn both directions will be retained and only minor changes to timetables. Long train journeys might have to change at Shrewsbury in future. The chair expressed dissappointment that no-one from Network Rail attended as he wanted to discuss Llanbedr Station. I wanted to discuss the Dyffryn Station crossing regarding the £9 m Welsh Water project with large lorries crossing the line. The clerk was asked to contact Network Rail. Litter disposal at stations was highlighted and in need of attention.

Upgrades to Barmouth, Harlech and Porthmadog stations were planned along with 6 Harrington humprs, with raised platforms being planned. This would make easier access to trains for the elderly and disabled. There will be a few 4 carriage trains this summer, but not as many as the committee would like. Cyngor Gwynedd information is on the Cyngor Gwynedd website, the best place to get updated info is on the press release pages. I am available on 01341242758 or e.joneswilliams@btinternet.com or details on the Gwynedd councillors web gage.

6.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Removal of chimney and installation of 3 rooflights 11 Glan Ysgethin, Talybont (NP5/58/280C)

A declaration of interest had to be declared on this application as all Trustees of the village hall committee are Community Councillors and are in a dispute with the applicant regarding matters to do with the former snooker room at the village hall. As a result all Trustees declared an interest in the planning application submitted by Mr. David Powley. In accordance with governance requirements the Trustees took no part in discussions or decision making on this item. No decision was made on the application due to the meeting being inquorate for this item.

6.9 MATTERS ARISING

A Budget Plan

It was reported that the Council had spent £9,200.84 (including bank charges) since the start of the new financial year and this was £9,846.16 less expenditure than what was earmarked in the budget for the year.

B Football Field

It was reported that no further information had been received from Mr. Michael Evans from ADRA with regards to the above and the Clerk stated that she had sent him another e-mail but had not received a reply. Cllr. William Hooban reported that he had asked Welsh Water to carry out work to level the field as part of their resources plan.

C Gwynedd Ni Grant Application

The Clerk stated that she has nearly completed the grant form for the above appliation but wanted to know if there was a need to include any other item in the grant and also wanted to know if it was benches with arms or without that was needed. It was agreed to include a self closing gate for the play park to the application and also go for benches with arms.

D CCTV Cameras

Cllr. Jennifer Yuill reported that she had spoken with Deana Fisher regarding the above matter and it was agreed to invite her to the September meeting of the Council and for the CCTV cameras sub-committee to meet in the meantime.

6.10 CORRESPONDANCE

A Gwynedd Council – Environment Department

Received a letter from the above department informing the Council that Bennar Road, Talybont will be closed on the 22nd of this month on health and safety grounds while work in carried out on behalf of Welsh Water.

B Gwynedd Council – Economic Department

Received an e-mail from the above Department regarding Formal notification of Gwynedd Council's consultation on the Gwynedd Visitor Levy Proposal and further details on the consultation can be seen here:

<https://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/en/Residents/Have-your-say/Live-Consultations/Gwynedd-Visitor-Levy-Consultation.aspx>. The Clerk had already forwarded this e-mail to every Member.

C Gwynedd Council – Highways Department

Received the following reply from the Footpaths Officer from the above Department regarding a matter that was raised at the last Council meeting and stating he doubts that the track in question is a public road, so it is not the responsibility of the paths. He has had an initial conversation with the National Park wardens in the hope that they may be able to help regarding the issue of styles.

D Friends of Dyffryn Ardudwy Primary School

Received an e-mail from the above thanking the Council for the recent donation that they received from them and this money will go towards buying additional chrome books and iPads that the children really need.

E Blachere Illumination Uk

Cllr. Beth Bailey reported that she had received two separate quotes from the above with regards to artificial christmas trees and stating one was for buying 3 trees outright (£10,326.00) and the other one was for a 3 year hire with storage and carriage for the 3 trees (£5,087.04). It was decided to leave this matter on the table until the christmas sub committee had met.

6.11 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there was £47,934.80 in the current account and £46,867.41 in the reserve account.

Invoices needed to be paid since last meeting

Mrs Annwen Hughes - £273.06 (wages) + £191.71 costs = £464.77
Evergreen - £425.00 - cut grass in the 3 cemeteries
Gary Martayn - £341.00 - cut grass in play park, car park and around the benches
Mr. G. J. Williams - £141.00 - cut grass in various locations in Talybont
Village Hall Committee - £20.00 - hire of meeting room (April)
Mr. M. J. Kerr - £500.00 - opening grave re the late Ms Gaeinor Lavender
J. B. Pest Control - £60.00 - eradicate moles by Talybont toilets
Defib Store - £1,641.84 - new defib pad and new defib near village hall

The above payments were processed by Cllr. William Hooban and Cllr Jennifer Yuill 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.

Monies received since last meeting

Pritchard & Griffiths - £2,025.00 - burial of the late Ms Penelope Dangerfield

Invoices paid since the last meeting

Catrin Soraya Williams - £192.95 - translation services
Jewson - £59.98 - materials to renew the games room in the village hall
Jewson - £714.97 - materials to renew the games room in the village hall (correct invoice received and paid 19/5/26)

6.12 ANY OTHER MATTERS

It was agreed to contact the Highways Department to ask them to cut back the overgrowth along the roadside from Ael y Bryn to Glanrhos junction.

It was agreed to pay the LLDIY invoice for paint, etc., when it is received.

It was agreed to contact the Regeneration Group to ask them for copies of the minutes of their last annual meeting, last year's accounts, as well as a list of the group's members.

It was agreed that the Community Council would apply for a grant from Gwynedd Council to support the grand concert that will be held in the hall in September to mark fifty years since the death of the musician Meirion Williams.

Cllr. Jennifer Yuill reported that she had contacted the Highways Department to draw their attention to the fact that someone had struck the pillar on the Dyffryn Ardudwy side of Talybont bridge and had made the top stone unsafe. The Highways Department had now secured the stone until repair work could take place.

It was noted by Cllr. Jennifer Yuill that she had received complaints from some of the residents of Bryn Awelon estate with regards to the lack of grass cutting in the area.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

DATE.....

