

MINUTES OF DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AND TALYBONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 7.7.26

7.1 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Jennifer Yuill (Vice Chairman), Nia Rees, Deilwen Anderson, Beth Bailey, Sion Ifor Williams, Gwynfor Evans, William Hooban .

7.2 PRESENT

Cllr. Edward Griffiths (Chairman), Edward Williams, John Ceri Evans, Sian Edwards, Evan Owen.

7.3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

7.4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on June 2nd 2026 were found to be correct.

7.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes

7.6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. Edward Griffiths declared an interest in the planning application regarding Llecheiddior Isaf, Talybont and he signed a Personal Declaration of Interest form and he was not present when the applications was discussed.

7.7 GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS

The following report was received from Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams:- At the Meirionnydd Area Meeting, there were calls for the local Agricultural Tenancies Committee to be reestablished for Gwynedd small holdings. Concerns were expressed that properties had deteriorated over the years and that it was now expensive to repair and upgrade. Many tenants were no longer living on the small holding farms, and just working the land. For very many years, the tenancies were administered by the Cabinet and all Councillors wanted the Administration to be returned to a local Committee, made up of members who had small holdings in their Wards. There was a report on floodings, and there are plans to carry out works in many areas, but no plans for this area. A full report on Housing has been made available, but there are problems with properties that have been empty for long periods, and are not paying any Council Tax. The District Valuer will not give a list of such properties to the Housing Department, which deals with empty homes. The Chief Executive has appointed Catrin Thomas to investigate. The next step is that the Council Treasurer is to contact the District Valuer. This is holding back the work of the Empty Homes teams. There are concerns over a special care home in Felin Heli, where children in Gwynedd's care were being mistreated. Several of the children have received compensation, two members of staff were suspended on full pay for 9 years, and their solicitor is calling for a full inquiry. This matter is to be raised on Thursday 2nd. There are problems with traffic flow through Barmouth, and Councillors Wendy Cleaver and Delyth Griffith have met with the Head of Municipal Services Steffan Jones, who has agreed to investigate. Businesses in Dyffryn and Talybont were telling their customers to travel via Harlech, but this causes problems in Llanbedr. Cath Davey, the school Head in the Village, has said that the recent hot weather everybody co-operated well together including the children, the parents, school staff and she said that it was nice to see everybody working together. The burst water main was traced to land by the sewage works, and although several properties were without water in the morning, workmen completed the work as soon as they could. Damage to Talybont bridge is being investigated. The sewage works plans to tar the bridleway West of The Cadwgan will not now be done until September. I have asked Eryri and Highways to ensure public safety when using this route to the beach. I am available on 01341 242 758

7.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Variation of Conditions 1 (Approved plans) & 3 (Surfacing of parking areas including emergency vehicle parking) attached to Planning Permission NP5/58/505C dated 14/10/2025 Llecheiddior Isaf, Talybont. (NP5/58/505E)

Support this application.

7.9 MATTERS ARISING

A Budget Plan

It was reported that the Council had spent £13,146.50 (including bank charges) since the start of the new financial year and this was £12,045.50 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. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Chief Executive of ADRA regarding this matter.

C Gwynedd Ni Grant Application

The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the Council had been successful with the grant to carry out the work that was listed in it. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman would sign the acceptance letter and send it back.

D CCTV Cameras

There was no further information to be had with regards to the above matter.

7.10 CORRESPONDANCE

A Snowdonia National Park

Received a request for Feedback: Draft Settlement Profiles from the Planning Policy team of the above, asking for the Council's help in reviewing settlement profiles that have been prepared for settlements within our Community Council. It also states that the settlement profiles bring key information together for each settlement. They are one of the first steps in gathering evidence that will help guide future settlement assessments and the spatial strategy for the Local Development Plan. It states that the Community Council would see the settlement profiles relevant to this area, and these are in draft form, and they would be very grateful if the Community Council could contribute to them to ensure that local stakeholders' information and voices are included.

What the Planning Policy team is asking the Community Council to do is the following:-

For each settlement included, we ask that you complete the following three steps:

1. Review the settlement profile

Please check the profile and identify any information that is missing, incorrect, or could be improved.

You can record these comments on the first page of the questionnaire.

2. Complete the questionnaire

Please complete one questionnaire for each settlement.

We are particularly looking for your views on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) of the settlement.

You can also use this questionnaire to provide corrections or additional information.

3. Complete the services and facilities form

Please list all local services and facilities that should be included in the settlement profile. Include as much detail as possible.

The Clerk had already forwarded this e-mail to all Members.

B One Voice Wales

Received an e-mail from the above regarding training dates that are available to Members between June and September. The Clerk had already forwarded this e-mail to all Members

C One Voice Wales

Received an e-mail regarding Meirionnydd Area Committee which is been held over zoom on the 15th of this month. This e-mail had already been forwarded to Members.

7.11 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there was £47,942.85 in the current account and £46,918.36 in the reserve account.

Invoices needed to be paid since last meeting

Mrs Annwen Hughes - £273.06 (wages) + £201.06 costs = £474.12
Evergreen - £850.00 - cut grass in the 3 cemeteries x 2
Gary Martayn - £341.00 - cut grass in play park, car park and around the benches
Mr. G. J. Williams - £233.90 - cut grass in various locations in Talybont
Village Hall Committee - £20.00 - hire of meeting room (April)
Mr. M. J. Kerr - £100.00 - opening grave re th late Mrs Beryl Parry (ashes)
Customs & Excise - £204.60 - tax on Clerk's wages
Audit Wales - £822.10 - external audit 2024/25
LL DIY - £1,184.15 - new carpet for the games room in the village hall and paint

The above payments were processed by Cllr. Edward Griffiths and Cllr John Ceri Evans 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 asked for the Council's permission to make payments that were deemed urgent during the month of August as there was no official Council meeting until September. This was agreed by all.

Monies received since last meeting

H. O. Davies - £971.00 - burial of the late Mr. John Wynne
Mr. Steve Farrar - £327.00 - burial of the late Mrs Beryl Parry (ashes) and erect a plaque
Biri Traiding Ltd - £89.99 - reimbursement for goods not received
Customs & Excise - £347.87 - reimbursement of VAT
Pritchard & Griffiths - £2,025.00 - burial of the late Ms Penelope Dangerfield

Invoices paid since the last meeting

Catrin Soraya Williams - £159.20 - translation services

7.12 ANY OTHER MATTERS

It was reported that complaints had been received regarding the state of the grass that had been cut at Bryn Awelon and Penrhiw estates.

It was reported that the roundabout in the play park needed to be repaired.

Disappointment was voiced that the Members that were present were not in agreement that some of the residents of nearby villages were against the letter that Mr. David Young from Snowdonia Aerospace had sent.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

DATE..... 876