MINUTES OF DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AND TALYBONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 6.10.26

10.1 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Edward Griffiths (Chairman), Jennifer Yuill (Vice Chairman), Deilwen Anderson, Evan Owen.

10.2 PRESENT

Cllr. Edward Williams, Nia Rees, Beth Bailey, Sion Ifor Williams, Gwynfor Evans, John Ceri Evans, Sian Edwards, William Hooban.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman the Chair was taken by Cllr. Sian Edwards.

10.3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Council the Chairman congratulated Cllr. John Ceri Evans and Mrs Evans on the celebration of their golden wedding.
The Council's congratulations was extended to Elfyn Evans on recently becoming the World Rally Champion

10.4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on September 1st 2026 were found to be correct.

10.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 9.12 Wanted to note that the Council was referring to the petrol station and not One Stop shop when stating that the place looked untidy with all the signs.

10.6 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. William Hooban declared an interest in the matter to do with the football field.
Cllr. Nia Rees 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.
Cllr. Edward Williams declared an interest in the planning application for 2 Llys Bennar, Dyffryn Ardudwy and he signed a Personal Declaration of Interest Form and he was not present when the matter was discussed.

10.7 GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS

The following report was received from Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams:- There has been an increase in the number of scramble bikes using the footpaths at Cors y Gedol woods. Residents have been shouted at when the residents close the gates. Peter Rutherford from Eryri who deals with access issues is on holiday until mid October, Similar problems of scramble riders damaging footpaths are reported in many areas of mid Wales. The police managed to solve problems in some areas by checking if the bikes were insured, if not the bikes were confiscated. Peter Rutherford said that he would visit the area with the Gwynedd footpaths officers. It was reported that over 100 scramblers were in our local area last weekend. I would suggest that the community council invites Peter Rutherford, the Gwynedd footpaths officer and the police to a meeting. It will be a difficult problem to solve. There will be traffic problems in Barmouth which will effect through traffic to Dolgellau, buses,getting to and from work, shopping and surgery and chemist appointments. The work is being done by Scottish power and Gofal Strud officials in Caernarfon for Gwynedd. It is difficult to get in touch with Gofal Strud to get exact closure details and Meirionydd highways in Dolgellau are not involved. Gwynedd council has deferred the visitor tax in order for extra time to go through the consultations. There were over 7,000 with around objections from 4,000. I made it clear that Gwynedd should hold back a final decision to see what other county councils had decided. Gwynedd want an investigation of how to tackle the growing camper van pronlems and the e bike problems all over Gwynedd. Welsh Water were going to tarmac the bridleway past the Cadwgan in September. No details as yet. I am trying to get Welsh Water to improve the local football pitch for the juniors via Cllr Will Hooban. Gwynedd Safeguarding are to impliment all the recommendations

……Chairman

after numerous meetings to try to prevent pupil abuse in future I have been informed by a local resident that a Welsh Government heating of £200 is not available for log burning stove users. Reminder that using a bus pass on trains from 1 October is not available on all ttrains, especially trains that take pupils to and from school.
I am available on 01341 242758

10.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Erection of single storey rear extension to existing dwelling with patio area 2 Llys Bennar, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/184F)

No comments on this application as the Members felt they wanted more information with regards to the application.

Conversion of redundant outbuilding to a self-catering holiday let (Use Class C6) and associated external alterations (Re-Submission) Coed y Bachau, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/100G)

Support this application.

Variation of Condition 4 attached to Planning Permission NP5/58/16K dated 29/08/2002 restricting the use between 1st March and 6th January of each to year as holiday accommodation to all year holiday accommodation for short term holiday use only Streamside Holiday Homes, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/463B)

No comments on this application as the Members felt they wanted more information with regards to the application.

10.9 MATTERS ARISING

A Budget Plan

It was reported that the Council had spent £21,555.10 (including bank charges) since the start of the new financial year and this was £13,512.90 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.

C Gwynedd Ni Grant Application

The Clerk reported that she had placed an order for the benches, picnic table, noticeboards at the train stations and the noticeboard for the village bus stop. The Clerk also reported that she had taken the before photos and the gate to the playground. Also to arrange for the work to be done under the basket ball equipment. The village hall committee would order the signs for the hall

D CCTV Cameras

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

E Remembrance Sunday

It was reported that the above will take place on the 8th of November at 3:00 PM in the hall, and hope to hold the service outside if the weather allows. Cllr. Beth Bailey agreed to look for a gazebo so the soound system doesn't get wet. Wanted to ask the Chairman to get in touch with the Reverend Ben Griffith, ask Mr. Christian Bowater to read out the names, get in contact with Mr. Trevor Roberts from the British Legion, coordinate with the ATC and the Police. It was agreed to reuse the poppy wreaths and still make a contribution to the British Legion. The Clerk agreed to contact Ms. Ceri Griffiths to ask her to play the horn.

F Christmas 2026

It was agreed that the village Christmas celebrations would be held on the afternoon of Friday, 27th November this year and would start at 3:30 pm. It was agreed that more lights need to be ordered, and Cllr. Beth Bailey agreed to do this, wanted to ask Cllr. Jennifer Yuill if she is happy to contact Ifor Lloyd about ordering Christmas trees and also get in touch with Father Christmas, and the Clerk agreed to contact Mr. Bryn Hughes regarding getting lights near the Talybont toilets. It was agreed that food and a bar would be available this year, and Cllrs. Nia Rees and Beth Bailey would be in charge of organizing this.

10.10 CORRESPONDANCE

A Gwynedd Council – Environment Department

Received an e-mail from the above Department regarding a Gwynedd Active Travel Network Consultation - walking, wheeling and cycling Consultation and informing the Council that this Consultation was open until the 26th of November. The Clerk had already forwarded this e-mail to every Member.

B Gwynedd Council – Environment Department

Received a letter from the above Department notifying the Council, the Glan y Mor road in Talybont will be closed on the 14th of this month for public health and safety reasons during work on behalf of Welsh Water. The Clerk had already forwarded this email to the Members.

C S P Energy Networks

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from S. P. Energy Works stating that the road in King Edward Street, Barmouth town would be closed for 3 weeks next month (from the 16th November until the 2nd December) while essential electrical work is carried out, and she had forwarded this email to all Members for information.

D ADRA

The Clerk reported that she had received a reply from the above regardng Castell Coch land and stating that they had forwarded the letter to the appropriate department to look into the enquiry and they will be back in touch as soon as they have more information. The Clerk reported further that she had not received any further information.

E Sian Llwyd

The Clerk reported further on what had been sent to the Members already, PCSO Elliw Williams had contacted her expressing concern about antisocial behaviour currently taking place in the area from Penrhyndeudraeth over to Barmouth, and that she had received an email from Sian Llwyd, Community and Families Engagement Officer, asking if it would be possible to get a financial contribution towards the project she is planning to run at Ysgol Ardudwy with the pupils, parents, and guardians to try to prevent what is happening at the moment. It was agreed to donate £200 towards this project.

F Gwynedd Council – Environment Department

Received a letter from the above Department notifying the Council, the Llwyn Ynn road in Talybont will be closed on the 28th of this month for public health and safety reasons during work on behalf of Welsh Water. The Clerk had already forwarded this email to the Members.

G Gwynedd Council – Environment Department

Received a letter from the above Department notifying the Council, Bennar Road in Dyffryn Ardudwy will be closed on the 21st of this month for public health and safety reasons during work on behalf of Welsh Water. The Clerk had already forwarded this email to the Members.

10.11 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there was £48,775.35 in the current account and £67,102.87 in the reserve account.

Invoices needed to be paid since last meeting

Mrs Annwen Hughes	£273.06	(wages) + £188.94 costs = £462.00
Evergreen	£470.00	cut grass in the 3 cemeteries
Gary Martayn	£386.00	cut grass in play park, car park and around the benches
Mr. G. J. Williams	£28.00	cut grass in Penybont Garden in Talybont
Mr. R. G. Williams	£80.00	repair roundabout in play park
Village Hall Committee	£20.00	hire of meeting room
Village Hall Committee	£97.50	hire of hall for youth club meetings

Boards Direct - £465.58 - noticeboards for train station shelters
Mr. M. J. Kerr - £500.00 - opening grave re the late Millie Edwards
Mr. M. J. Kerr - £480.00 - opening grave re the late Anne Moore
Sioned Webb - £250.00 - Meirion Williams concert 26.9.26
Lewys Siencyn - £65.00 - Meirion Williams concert 26.9.26
Richard Rees - £100.00 - Meirion Williams concert 26.9.26
Village Hall Committee -£300.00 - Meirion Williams concert 26.9.26
Customs & Excise - £204.80 - tax on Clerk's wages

Applications for financial support (up to 26.9.26)
Dyffryn Elves - wanted more information with regards to their accounts before deciding on this application
Wales Air Ambulance - £500.00
Village Hall Committee - £500.00
Radio Ysbyty Gwynedd - £200.00

The above payments were processed by Cllr. Beth Bailey and Cllr Nia Rees 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
H. O. Davies - £260.00 - burial of ashes re the late Mrs Beryl Jones
Pritchard & Griffiths - £260.00 – burial of ashes re the late Mrs Doris Frances Hughes
Gwilym Jones & Son - £995.00 - burial re the late Mrs Anne Moore
Village Hall Committee - £555.00 – sale of ticekts for Meirion Williams concert
H. O. Davies - £2,025.00 – burial of the late Millie Edwards

Invoices paid since the last meeting
Catrin Soraya Williams - £159.20 - translation services
Defib Store - £79.20 - new pad for the defib near Smithy Garage (paid 22/9/26)

The Treasurer reported that he had received the External Audit reprt for 2025/26 back and they declared as follows - I draw the Council's attention to the following issues and recommendations which do not affect my audit opinion but which the Council should address:
Information required for auditing
Every year we send an audit notice to the Council outlining the information we need to complete the audit. Failing to provide this information can lead to a qualified audit opinion and possibly a higher audit fee.
The Council did not provide the requested evidence to explain how it monitors income and expenditure against the budget during the year.
We recommend that the Council reviews the annual audit notice to ensure that all required information is provided in a timely manner.
There are no further matters we wish to draw to the Council's attention.

10.12 ANY OTHER MATTERS
It was asked if the Council would be willing to pay for the hire of the hall for the '81 Committee's carol concert, which will be held on the 15th of December. Everyone agreed to this because it is usual for the Council to pay.
It was asked if the Council would be willing to pay for the hire of the hall for the primary school's halloween disco night, which will be held on the 22nd of this month. Everyone agreed to this because it is usual for the Council to pay.
It was noted, in the absence of Cllr. Jennifer Yuill, that the public cemetery is tidy.
A tree is down and needs to be cut on the cutting footpath on the side of Pentre Mawr.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

DATE..... 883