

MINUTES OF DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AND TALYBONT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DYFFRYN ARDUDWY AT 7.30 P.M. ON 1.9.26

9.1 APOLOGIES

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

9.2 PRESENT

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

The Clerk stated that Cllr. Deilwen Anderson had requested 6-month leave from the Council due to pressure of work and personal matters, and everyone agreed that this should be allowed.

9.3 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Sympathy was extended on behalf of the Council with Mr. O. G. Thomas and family following the death of Millie Edwards.

9.4 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on July 7th 2026 were found to be correct.

9.5 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 7.12 Cllr. Edward Williams agreed to contact Mr. Gwion Williams with regards to repairing the roundabout in the play park.

9.6 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. Beth Bailey declared an interest in the planning application for Dyffryn Seaside Estate and she signed a Personal Declaration of Interest Form and did not take part in the discussion.

9.7 GWYNEDD COUNCIL MATTERS

The following report was received from Cllr. Eryl Jones Williams:- There were no Gwynedd Council meetings during August.

Diversion plans for the bridleway did not happen because of the delays by the Boys Brigade solicitor, and financial aspects. Welsh Water have agreed for workmen to be placed at the entrance to the sewage works Boys Brigade site and railway crossing, when large vehicles are going to the site. I think we have been very lucky that there have been no incidents, I am still concerned over the missing rail barriers over the stream and have contacted Gwynedd Highways and the Snowdonia National Park, and Dyffryn Seaside estate. The bridleway is well used by locals and visitors. There have been complaints over scramblers on the Cors Y Gedol paths in the woods. I have been promised that the Snowdonia National Park and Highways will investigate. Road closures at Penrhiw and the A496 in Dyffryn will take place. It looks as though the visitor tax will be implemented, Gwynedd Council can keep 10% for administration with the rest being used in tourism areas. I am hoping that a new public toilet for Dyffryn Ardudwy will be included. I have sent emails to Annwen over various informations. I am available on 01341 242 758.

9.8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Demolition of existing five (5) detached holiday bungalows and erection of new replacement bungalows - Dyffryn Seaside Estate, Dyffryn Ardudwy (NP5/58/81Z)

Support this application.

9.9 MATTERS ARISING

A Budget Plan

It was reported that the Council had spent £18,168.47 (including bank charges) since the start of the new financial year and this was £13,200.53 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 it was now necessary to order what had been listed in the grant application and she agreed to take care of ordering the benches, picnic table, 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 noticeboard, signs for the hall, and noticeboards at the train stations. The Clerk also reported that it was necessary to take before-and-after photos once the work was completed.

D CCTV Cameras

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

E Feedback: Draft Settlement Profiles

The Clerk reported that she had received the document mentioned above back from Cllr. Evan Owen after he had completed it and sent it to the National Park, but the Council had asked him to share the completed document with them first, which had not been done. Also, when reading through the document that Cllr. Owen had completed, it was clear that some details in it were not correct. The Council had sent a letter to Cllr. Owen asking why he had done this, but unfortunately he had not responded and instead had sent emails that were unrelated to this matter.

The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Cllr. Evan Owen asking to see all emails, text messages, and WhatsApp communications between the Clerk, Councillor Edward Griffiths, Councillor Edward Williams, and his wife Heather Williams between 01/06/2026 and today 01/09/2026 regarding the Eryri National Park settlement profiles and the village gap. If any other Councillors are implicated, I want these communications as well. I also want to see all communications between the Clerk and the Eryri National Park since the LDP3 process began. Everyone agreed to refuse this request because there were no emails or other messages about this matter between the Members he had named. It was agreed to make further enquiries and get further advice to see if the Council could do anything about Cllr.Owen's behaviour towards Members of the Council and the Clerk.

9.10 CORRESPONDANCE

A Dyffryn Elves

Received an e-mail from the above asking for a financial donation from the Council. It was agreed to discuss it at the next Council meeting along with the other applications. Also it was agreed to ask them for a copy of the bank statement.

B Radio Ysbyty Gwynedd

Received an e-mail from the above asking for a financial donation from the Council. It was agreed to discuss it at the next Council meeting along with the other applications.

C Gwynedd Council – Highways Department

Received a letter from the above informing the Council of the work that is going to be carried out by them during this month.

D. Mrs Margaret Jones

Received a letter from the above regarding the state of Llanenddwyn church and part of the cemetery that is not under the Council's upkeep and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owners regarding this matter.

9.11 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that there was £51,639.98 in the current account and £67,030.00 in the reserve account.

Invoices needed to be paid since last meeting

Mrs Annwen Hughes - £546.12 - (wages) + £325.11 costs = £871.23
Evergreen - £850.00 - cut grass in the 3 cemeteries x 2
Gary Martayn - £682.00 - cut grass in play park, car park and around the benches
Mr. G. J. Williams - £144.00 - cut grass in various locations in Talybont
Village Hall Committee - £20.00 - hire of meeting room (April)
J. B. Pest Control - £60.00 - pest control contract for the year
Elliot Electrical Ltd - £744.00 - electrical work in the village hall
Mr. M. J. Kerr - £100.00 - opening grave re the late Jean Edna Darley (ashes)
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The above payments were processed by Cllr. William Hooban 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.

Monies received since last meeting

Cyllid a Thollad - £556.00 - ad-daliad T.A.W
Pritchard & Griffiths - £665.00 – burial of ashes re the late Ms Jean Darley
Gwynedd Council - £27,500.00 - half the precept

Invoices paid since the last meeting

Catrin Soraya Williams - £90.00 - translation services
Gwynedd Council - £510.00 - internal audit 2025/26

9.12 ANY OTHER MATTERS

Concerns were raised about the use of scrambler motorcycles in Gors y Gedol woods, and it was agreed to ask the Highways Department if it would be possible to downgrade it to a Restricted Byway because it's an important woodland as part of the Meirionnydd Oakwoods and bat roost, plus it's also an SSSI and SAC.

It was agreed to put Christmas 2026 on next month's agenda and for the subcommittee to meet before then.

Complaints were received that station road and ffordd yr efail haven't been cut this year.

It was agreed to put Remembrance Sunday on next month's agenda, and since Mrs Alma Griffiths and Mrs Mai Roberts aren't available to do the service, to ask if Mrs Beth Bailey could take it. Cllr. Beth Bailey agreed to ask her. Concerns were raised that children have been popping water balloons in the public cemetery late at night and also going around the village knocking on doors, and it was noted that the Police are keeping an eye on this situation. It was noted that the Youth Club will be restarting next week and it was agreed that the Community Council would pay for the hall hire on their behalf.

Concerns were raised about the mess around Castell Coch, and the Clerk was asked to get in touch with ADRA about this, as well as with the National Park regarding signs near Sunnysands and One Stop.

It was asked who was responsible for cutting the brambles growing along the edge of the pavements, and it was stated that if these were coming from nearby land, the landowner was responsible for cutting them back.

It was agreed that, as the Clerk was not available on December 1st, the December Council meeting would be held on Wednesday the 2nd, starting at 6:30 pm.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

DATE..... 879

