CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 21.09.2026
at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall.
PRESENT: Cllr. Amy Evans (Chair.), Cllr Delme Phillips (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Elfed Davies, Cllr. Bryan Davies, Cllr. Julian Evans and Cllr. Aled Jones.
Clerk: Enid Davies
Translator: Hefin Jones
APOLOGIES: Cllr. Eifion Jones and Cllr. Robin Bowen.
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The Chair welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

41.Declaration of Personal Interest
The chair asked Council members if they had any interests to declare in the business being discussed - nil declared.

42.Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meetings
Minutes of the meeting held on 20.07.26 were agreed to be a correct copy - proposed by Cllr. A. Jones and seconded by Cllr. B. Davies

43.Matters to report:
a. Highway matters:- see under Highway Matters.
b. Public Conveniences and Cynwyl Elfed Hall - see under reports from sub-committees.
c. Hermon Noticeboard- Cllr. B.D. has not had time yeat and will look into the matter of repair and will do this during the next month.
d. Advertise for a new clerk.-The advertisement has been sent to One Voice Wales and the SLCC to circulate and the advert is displayed on the Council's noticeboard. Clerk has obtained the fee for an advert in CWLWM and a fee of £30 quoted. Clerk to arrange to place an advert in Cwlwm as well as on the Council Website.
e. Cynwyl Elfed YFC Show- the show was held on 29 August. The clerk arranged for and set up a table on behalf of Cynwyl Elfed Community Council. The clerk manned the table for a couple of hours followed by Cllr. Delme Philips and Cllr. Elfed Davies from mid-day. Cllr. Phillips gave a report on concerns raised by members of the public which was mainly to do with highway matters. The Council also asked people to complete the questionnaire regarding Cae Chwarae Bro Elfed Playing Field and publicised the need for volunteers to join the park committee or to help in any way.

44. Correspondence
Copies of relevant correspondence received is circulated to members via e-mail.
- Carmarthenshire Civil Contingencies Volunteer Seminar-22.10.26 for Town and Community Clerks. - Enid Davies and Cllr. Julian Evans to attend.
- Carmarthenshire Resilient Communities Regional Event 7.10.26 - noted.
- One Voice Wales-Free Training Places - explanation - noted.
- Joint OVW & SLCC Event 18.11.26-noted
- Motions for 2027 OVW A.G.M. By noon 4.12.26 - It was decided to send the motion regarding Welsh Placenames . Cllrs. BD and DP to check the structure and wording of the proposed motion.
- Angor - Request for funds. Noted and details of 137 scheme to be forwarded.
- O.V.W. Carmarthenshire Area Committe 5.10.26 - Cllr. Amy Evans and Cllr. Bryan Davies to attend.
- One Voice Wales - Innovative Practice Conference 30.09.2026 - Cllr.BD announced that he had won two tickets for this conference - it was decided that Cllr.B.D. and Cllr. D.P. would attend on behalf of the Council.
- Carmarthenshire County Council -Bureau Funding Opportunities - Free digital health checks - noted.

45.Planning

PL/11245 - Repairs/renevation to Capel Bethel, Cynwyl Elfed.- Clerk explained that the Consultation Letter had been received on Friday 18 Sept. the day after the publishing and circulation of the agenda. The Consultation Letter had been circulated to Councillors on the morning of Monday 21.09.26. The closing date of the consultation stated as 09.10.26. Hard copies of the documents on line were available for perusal. The Council decided to discuss the matter at the meeting due to the time constraint. The general consensus of the members was that they were pleased that Bethel Chapel had been purchased and that repairs are going to be carried out. The Council decided not to support the planning application for the following reasons: the application for Capel Bethel, a Grade ii listed building, raised several concerns:

- Incomplete Details: The application form is broad, with missing entries that fail to assure compliance with the restrictive covenants.
- Lack of Evidence: Claims of enthusiastic community support are unsubstantiated, with no published evidence to verify this.
- Missing Photographic Evidence: While the application mentions photographs, none were published during the time of the meeting.
- Incorrect Usage Timeline: The application inaccurately portrays recent usage of the chapel. Local councillors noted that services, including a funeral, had occurred within the last two years, undermining claims of disuse.The front door and the wall and railings had been repaired during the last five years.
- Heritage and Family Concerns: Memorials inside the chapel commemorate local men who lost their lives during the two World Wars. There is concern for the families'ability to visit and pay respects.
- Statutory Consultees: The clerk could not confirm the involvement of expected statutory consultees, highlighting the possible need for agreements with CADW or equivalent bodies due to the Building's status.
- Premature work commencement: Despite indications that work would not start before approval, evidence suggests that it has already begun.
- Overall the application appears inconsistent and vague.

46.Payments and Finances

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- Maria Thomas September 2026 - £230.00
- ME Davies Clerk's salary. 07/26 £9 08/26 £324.00 £333.00
- EDF Electricity 26.7. 2026 Credit £184.46 26.7.26-01.09.26 cost of electricity used £32.40 leaving a balance of £152.06 credit on the account.
- Ultima Cleaning Limited - see report of the emergency meeting held by the Public Convenience Committe on 22.7.26 Bio Hazard cleaning £180.00
- Audit Wales for 2024/25 Full Audit £806.60- waiting to hear from Audit Wales with breakdown of fees charged and have contacted One Voice Wales.

The Council approved that the appove payments be made.

- **Receipts**
- 26.08.26 £8,294.00 second payment of the precept for 2026/27
- 04.09.26 £. 933.20 reimbursement of V.A.T. paid during 2025/26

REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Cllr. Amy Evans reviewed the accounts to the 31 August 2026 and verified that they appeared to be correct and signed the accounts reconcilliation and the Bank Statements to confirm this had been done.

47.Highway Matters:

Update on matters reported on 20.07.26

- Engineer report received regarding bridge near St. Cynwyl Church - Council was informed that the bridge is privately owned and that the U5474 public highway ceases before the bridge. Cllr. Bryan Davies, County Councillor spoke to the owner of the bridge and they are now aware of the engineer's report.
- Cllr. Bryan Davies reported that he had been to a meeting with N.R.W. The matter of removing fallen trees from the river is complicated. The trees move along the river and can create a dam,

and cause flooding and damage bridges and other structures. The owners of the land on either side of the river are responsible for the removal of the trees but in order to remove fallen trees from the river permission is required from the NRW. It was decided that public awareness needs to be raised about resbonsibilities and the damage to bridges etc., and the best way to do this is to encourage public discussion. Proposed by Cllr. Elfed Davies and seconded by Cllr. Julian Evans.

- Road near Penlanchwilor - has been repaired.
- C1313 - Road to Cemetary - Road surface is in a terrible condition - on the Highways Dept. List.
- SA33 6ST U5463 -between just before the bridge at NantyrEsg and Clungwyn.Temporary repairs carried out.
- Cwmduad - pavement required but it was reported that there are no resources at present.

Highway Matters reported on: 21.09.26

a) ***Esgair -*** Bottom of Panau Hill at the bend - road has started to erode and opposite the entrance to Panau a large and deep hole has developed.

b) Ffynnon Henry - Gutter to the side of the road is 3 foot deep in places.

c) C2043 - Cynwyl Elfed - Penrhiwcrynfryn - Edges of the road on the left hand side has eroded causing the road to become narrower in places.

d) Road past Wauncordwns closed for a few days - the roads used as a diversion C1313 Llethr Moel and Blaenycoed to the entrance of Cwmgest are not suitable for larger vehicles (no warning signs in place) and it was reported that local people had been warning the drivers of articulated lorries and stopping them taking the diversion as the diversions were not safe for their vehicles.. Clerk to contact Highways Department regarding this oversight.

e) SA33 6TL - Gullies and drains full

f) Pavement in front of Bryn Erw - needs cleaning.

g) 5 Grit Bins reported to be damaged and need replacing.

h) All of the grit bins in the area need cleaning and restocking before the frosty weather.

i) Reports of people putting dog waste into grit bins.

j) Traffic speeding on the road through Cynwyl Elfed has worsened - request for GoSafe to attend.

48. **Reports from Sub-Committees and Organisations.**

Public Conveniences**:** -

- Clerk had met with the engineer who changed the existing electricity meter to a smart meter.

Cae Chwarae Bro Elfed Playing Field -

- A carnival fund raiser took place on the school field on 15/08/2026 - People enjoyed a lovely day out and also over £700 was raised towards the park. Cllr. Amy Evans thanked all who had worked hard during the day and all those who had taken part and made the day a success.
- Questionnaires have been distributed throughout the area asking people how they wish to see the park developed this was also promoted by the Council at YFC Show.
- Once the questionnaires have been completed - decisions will have to be made about the way forward.
- Cllr Amy Evans informed the meeting that according to the original constitution the committee should be made up of a minimum of ten people however the committee is struggling to recruit volunteers. Councillors are encouraged to attend the committee meetings. Cllr. Amy Evans reported from feedback given in the questionnaires that there was many were in favour of the Playing Field being a community area as well as a play area. Cllr. Amy Evans said that the park committee have completed a form to obtain funds from the National Lottery.

Canolfan Cymdeithasol Cynwyl Elfed - Hall

The hall is open every Saturday morning between 10:00 and 12:00 a.m. for volunteeres to clean and do jobs to upkeep the hall.

49. **Any Other Matters**

- **Policy - Retention and Disposal of Documents** - it was decided to put this on the October agenda.
- Cllr. Amy Evans mentioned that the PTA clothes bank at the school is well used and a need for a second clothes bank is required - the PTA is to write to the Hall Committee to request permission to place a second clothes bank on the hall grounds.

50. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Next Monthly meeting is to be held on: Monday **19 October 2026 at 7:30 p.m.**
The meeting concluded at 21.25 hours.

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Cllr. A.Evans (Chair.)

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Date.