CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 19.10.26
at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall.
PRESENT: Cllr. Amy Evans (Chair.), Cllr Delme Phillips (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Bryan Davies, Cllr. Eifion Jones, Cllr. Julian Evans,Cllr. Aled Jones and Cllr. Robin Bowen
Clerk: Enid Davies
Translator: Bethan Griffiths
APOLOGIES: Cllr. Elfed Davies
Member of the public: A. Tasker.
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The Chair welcomed everyone present to the meeting.

51.Declaration of Personal Interest
The chair asked Council members if they had any interests to declare in the business being discussed - Cllr. D. Phillips declared an interest (NRI) regarding Planning Consultation PL/11425 and would not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

52.Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meetings
Minutes of the meeting held on 21.09.26 were agreed to be a correct copy - proposed by Cllr. A. Jones and seconded by Cllr. J. Evans

53.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. to assess.
d. New Clerk/RFO.- An applicant has responded to the job advert placed via One Voice Wales. It was decided that clerk is to make arrangements for an interview to take place 7:30 p.m.on Tuesday 27/10/26 at Cynwyl Elfed Hall. Panel to be Cllrs. A.E., D.P. , J.E., R.B. and clerk.

54. 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. - Clerk will attend.
- Motions for 2027 OVW A.G.M. By noon 4.12.26 - The Council decided to submit a motion calling on the Welsh Government to introduce a law in order to protect Welsh house names.Proposed by Cllr. J.E.. and Seconded by Cllr. R.B.
- Welsh Gov.Vision for Culture & Sport in Wales - respond by 25/11/26 - It was decided that Cllrs. AE & RB will respond on behalf of the Park Committee.

55.Planning
PL/11003-Erection of general purpose agrigultural building and associated works Penralltdafan, SA33 6ST **-**The Council decided to support this application. Proposed Cllr. BD Seconded. Cllr. JE.

***PL/11425* -**Reserve matters to Outline PL/07107 (Access, Apperance and Layout) Land opposite Awenydd, Blaenycoed SA33 6ET -The Council decided to support this application on the basis that a drainage plan is submitted and the correct authorities are happy with the plan submitted.
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***PL/11245* -** Capel Bethel, Cynwyl Elfed - the Consultation Letter was discussed at the September meeting - the Council had made every effort to obtain any pertinent information from the local authority before submitting its response. Mr. A. Tasker had the opportunity during the meeting to furnish the Council with his plans for the Chapel and how he proposed to carry out improvements and renovations and at the same time honour and preserve the chapel's historical value. Cllr. A. Evans (Chair) spoke on behalf of the Council and said that the Council was pleased that the Chapel is to be renovated and thanked Mr Tasker for attending the evening's meeting and for taking the time to explain his plans for Bethel Chapel.

56.Payments and Finances

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- Maria Thomas October 2026 - £230.00
- ME Davies Clerk's salary 09/26 £324.00
- H.M.R.C. quarter (2) up to 05/10/26 £243.00
- Clay Shaw Butler Payroll 6m up to 30.09.26 £330.00
- EDF Electricity 02.09.26-30.09.26 £ 49.22
  leaving a balance of *£102.84 credit* on the account.
- Audit Wales for 2024/25 Full Audit £806.60

The Council approved that the appove payments be made.

- **Receipts**
- £0

REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Cllr. Amy Evans reviewed the accounts to the 30 September 2026 and verified that they appeared to be correct and signed the accounts reconcilliation and the Bank Statements to confirm this had been done.

57.Highway Matters:

Update on matters reported on 21.09.26

- Blaenycoed - no signs to inform drivers of large vehicles that the diiversion route was not suitable for large vehicles - an e-mail was received from the Highways Dept.acknowledging the complaint and apologising for the omission.

Highway Matters reported on: 19.10.26

a) Cemetary Road - Potholes filled but starting to deteriorate again.
b) Blaenycoed -accross the road to Golygfa-subsidanc in road.
c) Bin request - Some dog walker leave the waste in bags on the hedges - request an extra bin in the village. Some publicity to raise public awareness would be helpful.
d) Rhiw Clawdd Coch Hill - Engineer needs to inspect the road.
e) Cwm Hagar - Road surface has eroded and the sides of the road have also collapsed.

58. Reports from Sub-Committees and Organisations.

***Public Conveniences*:** -

- Nothing new to report.

Cae Chwarae Bro Elfed Playing Field -

- Councillor A.E. confirmed that she had sent an application for a grant from the National Lottery Fund. The vision for the park is to create a relaxing social space as well as a play area.

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.

59. Any Other Matters

- **Policy - Retention and Disposal of Documents** -Copies circulated in English and Welsh -it was decided to give members time to scrutinise this document before the November meeting. This matter is to be put on the November Agenda.
- **One Voice Wales - Innovative Practice Conference 30.09.26 -** Cllrs. BD and DP attended the meeting held at Llanelwedd. Cllr. BD gave an overview of the points raised. Siân Gwenllian,

Cabinet Minister for Local Government and Planning spoke at the conferenc. Matters to take away from the conference is the importance of Community and Town Councils in building resilient communities. Good practice brings a new energy to look after the community and the importance of working together. The Code of Conduct Framework already in place sets high standards, there will be some changes to this before which there should be a short consultation. It is important for members to take advantage of the training provided by One Voice Wales. With AI being used to help Councils draft documents the conference was reminded that AI has its limitations and to always check what the robots prepare for you. Cllr. B.D. said that the attributes used to describe resilient communities at the conference are reflected by the local communities which make up the Community of Cynwyl Elfed.

- **60. Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Next Monthly meeting is to be held on: Monday **16 November 2026 at 7:30 p.m.**
The meeting concluded at 21:15 hours.

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A.Evans.(Chair.)

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Date.