

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting followed the Annual Meeting held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 19.05.2025 at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall - Meeting commenced at 7.55 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Amy Evans (Chair.), Cllr. Elfed Davies, Cllr. Eifion Jones, Cllr. Demle Phillips, Cllr. Bryan Davies, Cllr. Aled Jones, Cllr. Julian Evans and Cllr. Robin Bowen.

Clerk: Enid Davies

Translator: Hefin Jones

Apologies received: nil

11. Declaration of Personal Interest

Nil.

12. Confirmation of the Minutes of 22.04.2025

Minutes of the meeting held on 22.04.2025 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Robin Bowen and seconded by Cllr. Elfed Davies.

13. Matters Arising From the Minutes

a. Highway matters: see under Highway Matters.

b. Public Conveniences - see under reports from sub-committees.

c. Defibrillator Cwmduad - Cheque received through the hand of Cllr. Eifion Jones in the sum of £662.72 has been paid into the Defibrillator Account.

Clerk is to write to Mrs Joyce Bowen, Mr Peter Watson and Mr Geoff Goodbourn to acknowledge receipt and give thanks on behalf of the Council.

The Council decided that the Clerk and Chair. are to make enquiries in order to purchase the most suitable/compatible model of defibrillator for Cwmduad. The Council will pay the shortfall. The funds in the defibrillator account as at 30.4.25, excluding the £662.52 received = £1,533.23. There are 3 sets of electrode pads to be replaced by the end of June at a cost of £162. The Council decided that provision is made when calculating the budget each year for the purchase of defibrillator consumables.

14. Correspondence

Copies of relevant correspondence received is circulated to members via e-mail.

- Monthly meeting PCSO Sylvia Davies-Morris 30.5.25 at 2-230 pm.- Cllr. Amy Evans will attend.
- One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Meeting 2.7.25 - £67 per delegate- noted. Cllr. B.D. will let the clerk know if he is able to attend.
- Imposition of 40 mph speed limit Carmarthenshire-noted .
- G. Ioan, Capel Blaen y Coed - request for funding - It was decided to defer the matter until January/February 2026 when S.137 applications for small grants for the financial year are dealt with. Clerk to inform Gareth Ioan.
- One Voice Wales-Improving the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales-noted.
- Motions for One Voice Wales 2025 Annual General Meeting 1/10/2025- E-mail dated 7th April 2025 invited proposals for a maximum of two motions for debate - proposals to be submitted by 20 June. Cllr. Cai Phillips proposed a motion in September 2024 after the Council identified that there was a problem locally where the original Welsh names of properties had been changed without consultation-following further discussion regarding the wording of the motion Cllr. Delme Phillips proposed that the revised motion is submitted

"MOTIONS FOR 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ONE VOICE WALES

The conference notes that there is a dire problem with the changing of indigenous Welsh house names to English across Wales. Welsh names are an important part of our cultural identity and our history.

The conference calls on the Welsh Government to introduce a law in order to protect Welsh names. This should include statutory consultation for Community and Town Councils before the name of a house changes.

The conference calls on County Councils to introduce a similar scheme to Ceredigion County Council where a package is delivered to a house owner to "encourage and reconsider" before changing the name of the house from Welsh to English or any other language"

This was seconded by Cllr. Bryan Davies. Cllr. BD agreed to attend the AGM in October and to address the conference on behalf of the Council regarding the proposed motion if invited to do so.

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15. Planning

PL/09135 -PL/09245-Construction of dwelling and garage - Plot 2, Cae Cochen, Cynwyl Elfed SA33 6SP - It was noted that the plot of land referred to is Plot 2 , Maes Cochen.. Clerk is to point this out to Carmarthenshire County Council. The Council decided to support planning application PL/09135.

PL/09273- Proposed extensions and alterations to previously approved agricultural buidling (PL/08119) - Greenland, Caerfyrddin SA33 6EP. - The council decided to support planning application PL/09273.

16. Payments and Finances

(a) Payments and Account

• ME Davies Clerk Salary 04/25	£ 310.10
• Maria Thomas Magic Mops-31.03.25-27.04.25 dated 27.04.25	£ 172.50
• EDF Direct Debit -01.04.25-30.04.25	£ 43.55
• DŵrCymru/WelshWater 18.10.24-25.04.25	£ 461.73 Meter read 25.4.25
• Zurich Municipal - Insurance	£ 525.83

The Council approved the above mentioned payments.

£7,359.20 -Credit - first instalment of the 2025/26 precept received into the account on 30 April 2025.

REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The books/accounts are with the Internal Auditor.

17. Highway Matters:

Highway Matters reported on: 19.05.2025

- a) Penrhiwcrynfry - Fly tipping.
- b) Lay by near Ger y Dua - Bags of rubbish being left near the bin.
- c) Post Office/Shop Cynwyl Elfed - matter in hand to place parking restrictions and loading bay outside during opening hours.
- d) Rhiw Pannau - Cement Mix Lorry has shed its load and road surface is covered in cement.
- e) 2 Bins removed from the village need to be returned.
- f) Footpath near the Church - large tree has fallen accross the path.

18. Reports from Sub-Committees

• Public Conveniences: -

• Cllr. E. Davies reported that he had inspected the Public Convenience block and all appeared to be well kept.

• Cae Chwarae Bro Elfed Playing Field: -

- Clerk received an acknowledgement for e-mail to Carmarthenshire County Council querying if they have any records or documents relating to the playing field, which has been passed on to the appropriate department. Awaiting response.
- Cllr. A. Evans informed the meeting that an application for a grant to upgrade the park has been submitted and awaiting response. In the meantime a Community Volunteer day is to be arranged on a weekend in the near future to clean and tidy the park. Date to be arranged.

19. Any Other Matters

- There will be a meeting of the Hall Committee on 11 June 2025 at 8 p.m. , Councillor Elfed Davies encouraged all members of the Council to attend.
- Training - The fees for training is £42 per course for members of One Voice Wales. Clerk contacted O.V.W. and they have now received notification from the Welsh Government that they have decided to fund the Bursary the same as they did in 2024.
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- Councillors can apply for free webinar training places - there are two free training places on each of the courses listed as free: These are modules 3,4,6,9,21 and 24.
- Clerk to arrange for Cllrs. R. Bowen and J.Evans to attend training: Module 4 Understanding the Law.
- and Cllr. Aled Jones -New Councillors Induction and the Code of Conduct Module 9.
- The Chair brought the new Website of One Voice Wales to the attention of the meeting,including the new E-bulletin, No. 3 received in May giving information regarding training and other useful links and information such as the Practice Development Notes.

[Practice Development Notes - One Voice Wales](#)

20. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Meeting on: **Monday 16 June 2025 at 7:30 p.m.**

Meeting concluded at 21.15 hours.

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Chair.

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