

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 14.07.2025

at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall.

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

Clerk: Enid Davies

Translator: Bethan Griffith

Apologies received: nil

Members of the Public attended: E. Evans, D. Evans, I. Evans and B. Millington

31. Declaration of Personal Interest

Cllr. Elfed Davies declared an interest in respect of the proposed 20 mph to 30 mph Speed Limit Increase on B4333 through Hermon as he is one of the residents affected and will be contacted directly following this consultation which ends on 22 July 2025.

32. Confirmation of the Minutes of 16.06.2025

Minutes of the meeting held on 16.06.2025 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Bryan Davies and seconded by Cllr. Robin Bowen.

33. Matters to report:

- a. Highway matters: see under Highway Matters.
- b. Public Conveniences - see under reports from sub-committees.
- c. Defibrillator Cwmdud - The new public access defibrillator ordered has arrived, is emergency ready and has been placed in the existing cabinet on the front external wall of the Afon Duad.

34. Correspondence

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

- Carmarshire County Council-Proposed 20-30 mph Speed Limit increase on B4333 Hermon - Initial Consultation ends 22/07/2025 -following which they will distribute letters to properties directly affected by the proposed speed limit change to gather their feedback before the proposals are formally advertised as part of the Traffic Regulation Order legal process. Cllr Elfed Davies declared an interest and did not speak on the matter. Clerk confirmed that she had forwarded all letters received regarding the speed limit on the B4333 through Hermon SA33 6SR to the Road Safety Manager, Road Safety Engineer, Highways Department and the Chief Executive of Carmarthenshire County Council on 18/06/2025.
- CWLWM - request for funding - to be responded to explaining that the application for small grants will be sent out at the end of the year and that small grant applications are dealt with in January/February of each year.
- PCSO J.Jones - Monthly Meeting 17.7.25 at 15:00 Microsoft Teams - Councillors wishing to attend provided with link.

35. Planning

Pre Planning Consultation Amity re: land at Surgeon Street. *Previous Planning*

Records: There was planning for 13 Dwellings approved Ref: W20633 date 03.07.2012

Removal of clauses Ref: W35909 01.08.2017. Drainage Request Withdrawn Ref: W/ 39587 - 7/10/2019.

LDP 2021-2033 - Projected No. Of dwellings on this site 13. The Council has received 11 e-mails from local residents concerned about the development. The main points of concern were collated and each one discussed and found to be valid concerns which the Council decided to include in its response to Amity. Each Councillor present was given the opportunity to speak on the matter. County Councillor Bryan Davies spoke to the meeting about the Local Authority's Local Letting Policy and clarified the term Affordable Housing and explained that the 22 affordable homes in the plan were allocated as affordable to rent. Following the discussion the Council decided that the original planning permission for 13 dwellings is generally considered acceptable, provided that the necessary infrastructure upgrades are carried out prior to any works commencing to support the new construction and to handle the increased demand from the anticipated

new residents i.e. improving roads, sewerage system, increasing water and sewage capacity, upgrading the local sewage processing plant. Cynwyl Elfed Community Council decided to object to the proposal for 31 dwellings on the site at the end of Surgeon Street, and has decided to fully align itself with the concerns raised regarding the proposed development. Some of the e-mails objecting to the development and stating observations and concerns include strain on the infrastructure, impact on the community, unacceptable scale and impact on the environment. The Council decided to respond to Amity Planning Consultants with its decision.

Cllr. Aled Jones proposed that the Council hold a Public Meeting this was seconded by Cllr. Robin Bowen. The Council decided to book the hall for a Public Meeting to be held on 30.07.25. It is expected that by 30.07.25 Amity will have published the responses from various agencies, including Dŵr Cymru to their consultation which ended 18.07.25. It is unlikely that the Local Authority Consultation and the formal application for planning will be received by this time, however the Council is aware that there will only be a window of three weeks from receipt of the Local Authority Consultation Letter to view the plans, discuss and respond to the Consultation Letter before the closing date and anticipates the need to arrange a further meeting at that time.

The Council decided that the clerk is to write to Dŵr Cymru for information regarding the current situation in Cynwyl Elfed and also take into consideration all proposed planning projects anticipated in the next few years in the village which will impact the current infrastructure.

It was also decided that the clerk is to obtain a copy of ATEB's Welsh Language Policy.

PL/09519 - Agricultural Shed Penffynnon, Cynwyl Elfed SA33 6UP -noted. On weekly planning list -has not gone to consultation yet.

PL/09491 -Proposed removal of existing kitchen, lobby and attached garage and replace with new kitchen / dining room extension complete with new utility and w/c to rear and new entrance porch to front and all associated works- Bryn Villa, Cynwyl Elfed SA33 6TE - The Council decided to support this application.

36. Payments and Finances

(a) Payments and Account

• ME Davies Clerc Salary 06/25	£ 310.10
• H.M.R.C. 1/4 (1) 2025/2026	£ 232.40
• Maria Thomas Magic Mops-26.05.25-22.06.25	£ 230.00
• EDF Direct Debit -01.06.25-30.06.25	£ 40.89
• Click Cleaning.co.uk- MEDavies- 48 rolls Toilet Paper	£. 55.79
• Bevan&Buckland Internal Audit £320 + VAT	£ 384.00
• Un Llais Cymru New Councillor Induction training	£ 21.00
• Un Llais Cymru Training Module 4	£. 21.00
• PWLB DD.	£.315.00
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• *The Council approved the above mentioned payments be made.*

(b) CREDIT RECEIVED: £1,363.70 repayment of V.A.T. for the financial year ending 31.03.2025.

REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Councillor Amy Evans to review the accounts to the 30 June 2025.

37. Highway Matters:

Highway Matters reported on: 14.07.2025

a) Cllr. E.J. - reported that a manhole cover on the A484 has collapsed at SA33 6XJ and there was a problem regarding the drainage system as well.

- b) Cllr. J.E. reported that since the two bins were lifted from the side of the road near the junction with the U5474 that rubbish and poop scoop bags were being left near the bench. This is unhygienic and at least one bin is required in this part of the village. Clerk is to chase the County Council again regarding this matter.
- c) Cllrs. E.D., A.J. and D.P. have been to investigate the footpath between Cynwyl Elfed and Beili No.6/6/1. They will arrange for the fallen trees to be cut and removed from the paths.

38. Reports from Sub-Committees and Organisations.

Cae Chwarae Bro Elfed Playing Field -

Cllr. Amy Evans informed the meeting that the AGM of the Park Committee had to be postponed, she will circulate the date once re-scheduled. Clerk is to circulate a copy of the new constitution drafted by Cllr. AE to members. A village carnival is to be arranged by the Park Committee during August. Clerk has contacted the Land Registry for information regarding the ownership of the land at a cost of £24 inc. V.A.T. is waiting for the information requested.

• Public Conveniences: -

- Problems with the flushing system in the changing room and female cubicles occurred and dealt with by Elfed Davies during last week, a problem has been reported today with the Changing Room and Cllrs Bowen and Evans will investigate.

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39. Any Other Matters

- Training:
- Cllrs. R. Bowen and A. Evans attended training: Module 4 Understanding the Law on 08.07.25 and Cllr. J. Evans on 23.06.25.(2 Free Places) (1 @ 50% £21.00)
- Cllr. Aled Jones -is to attend the Code of Conduct Training webinar O.V.W. on 03.09.25. (Free Place)

40. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Monday 15 September 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting concluded at 22:00 hours.

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Chair.

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Date.