

## **CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 19.01.2026  
at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall.

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

**Clerk:** Enid Davies

**Translator:** Apology received.

**Apologies received:** Cllr. Amy Evans

In the absence of the Chair. Councillor Delme Phillips took the Chair. and presided over the meeting. Cllr. Phillips welcomed the Council members present to the meeting.

### **81.Declaration of Personal Interest**

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

### **82.Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meetings**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15.12.25 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Julian Evans and seconded by Cllr. Bryan Davies.

### **83.Matters to report:**

- a. Highway matters:- see under Highway Matters.
- b. Public Conveniences and Cynwyl Elfed Hall - see under reports from sub-committees.

### **84.Correspondence**

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

- One Voice Wales AGM 26.01.2026 on line - Cllr. Bryan Davies will attend.

### **85.Planning**

Nil received.

### **86.Payments and Finances**

#### **(a) Payments and Account**

##### **Payments**

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| • Maria Thomas Magic Mops - December 2025               | £172.50 |
| • ME Davies Clerk's Salary 12/2025                      | £310.10 |
| • H.M.R.C. 1/4 (3) ending on 5/01/26                    | £232.40 |
| • ME Davies (Nisbets) Jantex Dispenser and toilet paper | £ 51.92 |
| • EDF Energy 01.12.25-31.12.25                          | £ 47.47 |
| • Carmarthenshire County Council (change lanterns)      | £417.00 |
| • Canolfan Cymdeithasol Cynwyl Elfed ( Hall/Room Rent)  | £ 65.00 |
| • P.W.L.B.                                              | £317.50 |
- The Council agreed for the above mentioned payments to be made.

##### **Receipts**

- Third and final payment for 2025/2026 received on 24.12.25 - £7,359.20.

### **Budget 2026/2027**

- Review Budget for 2026/2027.
- The Council reviewed the draft budget for the financial year 2026/2027 as presented by the Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). It was decided to reduce budget line in respect of repairs to Public Conveniences to £1000. The sharp increase in the Water Bill during the past year was identified as a concern - the Council decided that any further increase is adequately covered in the budget. The Council considered that there is

adequate provision in the budget for the cost of replacing consumables for the seven diffibulators in the area. Staff Costs - the Clerk/RFO had not instructed payroll to increase her wages following the Annual Meeting and said that she is happier with the current arrangement keeping the annual staff costs less than £5000 for the time being.

#### Setting the Precept for 2026/2027

- Having reviewed the draft budget, the Council considered the amount required to meet its financial obligations. It was proposed by Cllr. Robin Bowen and seconded by Cllr. Elfed Davies that the Precept for 2026/2027 be set at £24,882.00. The Council resolved that a Precept demand of £24882.00 be submitted to Carmarthenshire County Council for the 2026/2027 financial year. This represents a 12.71% increase on the previous year equating to £53.42 for a Band D property.

### **REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

Councillor Delme Phillips reviewed the accounts to the 31 December 2025 and verified that they appeared to be correct.

#### **87.Highway Matters:**

*Highway Matters reported on: 19.01.2026*

*Cllr.J.Evans proposed that the Council thank Carmarthenshire County Council for the repairs and placement of culverts at Esgair and also for commencing the work of cutting back the overgrown trees near Esgair Bus Stop.*

- Tro Rhydygwin Bend - B4333 at SA33 6SU - accidents continue to happen here even though the bend is well signaged and the maximum speed reduced to 30. Cllr Elfed Davies proposed that a request is sent for the road to be straightened. Cllr. BD informed the meeting that the cost of doing so would be very high - and not likely to happen at this time, however it may be that the County Council will look at this again once there is money available. Penlanchwilor - Penheol - Pothole has been filled but part of the drain is sticking out-dangerous to traffic , punctures reported.*
- Cynwyl Elfed to Penrhiwcrnryfryn-C2043 - Council raised concerns regarding the road sides eroding resulting in the road becoming narrower in places. This being especially hazardous near the site where a lorry recently went off the road and rolled down the side of the hill recently -that there was nothing to prevent a similar incident happening again.*
- Esgair Bridge - Sweeper/Cleaner Required to clean the gulleys.*
- Pannau Hill - Gulleys and Ditches are full and some are collapsing.*

#### **88. Reports from Sub-Committees and Organisations.**

##### **Public Conveniences: -**

- The area around the Water Meter needs to be cleared in order to access the meter to read it.

**Cae Chwarae Bro Elfed Playing Field** - no new reports received.

##### **Canolfan Cymdeithasol Cynwyl Elfed Hall -**

- Response has been received from the Hall Committee in respect of the letter regarding parking - The Council decided that the response in its entirety should be forwarded to the correspondent of the original enquiry.
- An evening of Local Talent has been arranged at Cynwyl Elfed Community with all organisations who use the hall invited to take part - no volunteers from the Council as yet, however Cllr. Delme Phillips has been given the taks of MC for the event.

**89. Any Other Matters**

Training- One Voice Wales - Applications for free webinar training -  
Module 6 - Understanding Local Government Finance - Basic - to be booked for Cllr.  
Aled Jones on 22/01/26.  
Module 24 - Finance and Governance Toolkit - to be booked for Cllrs. Elfed Davies and  
Delme Phillips on Monday 02/03/26 and for Cllr. Robin Bowen on Wednesday 25/03/26.

**90 Date and Time of next Meeting.**

Monthly meeting on: Monday **16 February 2026** at **7:30 p.m.**

The meeting concluded at 21.30 hours.

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Vice-Chair. D.Phillips presided over the meeting on 19.01.26

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**Date.**