

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held at 8.20 p.m. on Monday 18.05.2026

at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall.

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

Clerk: Enid Davies

Translator: Hefin Jones

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Eifion Jones

Cllr. Amy Evans (Chair) welcomed the Council members present to the meeting which followed the Annual meeting of the Council.

01.Declaration of Personal Interest

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

02.Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meetings

Minutes of the meeting held on 20.04.26 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. Aled Jones and seconded by Cllr. Julian Evans

03.Matters to report:

- a. Highway matters:- see under Highway Matters.
 - b. Public Conveniences and Cynwyl Elfed Hall - see under reports from sub-committees.
- O.V.Wales - National Conference & Awards Ceremony 1/7/26, Llanelwedd -£99 - Clerk is to contact O.V.W. in order to find out whether the prize of two tickets Cllr. B.D. won last year will cover the cost of two delegates to this year's conference.
 - Council Insurance - Clerk obtained price from Clear Council Insurance and Howden Brokers. For the same cover provided by the present insurance.From the quotes/information provided it was evaluated that Zurich was the best value for money at £660.75 following a discount of £12.94. The Council decided to renew with Zurich Municipal for 2026/27.

04.Correspondence

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

- Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP)- consultation period from 11.5.26 to the closing time 11:59 a.m. on 26 June 2026. - it was decided to place this item on the June Agenda in order to give members more time to study the document.

05.Planning

No new planning consultations received.

Live Planning items - PL/10680-removal of Conditions 9&10 to planning granted:PL/04884-although no consultation letter received-Cllr.BD reported that the Local Authority is currently looking into whether the conditions continue to be relevant or not.

06.Payments and Finances

(a) Payments and Account

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- ME Davies Clerk Salary April and May 2026 - amounts to be recalculated in line with pay review..
 - Maria Thomas April 2026 £230.00
 - One Voice Wales Conference £99 or reduced amount depending on prize ticket amounts.
 - One Voice Wales - Training fee £44 clerk is to check whether there is a discount before paying.
 - Zurich Insurance - Renewal 2026/27 £660.75
 - EDF Energy 01.04.26-30.04.26 £ 43.88
- The Council agreed for the above mentioned payments to be made. Proposed by Cllr. J.E. and seconded by Cllr. A.J..

Receipts:

- First instalment of the precept received on 29.04.26 in the sum of £8,294.00.

REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Councillor Amy Evans reviewed the accounts to the 30 April 2026 and verified that they appeared to be correct.

07.Highway Matters:

Update on matters reported on 20.04.26

- Lay by at Cwmdud - debris from roadworks have been cleared.
- C1313 - Cemetary Road - Road surface in a very bad condition - Cllr. B.D. informed the meeting that the Road Engineer has been to inspect - and matters are in hand.

Highway Matters reported on: 18.05.2026

- a) a) Service Bus required through Hermon.
- b) b)SA33 6TL drains outside Bluebell, Grating have been lifted but instead of the concrete surrounding which normally keeps the grate in place one side has been packed with stones.
- c) Cllr. ED reported that there were trees in the river near Mile End bend. Clerk to contact NRW and Carmarthenshire County Council
- d) Cllr. JE said that the bridge on the path past the Church to Beili needs attention, asked who is responsible for maintaining the bridge.This may be part of the public footpath network. To make enquiries and place this on the agenda for June.
- e) Hole on the bend between Maudsland and Heather View -temporary repair made however it is not good and the hole is re-appearing. It needs to be repaired properly.
- f) Cllr.AE reported that a lot of people in the village had said that they were upset by the recent use of herbicide on many fields simultaneously in Cynwyl Elfed recently. It looked as though a lot of herbicide had been used and also it appears that the weeds and grass were destroyed leaving very little buffer zone between hedges and the rivers. Clerk instructed to contact N.R.W.
- g) Fly Tipping between Five Roads and Ty-coch - a lot has been cleared but continues to be a problem.
- h) P.C.S.O. Visit requested.Clerk to send e-mail to Martin Dickenson to ask him if he can attend the June meeting.

08. 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. Clerk to contact local Dŵr Cymru officer regarding making the water meter more accessible.
- Clerk queried whether the electrics had been checked, Cllr. J.E. believed they had last been carried out in Nov.2025.
- Clerk is to find out about maintenance checks on the hand washing/drying facilities.
- The existing Electricity Contract will come to an end in September.

Cae Chwarae Bro Elfed Playing Field -

- The mower has been repaired. A new picnic table has been purchased as the existing one was no longer safe. Cllr. BD reported that the County Council are going to repair the fence next to the road and replace the chain link fence.

Canolfan Cymdeithasol Cynwyl Elfed - Hall

The hall will now be open every Saturday morning between 10:00 and 12:00 a.m. for volunteers to clean and do jobs to upkeep the hall.

09. Any Other Matters

- **Complaints S137-** Cllr. AE (Chair.) Cllr.JE and Cllr. RB received a complaint following an applicant not being notified in a timely and accurately manner that their application had not been successful. The clerk admitted that on this occasion she had fallen short in not sending an e-mail at the same time as the successful applicants.Minutes No.106 of the meeting held on 16.03.26 were accurate however the e-mail did not reflect this.The Council agreed that Cllr. AE (Chair.), Cllr. RB and Cllr JE had dealt with the complaint correctly by doing their utmost to put matters right by finding solutions. It was decided that the original decision not to grant funds was the correct decision. It was decided that the Chair.should write a letter of apology on behalf of the Council for the confusion caused by the late and unclear e-mail.
- **Training-** One Voice Wales - Applications for free webinar training - 4 free places for each module with 50% discount after free places used.
- **Advertise for a new clerk.-**The clerk has obtained advice from One Voice Wales regarding how to advertise for a new clerk. It is important that the Job Description is accurate. Should there be no qualified applicants she is happy to work alongside a new clerk whilst they gain qualifications and is willing to carry on as the Council's R.F.O. ,if needed, until the new clerk is ready to take over both jobs.

10. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Next Monthly meeting is to be held on: Monday **15 June 2026 at 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting concluded at 21.15 hours.

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Cllr. A. Evans (Chair)

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Date.