

CYNWYL ELFED COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 15.06.2026

at Cynwyl Elfed Community Hall.

PRESENT: Cllr. Amy Evans (Chair.), Cllr Delme 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 to the meeting.

21. Declaration of Personal Interest

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

22. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meetings

Minutes of the meeting held on 18.05.26 were agreed to be a correct copy proposed by Cllr. B. Davies and seconded by Cllr. R. Bowen

23. Matters to report:

- a. Highway matters:- see under Highway Matters.
- b. Public Conveniences and Cynwyl Elfed Hall - see under reports from sub-committees.
- c. O.V.W. National Conference - The two Prize Tickets £65 each can be utilised for one delegate, no refund given. A second delegate can attend at the cost of the £68 difference. It was decided that one delegate, Cllr. B. Davies will attend.
- d. Debenhams-Atriwm General response received- noted.

24. Correspondence

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

- *Formal Complaint received about a Councillor - it is in the hands of the Ombudsman - no more to say at this stage.*
- *Cannon M. Osbourne - Church in need of Noticeboard- response- Small Grant Applications are looked at in Jan/Feb/March of each year in the meantime the hall has a large noticeboard and Cllr. J.E. will ask the committee if this can be utilised by the Church.*
- *Hermon Noticeboard - complaints received that this is in a poor state - Cllr. E.D. will inspect the noticeboard to see whether it can be repaired.*
- *CWLWM - application for small grant was received at the end of April - Clerk to respond that it is too late for the year 2025/2026. A new application will have to be sent in for 2026/27 by the February meeting in 2027.*
- Letter -requesting Cynwyl Elfed Community Council to review and support Formal Submission for Road Safety and Traffic Management Infrastructure Upgrades at the A484/B4333 Junction at Cynwyl Elfed - (three way traffic light system was discussed with the Road Safety Manager , see Report of meeting 8.11.22 included with the minutes of 21 November 2022 monthly meeting). - it was decided to forward the proposal to Road Traffic Safety Manager after establishing who the parties to be consulted are.
- One Voice Wales Funding Newsletter - noted.
- Hywel Dda Health Board - Consultation re: Stroke Services - noted. Individuals to respond.
- Revised Carmarthenshire Local Development Plan (LDP)-noted. No action to be taken.

25.Planning

Live Planning items -PL/10013 - Consultation end date extended to 24.06.26. Some changes to the entrance - noted - no further action to be taken.

26.Payments and Finances

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- Maria Thomas May 2026 £195.50
- ME Davies Clerk Salary April and May 2026 - £334.90 and £334.70 total £669.60
- ME Davies (Click Cleaning) Toilet Rolls, Cleaning Equipment - £103.71
- One Voice Wales Conference cost £99- Prize tickets covers the cost of one delegate.
- One Voice Wales - Training fee less bursary 50% £ 22.00
- EDF Energy 01.05.26-31.05.26 £ 43.01
- Dŵr Cymru 21.10.25 - 21.04.26 £882.81
- The Council agreed for the above mentioned payments to be made. Proposed by Cllr. D.P. and seconded by Cllr. R.B.
- Mandate has been sent to Barclays Bank , Cllr. Amy Evans added to list of signatories.
- Clerk informed the meeting that the books were with the internal auditor. There will be a delay in sending the Annual Return to Audit Wales, Deryck Evans informed and notice displayed.
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REVIEW - RECONCILIATION OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Councillor Amy Evans reviewed the accounts to the 31 May 2026 and verified that they appeared to be correct.

27.Highway Matters:

Update on matters reported on 18.05.26

- 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.
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Highway Matters reported on: 15.06.2026a) Service Bus required through HermoCllr. ED reported that there were trees in the river near Mile End bend. Clerk to contact NRW and Carmarthenshire County Council

- a)The bridge on the road past the Church to Beili needs attention - pictures to be forwarded to clerk.
- b) *Esgair Bridge - When heavy vehicles go over the bridge - water is pushed up from the pipes leading to the stopcock.*
- c) *SA33 6EY - Hedge by the road near Green Villa - Japanese Knotweed growing.*
- d) *Public Footpaths - some of the footpaths are not kept - Cllr. ED and Cllr. JE will arrange to walk four of the local paths and report their findings at the next meeting.*
- e) *Cllr.A.E. will also put a message regarding footpaths on Facebook.*

28. Reports from Sub-Committees and Organisations.

Public Conveniences: -

- Cllr. J.E. carried out emergency cleaning during the last month following information that the gents cubicle had been badly soiled. The Council thanked him for his work which is very much appreciated.

- Toilet Rolls are on order plus cleaning equipment - once received clerk will deliver them. Clerk instructed to order gloves for cleaning which are needed.
- It was decided that clerk is to ask EDF energy to replace the current meter to a smart meter.

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.

29. Any Other Matters

- **Draft Complaints Policy** - Clerk has obtained model complaints policy (2025) from One Voice Wales and this has been adapted to Cynwyl Elfed Community Council. The Draft Complaints Policy is to be studied by Councillors and any proposed changes / suggestions to be made to Clerk before next meeting when the Council can decide whether to Adopt the Complaints Policy (2025). Item to be put on Agenda for the July meeting.
- **Defibrillator Batteries Cynwyl Elfed** - Battery life past use by date in the two CU SP1 defibrillators in Cynwyl Elfed, cost c. £205+VAT each. Clerk to order.
- Cllr. E.D. told the meeting that a training session is to be held at Hermon Vestry - he will inform the clerk once a date is arranged - all are welcome.
- **Training**- One Voice Wales - Applications for free webinar training - 4 free places for each module with 50% discount after free places used. Bursary form 2026/27 completed and signed.
- **Advertise for a new clerk.**-The clerk has produced an advertisement for a new clerk. She is to circulate this for Councillors to approve, and then will advertise locally and through One Voice Wales.
- **PCSO M Dickenson** - given the dates of the July, Sept. and October - he will attend the July meeting and clerk is to put this at the front of the July agenda.

30. Date and Time of next Meeting.

Next Monthly meeting is to be held on: Monday **20 July 2026 at 7:30 p.m.**
The meeting concluded at 21.00 hours.

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Cllr. A. Evans (Chair)

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Date.