

Cyngor Cymuned Llannon Community Council



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Llannon Community Council

on

Wednesday 22nd October 2025 at 6.30pm

Hybrid via Teams and in Tumble Hall

Meeting commenced at 6:30pm

The Chair, Cllr. R. Lloyd Davies presided over the meeting.

Minute No. 123 – Members Present.

Cllr. R. Lloyd Davies (RD) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. S. Eldridge (SE) – Teams.

Cllr. C. Davies (CD) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. Ll. Davies (LD) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. N. Thomas (NT) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. E. G. Evans (EGE) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. S. Harries (SH) – Teams.

Cllr. J. Burree (JB) – Teams.

Cllr. J. Griffiths (JG) – Teams.

Cllr. J. Owen (JO) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. P. Owen (PO) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. T. Stillman (TS) – Tumble Hall.

Cllr. J. Anderson (JA) – Teams.

Also Present:

Mrs. C. Hope – Chief Officer (CH).

Mrs. Ff. Lewis – Deputy Chief Officer / RFO (FL).

Mr. L. Andrews – Security.

Minute No. 124 – Apologies and reasons for absence.

There were no apologies for absence as all members were in attendance.

Minute No. 125 – Declarations of Interests.

LD declared an interest with Cwm Gwendraeth Men's Shed. There were no other new declarations of interests.

Minute No. 126 – Policing Matters.

The Chief Officer informed the Council that there wasn't a meeting this month with the police.

Minute No. 127 – Public participation.

There was no public participation.

Minute No. 128 – The Chair's Report.

The Chair informed the Council that she has been recovering from her operation which has limited her to the number of activities that she has been able to take part in. The Chair stated that her recovery has been going well.

The Chair also informed the Council that she has been in daily contact with the Chief Officer who has been keeping her up to date with all developments.

Minute No. 129 – County Councillor's Report.

Cllr. Ll. Davies sent her report via email to the Chief Officer who in turn forwarded the report to all Councillor's via email.

The Chief Officer has not received a report from Cllr. D. Jones.

Minute No. 130 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Full Council Meeting 24.09.25

PO proposed that these minutes were a true record with the above amendment. TS seconded the proposal. All members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Full Council Meeting 24.09.25 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

Minute No. 131 – Confirmation of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 20.10.25.

LD proposed that these minutes were a true record. JO seconded the proposal. All members present in favour.

Resolved that the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on 20.10.25 (prints of which having been previously circulated to members) be taken as read, and the same are hereby verified, received, and confirmed by all respectively.

Minute No. 132 – The Chief Officers’ report.

The Chief Officer thanked the Chair for allowing her to bring the meeting forward and thanked everyone for attending.

The Chief Officer reported on the following:

- **Parc Y Mynydd Mawr.**

The Chief Officer has had several meetings with CFF. Plans have been agreed and circulated to all members of the Council. CFF will be taking the plans to their panel meeting in December. The Chief Officer has invited members of the CFF to come and view the area to have a better understanding of the geography within the Tumble ward.

The Chief Officer will be submitting a claim to SCF at the end of October to recover some of the professional fees that LICC have already paid towards the redevelopment.

The SCF legal agreement has been received and is registered against the property.

- **Y Neuadd Fach.**

Waiting for the Welsh Government Borrowing Approval to make a decision. The Chief Officer will arrange an EGM as soon as something has come back from Welsh Government.

The Chief Officer has received quotations with regards to the repairs needed for the roof.

- **Cross Hands Park.**

The lease is with the solicitors as there was an issue with the Land Registry paperwork. It was originally signed by the previous Clerk and the Mayor at the time, but it should have been signed by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the time. The Chief Officer is currently waiting for the lease.

- **Safer Routes in Communities.**

The Chief Officer thanked LD for contacting the officers at CCC with regards to the remaining money that is allocated to the Ten Towns.

LD stated that there is a pot of money that is yet to be used and that she has inquired whether there is funding available that can be used in relation to the application made with Cross Hands School in relation to the Safer Routes in Communities bid.

The Chief Officer stated that she has been in contact with the Officer in CCC who has assured her that they will look at the cost for the improvement of pavements and the proposed shelter at Cross Hands School.

6.52pm Cllr. E. G. Evans joined the meeting and apologised for his lateness.

- **Ten Towns.**

There is £100,000 available to be split between the Ten Towns. The Chief Officer has been looking into the possibility of a Digital Noticeboard for Cross Hands Park.

- **Tennis.**

There will be free Tennis sessions available for the community on Saturday mornings.

- **October Half Term.**

The following activities will be held during the October Half Term:

- Free family breakfast every day at Tumble Hall

- Tennis
- Clwb Hwyl
- Wednesday Addams Dance Camp
- Scott Artus Cartoons
- Halloween Disco

All of the above activities will be advertised on social media.

- **Tumble Hall.**

- 1st November 2025 – James Williams tickets are sold out.
- 28th November 2025 – Taylor Swift limited tickets still available.
- 7th December 2025 – Community Christmas Concert.

- **Remembrance Day Service.**

Reverend Lindy is unavailable on this day.

Mrs. Neris Thomas-Samuel will be conducting the service at Tumble Memorial at 11.00am

Michelle from Pact 252 will be conducting the service at Cross Hands Memorial at 2.00pm.

- **Cinio & Chlonc.**

Dolen Teifi contacted the Chief Officer late yesterday evening to inform her that the bus will be unavailable on Friday as it has been booked in for an MOT.

There will be no Cinio & Chlonc next week (31st October) due to the half term activities that are being conducted at Tumble Hall.

- **University Health Board.**

The UHB are starting a diabetes course at Tumble Hall.

The UHB will be starting a Learning difficulties Support Group at Tumble Hall. They are expecting a large turnout. The support group will offer different levels of support.

This week will be the third week that the UHB are holding the Parkinsons support group.

- **Costumes and Soft Play Equipment.**

The Chief Officer has purchased character costumes and Soft Play equipment with the permission of the Chair. The total cost of the purchase is £1800, which is much cheaper than the original price for this equipment.

- **Wreath Making Workshop.**

The Chair will be holding her annual wreath making workshop on the 29th November 2025 at Tumble Hall.

- **Flu Clinic.**

The Surgery have held two very successful Flu Clinics at Tumble Hall.

- **BT.**

The BT complaint is still ongoing and has been for over a year. The Chief Officer feels that she is finally getting somewhere with the complaint and is hopeful that a refund for the services that LICC have been overcharged for will be provided soon.

The Chief Officer stated that once the complaint has been finalised then LICC should receive compensation from BT.

- **ICCM Conference.**

The Chief Officer and the Clerk of Burials both attended the ICCM Conference at the end of September. Whilst attending the conference they were invited to a factory that makes playground equipment. The Chief Officer found this beneficial. The playground equipment they offer is made from timber and the Chief Officer believes that this type of equipment would fit nicely in Y Graig. The Chief Officer has asked the playground company to provide designs and costings. The development of Y Graig will depend on the funding available in the future.

- **Notice of Vacancies.**

Both vacant seats have been advertised with Friday being the cutoff date for an election to be called. If an election isn't called, then these seats will be advertised for co-option.

- **Subject Access Request.**

The Chief Officer has received two subject access requests and has made the Council aware of these. The Chief Officer has responded accordingly.

- **FOI Requests.**

The Chief Officer has received two FOI's and has responded to these accordingly.

- **Correspondence.**

The Chief Officer received an email from Cllr. D. Jones with a picture of a pothole in Cross Hands Park where a resident had said that they were cycling in the park and wanted to know who was responsible for the maintenance. Cllr. D. Jones stated in her email that this is the third complaint that she has received. This is the first time that the Chief Officer has been made aware of the complaints and if she had been made aware sooner then she could have resolved the issue sooner. The Council cannot deal with complaints if they are not made aware of any.

- **SLCC Conference.**

The Chief Officer and Deputy Chief Officer both attended the SLCC Conference on the 13th October.

The Chair thanked the Chief Officer and all of the staff for their hard work.

The Chief Officer informed the Council that a member of the public had joined the meeting via Teams and asked the Chair if she would like to revisit the agenda item for public participation.

The Chair asked the member of the public present if they would like to participate in the meeting. There was no response from the member of the public. The Chair asked the member of the public again if they would like to participate, again, there was no response from the member of the public.

Minute No. 133 – To receive the Quarter Two Financial Report 2025-26.

A copy of the Quarter Two 2025-26 Finance Report has been circulated via email to all members of the Council from the Chief Officer prior to the meeting.

TS proposed to accept the Quarter Two 2025-26 Finance Report. PO seconded the proposal. All members present in favour.

Resolved that the Council accept the Quarter Two 2025-26 Finance Report as previously circulated via email from the Chief Officer.

Minute No. 134 – To discuss requests for Financial Assistance.

The Chief Officer has received requests for Financial Assistance from:

- Llannon Young Farmers
- Merched Y Wawr
- Cyfle I Bawb
- Cwm Gwendraeth Men's Shed

The Chief Officer informed the Council that she has checked everyone's paperwork thoroughly and all of them comply with the policy. The Chief Officer also informed the Council that each group have requested £500 each and that there is enough money in the Financial Assistance Budget to fulfil their request, if the Council wish to do so.

JO proposed that LICC donate £500 each to Llannon Young Farmers, Merched Y Wawr, Cyfle I Bawb and Cwm Gwendraeth Men's Shed. NT seconded the proposal. LD abstained from voting as she declared an interest with Cwm Gwendraeth Men's Shed. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that LICC donate £500 to Llannon Young Farmers, £500 to Merched Y Wawr, £500 to Cyfle I Bawb and £500 to Cwm Gwendraeth Men's Shed.

Minute No. 135 – To discuss whether the Council wishes to continue to appoint an external HR / Health & Safety Contract.

The Chair reminded the Council that LICC currently appoint an external HR company as they have been tied into a contract, this contract is now up for renewal. The Council need to make a decision on whether or not to renew the contract.

7.30pm Cllr. S. Eldridge left the meeting and did not return.

The Chief Officer informed the members present that when she started with LICC they had a contract with Ellis Whittam for their HR. The Chief Officer also informed the members present that she has only needed to contact them for advice twice over the years.

The Chief Officer stated that when she had her accident JO, as the Chair at the time, spoke to the HR company for advice but didn't receive any guidance from them. In fact, JO ended up speaking to One Voice Wales who were far more helpful.

The Chief Officer informed the Council that LICC have been tied into a five year contract which has cost the Council over £25,000. This decision was made during the last administration.

PO asked the Chief Officer if the Council can get any HR advise from One Voice Wales?

The Chief Officer stated that LICC can ask One Voice Wales for any HR advise and this advise would be far cheaper than paying a HR company. The Chief Officer also stated that the advice given from One Voice Wales would be more relevant as they are tailored towards the sector. These HR companies don't have as much experience with local Councils.

The Chief Officer informed the Council that it would be far more beneficial for LICC to use a localised Health and Safety company as these companies would be able to come out to LICC's sites to help with any issues.

JO stated that she has dealt with both One Voice Wales and Worknest and felt that the advice and support received from One Voice Wales was much better.

JO proposed that the Council do not renew their contract with Worknest and to seek any HR advice from One Voice Wales and Health & Safety support from a local company as and when required. SH seconded the proposal. All other members present in favour.

Resolved that the Council do not renew their contract with Worknest.

Minute No. 136 – To discuss the following Planning Application.

PL/09967 – The Construction of a new car park and associated reprofiling of adjacent land – Castell Howell Foods, Heol Ty Newydd, Cross Hands, Llanelli, SA14 6SX.

All members present agreed that a letter of support should be sent from LICC.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.45pm

Signed **Date**

(Chair)