

Draft minutes of the Llanbedr Community Council meeting held on October 1st, 2026

Present

Eirwyn Thomas (Chair), John Evans (Vice Chair), Jane Taylor Williams, Helen Johns, Annwen Hughes (Councillor and County Councillor), Kevin Titley, Gwynfor Owen (County Councillor).

Absent – Luisse Vassey, Robin Ward. Nia Jones.

So no need for a translator tonight. It's important that anyone who needs a translator lets us know in plenty of time if they won't be attending so the Clerk can cancel the service for the evening. This saves the Council a significant cost.

Declaration of Interest – none to declare. (Except AH with planning issues)

Finance Report

Bank at the end of September = £40277.29

The following have been paid:

Arfon Hughes Translation September £135

Dyffryn Iron Designs Playground £230

Delyth Website £100

Colin Evans Old Cemetery £225

NBB Bench £793.80 (VAT of £132.30)

Hall September £12.00

No PAVO grant has been received for the bench so far.

Any Planning applications – Application No NP5/62/LB297C

That is, a listed building application for internal changes, changes to the current entrance (plinth alteration) and installation of waste treatment equipment and related drains (revised application).

It was passed to send to say no objection, but to be mindful of nearby cemeteries, and consider the parking situation.

It's important that the work continues for the safety of people visiting the cemetery.

Received draft minutes for September – awaiting approval. But Bryn Gola to Pant Golau needs to be corrected in those minutes (Llanfair Planning Application).

Issues arising from those minutes.

A.) The Cemetery

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1. That signs are needed to stop planting on the graves. Approve this. Clerk to make some. Good news that there was mention of placing stones on some of the graves in question. It was also

noted that the delegation from Huchenfeld were saddened when visiting the grave of the late John Wynne in the Parish cemetery.

2. What to do about the shed? That church members are keen to have a compost toilet in it. That one would be very suitable in a cemetery in Boduan according to Jane T Williams. It was decided that the building is not suitable – and the final decision will be to demolish it completely. Ask Meirion Jones and Hywel Wyn Jones about the price. And to remove the bricks as well. But to remember that this work has not been budgeted for this financial year.

B) Playing Field

1. Wet pour – apply for a grant? Ask Steve Beech for help.

2. Small gate to the field – left open. Again, the cows have got through. Put signs on it. Also contact Gwyn Evans (Gwynedd Council paths) to see if it's possible to put pressure on the gate to make it close better.

The gate on Sarn Hir path has also being left open and cows have gotten through into the mainroad. Contact Gwyn Evans Gwynedd Council footpaths regarding this..

3. Hedge laying – that the work is to be done in December. An application for funding needs to be submitted by the 12th of March. Morfudd mentioned at the Governors' meeting the possibility of the school children going to see the ancient craft of willow weaving. The teachers are happy with this.

4. Planting trees and daffodil bulbs. That money has been allocated for this by the Hall Treasurer from the Hall fund.

C) Huchenfeld - £200 allocated? Report from the meeting. (This amount in the budget)

D) COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS

1. In response to Marc Williams' complaint about Mochras Road: "We are aware of the damage here and our Inspector had a discussion with Mark Williams in August to explain that we intend to renew the fence and repair the wall over the winter when there is less traffic using the road.

As part of our structure maintenance program, we cleared all the growth last winter along this location and, of course, people have since noticed more and reported deficiencies. The new wooden posts have been put there as a preventive measure for the time being,.

as a piece of the fence had fallen over into the road. Stronger no danger to the wall, some stones missing or loose."

Here are comments on other complaints -

2. Mud near the war memorial - I will arrange for the Street Inspection Service to look into the matter

3. Man hole Bron Meini - The Area Engineer will arrange for the Road Inspector to assess the hole and take any appropriate action.

4. Camper Vans parking - aware that this is an issue affecting several areas and the options available to manage it are limited in some locations, however will discuss the local situation with the relevant officers.

5. CCTV - can confirm that it is us as a department who are responsible for the TCC public system, I will make initial inquiries with the Service and get back to you.

The work in Llanbedr is going to start soon. JTW noted that Owner No. 1 is also going to install cameras on the Plas Newydd building. There have been a lot of people parking near Plas Newydd.

6. Speeding - will discuss this issue with the Traffic officers.

7. Parking on the Plas Newydd pavement - will discuss this issue with the Traffic officers.

HYBRID - what to do with Zoom. Significant cost to the Council. Gwynfor is offering his provision free to the Council. That is until May 2027 which will save some money. It was therefore proposed to cancel the Zoom provision . This again to be put on hold, after more consideration.

Other Matters

1. A tree has fallen on Rhiw Garth Goch road – contacted Gwynedd Council. Matter resolved.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Gwynfor Owen –

1. Drones and the Airfield – Now a military matter. Need to ask and stress that the Airfield has received many grants to improve the site.

2. Concern about cuts by Gwynedd Council of up to 5% on the 2027/28 budget.

3. Bus service G23 from Porthmadog to Pwllheli. This service will go as far as Abersoch. The same number of buses.

4. Has been working with parents with children with learning disabilities/additional learning needs. Noted that holiday periods like summer holidays are stressful for parents.

5. Grants – ask Steve Beech.

6. Attended a meeting with Huchenfeld and also volunteered at the Beer Festival. Need to congratulate both organizations for their work. Noted by ETh that a profit of £17,000 was made at the Beer Festival. ETh noted that a good number of Welsh people attended the Beer Festival this year. From Corwen, Abersoch, Bangor, Denbigh, Welshpool, Shrewsbury. Also noted that it's a pity that no young people want to be involved with the organisation.

7. Taxes and visitors. Consultation. Decision delayed to allow Gwynedd Council Officers to ensure the consultation was fair.

Councillor Annwen Hughes

1. Glad the Sarn Hir trees have been cut, but while doing the work the LLANBEDR sign got bent and is dirty. Need to ask for a new one.

2. Car burned on Mochras road.

3. Signs need to be turned – Pentre Gwynfryn and a sign by Efail Dywyll, and Werngron..

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4. Work starting on Sarn Hir from 7pm to 6am. 12/13/14
5. Bermo electricity wires – road closed here for 3 weeks.
6. Hole in Cwm Bychan road has been filled .
7. Mess / a caravan by the small chapel.
8. Smell of drugs by Capel Bach – police aware of this.
9. Request from Sian Llwyd for funding – towards the Bright Future Building Project with Ardudwy School children. Asked councils from Bermo to Penrhyn for a contribution – about £200. Agreed in principle to support this. Kids showing lack of respect.

Gwynfor Owen noted a problem with scooters and electric bikes.

Other issues

1. A tree has fallen on Rhiw Garth Goch road – reported to Gwynedd Council. Has been resolved.
2. ETH – noted that more work needs to be done at Cae Deiliog, which also means more costs. Trees have been purchased and need trimming along the hedges. A crew of volunteers is needed to do this. It was agreed to put £200 towards it.
3. Remembrance Sunday – it was agreed to offer tea at the end in the Hall and to order 2 torches this year. One for the community and one to give to Barney Warburton. KT noted that there were mistakes in the barcode by the column related to the names Robert P Jones Bryn Moel and Richard Lloyd Jones Gellibant. Need to inquire about this.
4. JTW – Llanbedr is a mess – rubbish down from Glennydd to the river. Also electricity/phone poles through Pentre Gwynfryn are a problem – narrowing the roads.
5. Helen Johns – noted that work near Talwrn Bach Crossing has been done.
6. John Evans – kerb near Ty Mawr has moved.
7. JE – van is parked opposite Moreia Cemetery. Blocking people from seeing road traffic. (Casting a shadow on the mirror.)
8. It was noted that the Hall Committee had received £3000 from the estate of the late Jammie Gaskell . It was agreed to place a memorial plaque on one of the benches by the Village hall. Thinking about the following words to put on a plaque

"In Memory

of Jamie Gaskell

1958 – 2024

A kind soul who saw beauty in the world of nature and in the world around him.