



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of 2nd September 2025

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

Councillor Richard Evans
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Ky Lewis
Councillor David Sopwith
Councillor Colin Hidden

Councillor Trevor Sharples

Also present: Stephanie Masters (Clerk), Davena Davies (Community Agent) and
County Cllr Trevor Bates

Chair opened meeting at 6:30pm

1/0795 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Pam Hughes

2/0925 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

(b) Requests for dispensations

None

3/0925 Reports

(a) Police report

SM informed Councillors PCSO Gareth Jones had now retired. It was agreed the Council send a letter to Gareth thanking him for all his hard work in the community over the years and wishing him the very

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best for his retirement. **SM** had not received a monthly crime report but had received an email from Inspector Stefan Lederie who provided an update on what Police teams had been doing within the district.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- WCBC Housing is now progressing with work on the drainage in Bro Dewi. The aim is to deflect flood water out into the river at the bottom of the car park and extend drainage pipes. Water sensors monitoring the level of water in the culvert are now in place.
- The new chevron signage is at last in place at the Dolywern end of the long straight road from Glyn Ceiriog.
- The proposed Saturday strikes of refuse collection workers has now been resolved
- An appointment system is currently in place at the Plas Madoc Household Recycling Centre while extensive work is being carried out on the site.
- The recycling lorry broke down last week, but collections have now started again
- There is a skip day in Glyn Ceiriog on 4th September 2025 between 9:30am and 12:00pm.
- Gave an update on the current situation with planning applications for rural enterprise dwellings in the Valley. He confirmed that one rural enterprise dwelling application had been approved, one was pending, and one was being resubmitted.

4/0925 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 2nd July 2025

(a) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2025 as a true and correct record.

EJ proposed the Minutes be approved as a true and correct record. **Seconded CH. Unanimously agreed. RE** signed the Minutes.

(b) Matters Arising

- **PH** was now able to sign the new mandate as an existing signatory. **SM** to send to the bank once completed. **SM**
- First Aid training course had successfully taken place on 5th August and was passed by all those who attended. The course had been full but on the day before four people said they were unable to attend. The Council still had to pay for all twelve places which cost £316.20. This was paid for from the Community grant which had been awarded to the Community Agent.
- **SM** confirmed Rhys Hughes had cut the front hedges of the Hall prior to the Vintage and Craft Fair,
- **CH** advised Councillors the hedge at the back of the Hall was very overgrown and was blocking one of the Hall's fire exits. It was agreed **SM** ask Rhys to provide a quote for the work. **SM**
- **SM** had sent the information to the Police about the two main issues affecting the community, i.e. drug use and mental health in the community, as agreed at the last meeting.

- **SM** had advised the WCBC Planning Officer that the Councillors had no objections or concerns about the planning application at Castle Mill and supported the application.
- **CH** and **DS** had made the necessary repairs to the playgrounds following the playground inspection. There had been a problem with the delivery of the new goalpost, but this was quickly resolved, and it is now in place on the playing field. **SM** to order a replacement net and fixing pegs for the existing goalpost.
- Councillors were aware that WCBC was no longer emptying the litter bin in Pontfadog playground. **SM** had been informed by WCBC that they do not have a service level agreement with the Council to empty this bin. **SM** to contact WCBC again.

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5/0925 Correspondence

SM had received:

- An Invitation to the 'Wrexham Communities: Shaping Our Environments Together' event at Wrexham University on 4 September 2025, starting at 9:30 am. The event is to explore the Low Carbon Communities Project. to raise awareness, tackle local issues, and spark fresh ideas for building more sustainable neighbourhoods.
- A request for a s137 donation to cover the costs of new equipment had been made by the Nightingale House Hospice. **KL proposed** a donation of £500. **Seconded** by **DS**. **Unanimously agreed.**
- Latest newsletter from RWE covering the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm team's work with potential supply chain and around skills and education. It also included news on wider RWE activity in north Wales, in offshore wind and at their hydroelectric power station in Dolgarrog.
- An email from the WCBC Fostering Team about the need to increase the number of Foster Carers in the Wrexham Borough.

6/0925 Community Agent

DD reported:

- Following the excellent First Aid training course the trainer informed **DD** that there was the opportunity to do a First Aid in Mental Health course. **DD** explained this was a full day course for 8 people and it was necessary to assess interest before booking the course for October.
- The Vintage Machinery and Craft Fair raised £700, and this had been divided equally between the OJMH and St John's Church in Pontfadog.
- The community trip to Llandudno had not started well because of problems with the coaches from Tanat Valley. This was eventually resolved and the trip set off about half an hour late. Once underway the trip was enjoyed by everyone who went. Tanat Valley paid compensation for the inconvenience caused. This had been divided equally between the OJMH, the Canolfan, the Institute in Glyn Ceiriog and Llanarmon Village Hall. Each village hall received £75.
- Brunch was to run weekly again instead of fortnightly.
- **DD** asked if a decision could be made about holding a Community Christmas Lunch and how this would be funded. **EJ** said the Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyn Traian Welfare Charities may be able to make a donation as it had done in the past. Councillors agreed the Council would pay for the lunch using the remaining money from the grant which had been given to the Council to fund events for the King's Coronation.

- **DD** told Councillors that it was necessary to start planning for the Christmas hampers. **CH** proposed that **RE**, **DS**, **SM** and himself meet as a working group to make the necessary arrangements. **DD** explained that local supermarkets and residents kindly donated groceries to make up the hampers. It was agreed the Council cover the cost of any other groceries required. **DD** said Christmas 'hugs' for vulnerable residents or for those who had had a difficult year had also been provided each year and it was agreed these should continue this year.
- **DD** had been informed that the original buyer of the portacabin was now going to move it after all. **SM** to speak to the Treasurer of the Bowls Club to find out when this was likely to be and to ask for the buyer's name

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7/0925 Finance

(a) To review Financial Report and (b) to authorise and sign payments

SM had sent a copy of the financial report to Councillors prior to the meeting detailing the account balances, receipts and what had been paid. A schedule of items for payment totalling £ 6485.32 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed. **SM** reminded Councillors that this was the total payments from July and August including **SM**'s and **DD**'s salaries for each month.

SM advised the following payments were still to be made:

- First Class stamp: £1.70
- One Voice Wales training: £42.00
- Restraint straps for fixing signs in Pontfadog playground £46.80
- Printer Ink £93.02
- Petrol for Caru'n Pentrefi £5.80
- Large envelopes £20.50

TS proposed all payments be approved. **Seconded** by **DS**. **Unanimously agreed**. The payments were authorised at the meeting by **EJ** and **PH**. **TS proposed** the Finance Report be accepted. **Seconded** by **DS**. **Unanimously agreed**. **RE** signed the Finance Report.

SM confirmed receipt of £10358.78 (£8666.67 from the Precept and £1692.11 from the OJMH solar panels)

SM advised Councillors of an increase in the Clerk's salary. She explained that NALC (National Association of Local Councils) review and set new pay rates annually. The 2025/26 Local Government Services pay agreement had now been completed and had been received by email. The new rate applies from 1st April 2025, so payment of backpay was necessary. During the 2024/25 financial year **SM**'s hourly rate had been £15.58 and this had continued to be paid so far in the 2025/26 financial year. The new hourly rate was £16.08 which equated to £112 in backpay. Councillors agreed and noted the change in **SM**'s pay rate.

8/0925 Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

The application made by **DS** for a grant (£35000) from the Prosperous Communities Wrexham - Key Fund had been unsuccessful

The Hall Committee was meeting next Tuesday (9th September) and an agenda would be sent out by **DS**.

A community event was being held on the 13th September to raise funds for the Hall. Timeline, a local band, would be performing and there would be a disco afterwards.

Bingo has been arranged for the evening on 14th November 2025.

DS informed Councillors that there were still problems accessing the Hall bank account, Signatures had been asked for repeatedly by the bank and the issue remained unresolved. Switching to a different bank was being considered.

09/0925 Agenda items for next meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:45pmpm

Next meeting will be on 1st October 2025 at 6:30pm

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