



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of 1st October 2025

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

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

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

Chair opened meeting at 6:30pm

1/1095 Apologies

Apologies from Cllr Pam Hughes, Cllr Colin Hidden and Cllr Trevor Sharples

2/1025 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr David Sopwith declared an interest in planning application P/2025/0679

(b) Requests for dispensations

None

3/1025 Reports

(a) Police report

PCSO Naomi Tudor had sent a monthly crime report to **SM** which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Councillors had no concerns about the report. **EJ** said there were still cases of

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sheep worrying locally and the Police were investigating the issue. **DS** said people with dogs not on leads visiting the Valley may not be fully aware of the seriousness of the problem if a dog was not under proper control. It was agreed information posters should be displayed in the community. **EJ** had a suitable poster, and laminated copies would be made to put up around the area.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- Alwyn Jones has been confirmed as the new Chief Executive of WCBC. He had visited the Valley and had discussed various issues, including rural enterprise dwellings, with **TB**.
- He had put an article in the paper about the inadequate parking facilities at the Wrexham Maelor Hospital, which is adversely affecting the running of the hospital, with people who have appointments being unable to park and missing appointments. WCBC has asked BCUHB to urgently review and address the parking issues at the hospital.
- Jane Cotton, Head of WCBC Housing, and Craig Youens, WCBC Open Spaces and Horticulture Officer, are visiting the Valley on 14th October. Meeting with **TB**, **DD** and **RE**.
- The International Sheepdogs Trials held at Brynkynalt were a great success.
- WCBC Scrutiny Committee had met to discuss weed spraying in the Borough.
- The sensors to monitor the water levels in the Bro Dewi culvert had been installed.
- The sewage pipe across the Ceiriog has been removed. The pipe had been heavily blocked and had to be pumped out.
- On 15th September NRW launched a 12-week consultation about the proposed Glyndŵr National Park boundaries which will conclude on 8th December 2025. Drop-in sessions are being held at the Canolfan on 15th October and at the Memorial Hall, Llangynog on 14th October and people are encouraged to attend.
- Mark Ellis from Severn Wye Energy Agency will be at the Canolfan on 7th and 8th November 2025. He will be providing advice and information on services or available funding for community energy projects.

EJ asked **TB** who was responsible for the cutting the verge between The Mulberry and Glanafon. **TB** confirmed this was WCBC's responsibility. **DS** said verges were encroaching onto some roads which was blocking drains and required attention. **SM** to follow up both issues with WCBC.

SM

4/1025 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 2nd September 2025

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

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

(b) Matters Arising

- **CH**, **RE** and **DS** had inspected the playgrounds, and no issues had been identified on the play equipment. However, **DS** reported the fixing pegs for the new goalpost had been removed and had not been found. **SM** asked about the condition of the existing net on the old goalpost and

DS confirmed it needed replacing because it was damaged. **SM** to order a new net and 8 fixing pegs, 4 of which were replacements for the missing pegs.

SM

- The litter bin in the Pontfadog playground was still not being emptied by WCBC. **RE** had emptied the bin and picked up the litter. **SM** had received a land registry document from WCBC detailing the transfer of the land in Pontfadog to the Council so the new play equipment purchased by the Council could be installed. WCBC had said emptying the litter bin in the playground was Glyntraian Community Council's responsibility because it owns the land. **SM** had asked what the charge would be for WCBC to empty the bin but had received no response.
- **SM** was waiting for a quote from Rhys Hughes for cutting the hedge behind the Hall.
- The Treasurer of the Ceiriog Valley Bowling Club had confirmed he contacted the buyer of the portacabin about its removal from the Hall car park. He was still to confirm a date and had said he will be regularly chasing the buyer to get the portacabin removed. It was agreed **SM** would speak to the Treasurer again and inform him the Hall would like the portacabin removed by the 14th November because their contractor was waiting to resurface the car park.

SM

5/1025 Correspondence

SM had received:

- An email summarising the positive effect of the 20mph speed limit which has resulted in a reduction of road casualties across Wales.
- An email from Caru'n Pentrei confirming that 10 volunteers had collected 9 bags of litter at the session on 13th September.
- An email from One Voice Wales advising of the date of a Biodiversity Plans workshop. This is in March next year.
- A letter from Wales Air Ambulance requesting a donation for their Community Council Appeal. **SM** reminded Councillors the Council had already given a donation of £500 this financial year in June towards the training of helicopter pilots. **KL** said the Council should provide ongoing support for this important service and **proposed** a donation of £250. **Seconded** by **DS**. **Unanimously agreed.**
- A letter from Urdd in Wrexham requesting a donation to help with the costs of their activities. **DS** proposed a donation of £200. **Seconded** by **KL**. **Unanimously agreed.**
- Notification of the cost of renewal of SLCC membership. Subscription would cost £148.
- A copy of the NRW newsletter relating to their work on the River Dee. There was no reference to the River Ceiriog this time.

6/1025 Community Agent

DD reported:

- Attendance of the coffee and cake sessions had declined, and she was planning to start a craft club to run alongside these sessions to encourage more people to come.
- **DD** was arranging card workshops up until Christmas. These would run fortnightly.
- Items from the Harvest Festival at St John's Church in Pontfadog had been given to **DD** for emergency food hampers.

- The Trustees of the Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare charities have donated £100 towards the cost of the Community Christmas Lunch.
- **DD** had attended various Community Agents' meetings.

DD asked what progress had been made regarding the DBS checks for **CH** and **RE**. **SM** had contacted AVOW and was still waiting for further information. It was agreed **DD** would speak to her contact at AVOW about it.

7/1025 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 £4975.32 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed. **SM** advised Councillors that this figure included a FIT payment of £1682.11 to the Hall and the £500 donation to the Nightingale House Hospice.

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

SM confirmed a receipt of £380 from the Ceiriog Valley Bowls Club

SM informed Councillors that £7.00 had been credited to petty cash. This was the change from £50 given to **DD** to cover the cost of the food for the First Aid course lunch.

8/1025 Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

The Hall Committee was meeting next Monday (6th October) and an agenda would be sent out by **DS**.

The community event held on 13th September had been successful and £350 had been raised for the Hall.

DS informed Councillors there were still problems with the heating in the Hall. He had spoken to the company who had fitted the system, and they had suggested ways to resolve the issue. He was going to try these.

DS advised that PAT testing was needed for appliances at the Hall and this would be arranged.

DS informed Councillors that there was still a problem accessing the Hall's bank account,

9/1025 Planning

Planning Application P/2025/0679 - Outline Application for Erection of Rural Enterprise Dwelling and Detached Garage and associated works at Spring Hill Farm, Spring Hill farm Road, Selattyn, Oswestry, SY10 7NZ

Councillors reviewed this planning application and there were no objections or concerns, and they supported the application. Councillors underlined the importance of ensuring that farming and other rural businesses continue as this is vital to the prosperity of the Valley. Having suitable accommodation that is close to family/staff's place of work is essential to support any rural-based enterprise. **SM** to notify WCBC Planning Officer.

SM

10/1025 Agenda items for next meeting

Community Christmas Lunch

Christmas hampers

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:07pm

Next meeting will be on 5th November 2025 at 6:30pm

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