



# Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

**Present:**

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

Councillor Pam Hughes

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

Chair opened meeting at 6:30pm

## **1/0326 Apologies**

Cllr Trevor Sharples

## **2/0326 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**

### **(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

None

### **(b) Requests for dispensations**

None

## **3/0326 Reports**

### **(a) Police report**

**SM** had not received a Police report. **SM** to contact PCSO Naomi Tudor to invite her the next Council meeting and ask her to send a Police report.

**Action**

**SM**

**(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates****TB** reported:

- Informed Councillors that the Council Tax had risen by 4.3%. This included 0.6% increase in the Fire Property Levy and 1.0% increase in the Council Police Precept.
- Informed Councillors that Glyn Ceiriog Community Council had agreed to fund their Community Agent following the end of the funding for the scheme next year.
- Advised that the Council must notify WCBC by the end of the month to confirm it wants to take up the Pride in Place Impact Funding. This amounts to £44,000 over the next two years. **SM** to notify WCBC. **SM**
- Advised Councillors of the very high costs of the work completed on the Bro Dewi, The Mulberry and Dyffryn Road culverts. The work had been funded by a grant received from the Welsh Government.
- NRW and WCBC Environment Officers met to discuss doing work in the River Ceiriog. NRW said they do not pay for any works in the river and are only the licensing authority. WCBC have to pay the cost of any works.
- A planning application by Dulas for a solar farm covering 7 acres on the Erddig estate has been granted by the WCBC Planning Committee
- Informed Councillors that the WCBC Executive Board voted unanimously to reject the Welsh Government proposal for the new North East Wales National Park citing missing information about financial implications and governance. **TB** advised that according to statutory procedure guidance, all Community Councils must be consulted before the Designation Order is made. NRW has not contacted any of the Community Councils in the Valley.

**EJ** advised the streetlights by the church in Pontfadog were not working. **TB** to report to WCBC. **TB**

**DD** explained the potholes on Dolywern bridge and at the entrance of the OJMH carpark had exposed the drain grids in both locations. **TB** to follow up with WCBC. He advised Councillors to keep reporting any potholes to WCBC and follow up with a complaint. **TB**

**PH** said during the resurfacing of the Palmant (on the Old Road) contractors had thrown debris on private land. **TB** confirmed this had already been reported and had been dealt with by WCBC.

**TB** advised he had checked with WCBC whether the flood sensors in the Bro Dewi culvert were working and were being monitored but it was confirmed they are not. **SM** to write to the Environment Department at WCBC to ask for a date when the flood sensors would be operating properly. **SM**

#### **4/0326 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**(a) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 as a true and correct record.**

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

#### **(b) Matters Arising**

- **SM** had contacted the Bowls Club again about removing the portacabin off the Hall carpark and had been told that they had been unable to contact the buyer after he had failed to collect the portacabin before Christmas as agreed. They had now had another enquiry and were waiting for a decision. However, if this was not successful the Club would be paying for the portacabin to be removed. **SM** to check before the next Council meeting.
- **SM** advised Sam Langdon, the Biodiversity Officer from One Voice Wales, was arranging to come to the next Council meeting to help with the Council's Biodiversity Plan.

**SM**

#### **5/0326 Correspondence**

**SM** had received:

- Email from Citizens Advice Wrexham with the Q3 Outreach Report.
- Email from Wrexham City Radio informing Council of their weekly 'Wrexham City Community Show' which shares local news and advertises community events across Wrexham. A donation towards their work had been requested. Councillors made the decision not to give a donation.
- Email from Welsh Water with details of the survey work for the new sewage scheme.
- Email from PC 2973 Torie Davies with a copy of the 'Blue Book: A Guide to Personal Security' which had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.
- Information about the Pride in Place Impact Fund and allocation of money to Community Councils in the Borough. All applications have to be made through the Council and project(s) must be identified through community involvement and engagement. It was agreed the Council should distribute a letter about the scheme asking residents to put forward their ideas for the use of the capital funding. **RE** to write a summary for the news letter, Glyn News and Council website.
- Notification of the internal audit. **SM** had sent a signed copy of the internal auditor's appointment letter back to the auditor.

**RE**

#### **6/0326 Community Agent**

**DD** reported:

- The St David's Day lunch paid for by the Council had been very successful and enjoyed by everyone who came. In total 35 meals were served. Two of these had been delivered to residents who were unable to come to the event. **DD** confirmed the cost of the food was £33.45 and hire of the room was £20.

- A card workshop is now running successfully once a month at the Hall. The workshop costs £6 per person.
- **DD** is usually at the Hall when Citizens Advice hold a drop-in session at the Hall but due to personal reasons was unable to stay for the session on Tuesday. The Citizens Advice advisor refused to work in the Hall alone because there had been no risk assessment which meant **DD** had to find someone to cover for her on the day. If the same situation happened again in the future **SM**, **RE** and **CH** offered to help.
- **DD** is working on plans for a summer community event.
- Advised Councillors she had taken 44 hours of her holiday during February.

## 7/0326 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 £2692.49 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed.

**SM** advised the following payment was not on the list and was still to be paid:

Annual Ground Maintenance cost: £3500

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

There had been no receipts.

### (c) To discuss Community Agent contract

**RE** and **SM** had met with Vicki Lindley-Jones and Patrick Lyle from WCBC Commissioning to discuss the future of the Community Agent scheme following the cessation of money from the Regional Integration Fund in March 2027. A proposed social prescribing model is being developed in partnership with Health. The new project will be a referral-based service with a defined 12-week period of support for individuals, rather than the ongoing, informal support currently provided by Community Agents. It is likely to be based in GP surgeries or other community locations, but the exact operational details will depend on the provider selected through the procurement process. **RE** and **SM** had raised concerns in the meeting about the potential loss of the close, one-to-one relationships that Community Agents currently have with individuals in rural and dispersed communities.

There are three potential options for sustaining the project for the Council to consider

1. Extend Council's current contract until 31 July 2026 to create a clear and coordinated changeover point to the new integrated social prescribing model on 1 August 2026.
2. Extend Council's current contract until 31 March 2027 and the service would remain unchanged during this period.
3. The current contract will be extended until 31 March 2027. From 1 April 2027, the Council will assume sole responsibility for funding their Community Agent through precept arrangements.

Councillors agreed the social prescribing model was not a feasible option for rural areas like Glyntraian. **EJ proposed** the Council reject the social prescribing model and retain the Community Agent role as it is and fund **DD** from the Council's precept. **Seconded** by **PH**. **Unanimously agreed**.

### **8/0326 New Council Website**

Councillors had seen and were impressed by the examples of council websites completed by a contractor used by **CH** for his business website. **KL proposed** the Council discuss a new website further with the contractor and confirm the cost. **Seconded** by **PH. Unanimously agreed. RE** and **SM** to meet with the contractor.

**RE SM**

### **9/0326 Oliver Jones Memorial Hall**

**KL** advised Councillors that he would be sending the required information to the Charity Commissioners once he had received the figures from the end of year accounts which were being prepared by the Hall bookkeeper.

A new bank mandate was being sent to HSBC so the Hall could access the funds held in the accounts.

### **10/0326 Agenda items for next meeting**

Biodiversity Plan

Ground Maintenance contract

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:00pm

Next meeting will be on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 6:30pm