



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of 1st April 2026

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

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

Councillor Pam Hughes

Also present: Stephanie Masters (Clerk), Davena Davies (Community Agent) and

Chair opened meeting at 6:30pm

1/0426 Apologies

Cllr Ky Lewis and County Councillor Trevor Bates

2/0426 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

RE declared an interest in the s137 donation request from the Llangollen International Eisteddfod

(b) Requests for dispensations

None

3/0426 Reports

(a) Police report

SM had not received a Police report and had not had any contact with the Police. **SM** to email Inspector Aled Hughes about the monthly reports.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB had sent his report to **SM** prior to the meeting because he was unable to attend.

Action

SM

- WCBC has planted a Cherry tree in Bro Dewi and is taking the responsibility to manage its growth, so it does not affect properties.
- Following the last meeting he had reported the streetlight opposite the church in Pontfadog was not working to WCBC
- He had heard nothing further from Welsh Water, so it was unclear what progress had been made with the work on the new sewage system between Pontfadog and Dolywern. **DD** told Councillors she had spoken to one of the contractors who said the work would last several weeks over the summer.
- The North East Wales National Park proposal was now facing a public inquiry following the matters of significant concern raised about the proposal. All Local Authorities including Wrexham voted against the proposal.
- Glyn Ceiriog and Llanarmon Community Councils had held public meetings about the £44000 being made available from the Pride in Place Impact Fund for each community. **SM** had told **TB** that the Council had put the details in the Glyn News and on the Council's website, asking people to contact **SM** for further information. One expression of interest had been received so far.
- Following the last meeting he had reported the potholes which had exposed the drain grids on Dolywern bridge and at the entrance of the OJMH carpark to WCBC. **DD** said the pothole by the Hall had been repaired. **TB** advised Councillors to keep reporting any potholes to WCBC and follow up with a complaint.

4/0426 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 4th March 2026

(a) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2026 as a true and correct record.

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

(b) Matters Arising

- **SM** advised Councillors that Sam Langdon, the Biodiversity Officer from One Voice Wales, had not confirmed arrangements to attend the Council meeting to help with the Council's Biodiversity Plan. Gareth Jones from the Welsh Dee Trust had confirmed with **DD** that the Trust now had a grant for the SuDS water gardens. **SM** will be adding these to the Biodiversity Plan. **DD** and **SM** had discussed the idea of having hanging baskets at the OHMH and pollinator plants in the raised bed at the Hall as part of the plan. **RE** asked Councillors to put forward any other ideas to **SM**.
- **SM** had written to the Environment Department at WCBC to ask for a date when the flood sensors in the Bro Dewi culvert would be operating properly and what its plans were for using the transmitter for other monitoring purposes. Waiting for response.
- **SM** informed Councillors that the websites designed by Nick Ferguson are done on WordPress. **RE** explained there would still be the problem of paying WordPress an annual fee to use the software. **SM** to call Unlimited Webhosting and Plesk for confirm the alternatives which could be used to avoid incurring additional costs.

SM

5/0426 Correspondence**SM** had received:

- Email from WCBC Commissioning advising of a meeting to discuss the Community Agent contract. **SM** and **RE** to attend.
- Instructions for the External Audit received from Audit Wales.
- Notification from Stefan Lederie that Friday 27th March was his last day as District Inspector for Wrexham Rural following a successful application for a six-month secondment on a force wide project. In his absence, Temporary Inspector Aled Hughes will take his place, with Sergeant Alex Jennings as Support Sergeant.
- Notification from Wrexham 2029 City of Culture Bid Team of Community Conversation events including workshops, drop-ins and sessions designed to engage with as many people as possible across Wrexham County to feed insights and ideas into the Wrexham 2029 bid and Wrexham's cultural strategy.
- Email from Mark Ellis advising a small grant fund of up to £2,500 per annum for up to 3 years was now available from the Community Foundation Wales.
- Email from One Voice Wales advising the renewal of the Council's subscription (£176) was now due.

SM RE**6/0426 Community Agent****DD** reported:

- **DD** gave further information about the installation of the SuDS water gardens at the Hall. Nine planters measuring 2.4 metres by 3 metres would be situated around the Hall. Seasonal plants would also be provided at the time the water gardens were installed. The grant for the project had been provided by Places for Nature. **RE** signed paperwork to give the Council's permission for the work to go ahead.
- A card workshop is now running successfully once a month at the Hall. The workshop costs £6 per person. The materials are expensive and the sessions need more people to come to cover costs. **DD** requested £100 from the funds given by the Little Learning Company (LLC) to help sustain the workshop. **DS proposed** £100 be given from the LLC funds. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **Unanimously agreed.**
- **DD** was planning to hold an Easter afternoon tea on Tuesday 7th April instead of Brunch Club which continues to run fortnightly.
- **DD** informed Councillors the cost of the planned summer beach party theme event would be too expensive to hold. It would cost £13000 with an additional £2000 for security. As a result, it would not be possible for the Council to cover the cost. She will continue to look at arranging an alternative summer event.
- There had been a lot of cold callers in the community claiming they carry out loft insulation. They were targeting elderly and vulnerable residents. **DD** had been in contact with Will Jones from WCBC Trading Standards who was arranging a survey of properties to check if the work had been done, at what cost and to what standard. **DD** to advise elderly residents.

DD

7/0426 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 £5816.81 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed. The total payments included the £3500 payment for annual ground maintenance.

SM advised the following payments were not on the list and were still to be paid:

- OJMH room hire £80 (St David's Day event - £20), Community Christmas dinner - £30 and the 3 Councils meeting - £30)
- One Voice Wales subscription £176

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

There had been one receipt for £26.23 (Scottish Power wayleave)

(c) To review s137 donation for 2026 Llangollen International Eisteddfod

Councillors discussed the request from the Llangollen International Eisteddfod for a donation towards the costs of the event. It was agreed that the event was now too commercial and a decision was taken not to give a donation.

08/0426 Ground Maintenance Contract

The Council's annual ground maintenance contract was due for renewal. **SM** had arranged for three quotes including one from the existing local contractor (£3200). The remaining two quotes were £3900 and £4900. **DS proposed** the Council retain the existing contractor. **Seconded** by **PH. Unanimously agreed.**

9/0426 Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

DS advised Councillors that Shirley had prepared the end of year accounts for the Hall and the required information had been sent to the Charity Commissioners.

DS had spoken to Mark Ellis (Severn Wye) and the Hall is eligible for an energy efficiency audit which would be all paid for. Depending on the results a potential grant of £15000 for remedial work to the Hall may be available.

The new bank mandate was almost complete with one Trustee left to sign. Once in place the Hall Committee would be able to access the funds held in the accounts.

A meeting of the Hall Committee was to take place after Easter.

AOB

SM had already informed Councillors that Cllr Trevor Sharples had passed away. **RE** thanked **SM** for attending Trevor's funeral on behalf of the Council.

10/0426 Agenda items for next meeting

Biodiversity Plan

The Chair closed the meeting at 7:45pm

Next meeting will be on 6th May 2026 at 6:30pm