



Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of 3rd June 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

1/0626 Apologies

Cllr David Sopwith

2/0626 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

(b) Requests for dispensations

None

3/0626 Reports

(a) Police report

SM had received a Police report from PCSO Jess Wild and circulated it to the Councillors prior to the meeting. **SM** advised PCSO Wild would like to come to a Council meeting she was going to confirm when she would be able to attend. There were no concerns about the report.

Action

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- **TB** continues to report potholes to WCBC. He had noticed that one had been fixed on the B4500 at the bottom of Dyffryn Road and advised Councillors that work had been planned for the road by the Old Cowshed for 12th June. However, the resurfacing of the road in Nantyr had not taken place but was showing it had been completed on the online reporting system.
- Pontfadog Bridge was damaged some time ago and a temporary barrier remains in place. Trying to get a date for when the repairs will be carried out.
- There is a need to map out properties with difficult access for use by the Fire Brigade. Signposting properties and the use of the What3Words geolocation system to identify the location of a property is essential especially where access is difficult. He said residents should think about the access to their properties.
- **TB** had attended a meeting with Betsi Cadwaladr. Information about hospitals and waiting lists, improvements to A&E and planned improvements to minor injuries units had been presented. One highly surprising statistic was an estimated 50% of children in Wales will have been diagnosed with ADHD by 2030.
- WCBC's City of Culture bid must be in by 10th August. The winner of the completion receives £10 million towards the hosting of cultural festivities through culture-led regeneration for the year. There is also a competition for UK Towns of Culture where the winner receives £3.5 million.
- WCBC had issued an update on grass cutting in the area after numerous complaints about grass being left uncut. **TB** said some grass cutting had taken place in the Valley, including at Bro Dewi. **DD** said the residents of Bro Dewi pay extra rent to have the grass cut but there had been a lack of response from WCBC about any complaints made by residents.

EJ reported some residents had complained about the potholes on the Dolywern Nursing Home's carpark. **SM** to contact the Nursing Home asking them to repair the carpark reminding them that this is their responsibility.

SM

EJ said residents had also complained about the blocked drainage grid on the Valley Road near the front door of the Home. **TB** to ask WCBC to clear the drain.

TB

4/0626 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 6th May 2026

(a) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2026 as a true and correct record.

KL 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 A/Inspector Alex Jennings had responded to her email and was very concerned that the Council had been unable to contact the Police especially the PCSOs whose role is to help with community issues. In future if there are any further problems or the Council needs any further information to contact him. He had also confirmed the contact details for Inspector Aled Hughes.
- **SM** had asked the Clerk of Glyn Ceiriog Council if a Police representative could be invited to the next 3 Councils meeting in September to discuss police presence in the valley communities and confirm the best ways of contacting the Police about a problem should the need arise
- **SM** had notified the WCBC Planning Officer that Councillors had no objections to the replacement boundary wall being built at Bryn Hyfryd in Pontfadog and supported the application.
- **SM** had written to the WCBC Environmental Enforcement services about the rubbish being dumped in Pontfadog by people staying at Mellow Mountain holiday property but had received no response. **SM** to write again. **SM**
- **EJ** reported she had found out the clock from the old tramway waiting room in Dolywern had been badly damaged in a recent storm and was beyond repair. The clock was the responsibility of the Dolywern Nursing Home. Councillors asked **SM** to write to the nursing home and request they make arrangements to replace the clock. **SM**

5/0626 Correspondence

SM had received:

- Email from a resident regarding the poor state of the roads in the Valley. **RE** had written to him following the last meeting to explain the Council discusses this issue at almost every Community Council meeting and that any concerns are sent to WCBC. He also told him the state of the valley's roads was discussed at a meeting of the 3 Valley Community Councils where it was agreed that a joint approach to dealing with Wrexham Council would be a stronger approach than the three individual ones and the Councils continue to discuss and attempt to highlight these issues at the quarterly 3 Councils meetings.
- Email from One Voice Wales with a reminder of training dates for May, June and July.
- Email from WCBC about the Wrecsam2029 UK City of Culture Bid advising they are hosting a free event on 16th June 2026 for local businesses and organisations to explore what the UK City of Culture 2029 could mean for Wrexham and the wider region. It would give a chance to hear more about the bid, understand the opportunities it could bring, and find out how businesses and organisations can get involved.
- Email from Kirsty Williams thanking the Council for its donation to the Ceiriog Valley Brownies and Guides. She had confirmed that Glyn Ceiriog Community Council donate £200 a year to the Brownies and Guides which is mainly used for the rent of the Canolfon for their meetings.
- Email from the One Voice Wales Governance and Policy Practice Development Officer with new Practice Development Notes for agendas, insurance, Standing Orders and Artificial Intelligence (including some additional advice)
- Email from Lead Tutor at Wrexham Sounds requesting donation to fund three one-hour music sessions for community groups, charities or care homes in the Glyntraian area. Each workshop costs £180 to deliver and would benefit an estimated 8-12 residents (or more depending on venue capacity). Sessions include music-based activities such as quizzes, rhythm games,

bingo and singalongs, and are designed to encourage social connection, participation and wellbeing. £540 would fully fund the delivery of the planned 3 sessions but they would be grateful for a contribution of any amount. Before making a decision on the amount Councillors wanted to know how many of music sessions would be held at the Hall. **SM** to contact Wrexham Sounds.

- Email from Awel y Mor with their spring newsletter about the Awel y Môr Offshore Wind Farm including and a timeline for the project. The first generation of power will be 2030.
- Email from RoSPA advising that the inspection of both playgrounds would be sometime in June.
- Report from Caru'n Pentrefi giving details of their session in May. Eight people had volunteered and 5 bags of rubbish were collected including a lot of bottles etc from gravel corner. The verges had been strimmed and a new door fitted to the lock-up.
- Email from Welsh Water detailing their upcoming investments work on the wastewater infrastructure in the Ceiriog Valley.

6/0626 Community Agent

DD reported:

As the community trip to Llandudno was not taking place this year, a summer event would be held at the Hall instead. The original idea to hold a beach themed event had turned out to be too expensive. **DD**, **CH** and **KL** had met and agreed that two separate summer events in August, one aimed at the older generation and the other for young people, families and children would be good alternatives. The event for older residents would be on 18th August and would include prize bingo and musical entertainment. Fish and chips would be available to buy. A prize raffle would also be held and the money raised would pay for the hire of the Hall.

The event for young people, families and children would be 27th August. There would be various games including rounders and football. Ice creams would also be available to buy.

DD had raised £750 so far towards the cost of the events. **EJ proposed** the Council give £1000 to fund the events. **Seconded by KL. Unanimously agreed.** The summer events would be advertised as Council events.

8/0626 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 £4090.75 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed.

SM advised the following two payments were on the list but were still to be paid:

- Printer Inks - £63.41
- Envelopes - £35.37

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

- Flowers for the village planters (Caru'n Pentrefi) - £132.02

CH 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 PH. Unanimously agreed.** **RE** signed the Finance Report.

There had been two receipts. **SM** confirmed a receipt of £13,175.78 which was the Community Agent funding from WCBC. This had been transferred to the Community Agent account. £150 had been received from the Bowls Club for the rent of the bowling green.

(c) To review the Internal Audit and Annual Return

SM informed Councillors Council's Accounts and Annual Return had successfully passed the internal audit, and the auditor had raised no concerns. As a result, no further discussion was required.

Councillors discussed the details of the Annual Governance Statement and agreed there is a sound system of internal control, including the preparation of the accounting statements for the year ending 31 March 2026. Councillors agreed with all the statements listed on the Annual Return. **CH proposed** the Council approve the Annual Governance Statement. **Seconded by PH. Unanimously agreed.**

RE signed the Annual Return to confirm that the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement had been approved by the Council,

9/0626 Council's Biodiversity Plan

SM explained that the Council had to prepare a Biodiversity Report every three years to meet its section 6 duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. **SM** had circulated her s6 report to Councillors prior to the meeting and this was reviewed.

The Council would now have to work on a new Council Biodiversity Plan. **SM** explained the Council was responsible for protecting and creating habitats to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems. The Council must prepare and publish a plan outlining the actions the Council proposes to take to meet these responsibilities and remain compliant with the Act.

Various ideas were discussed including activities and workshops for residents. **RE** asked Councillors to think about ideas to be included in the Plan for discussion at the next meeting. The Council would also consider having a small grant scheme available to the community for nature-based projects,

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KL told Councillors that he was still waiting for the new quotes for the work on the Hall.

KL confirmed that he and **DS** had been confirmed as signatories by the bank.

AOB

Following a recent incident, **RE** said he was concerned that there were no longer any First Responders in Glyntraian. Councillors agreed it was an issue that should be discussed at a meeting of the 3 Valley Councils to ensure the whole Valley had First Responders to provide life-saving care and support in emergency situations. **SM** to ask for this to be put on the agenda for the 3 Councils meeting in September.

SM

11/0626 Agenda items for next meeting

Biodiversity Plan

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:14pm
Next meeting will be on 3rd July 2026 at 6:30pm

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