Cyngor Cymuned Glyntraian Community Council

Minutes of 1st July 2026

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

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

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

County Cllr Trevor Bates

Chair opened meeting at 6:30pm

Action

1/0726 Apologies

Cllr Ky Lewis and Cllr Pam Hughes

2/0726 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

RE declared an interest in Planning Application P/2024/0147

(b) Requests for dispensations

None

3/0726 Reports

(a) Police report

SM had received a Police report from PCSO Jess Wild and circulated it to the Councillors prior to the meeting. There were no concerns about the report.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- There was a skip day at the Canolfan on 23rd July
- NRW and the Welsh Dee Trust had been invited to the 3 Councils meeting in September to discuss the River Ceiriog.
- Figures from WCBC relating to sickness and absence of its staff had disclosed an average of 14.6 days per person annually.
- There would still be a bin collection on the August Bank Holiday Monday.
- Community Councils had not been properly consulted by NRW about the proposed North East Wales National Park and Councils should challenge NRW 's claim that they had done so.
- In May 2026 Wrexham Council's Planning Committee had approved a major application by Kronospan to construct a new north access road, lorry park and a 132kV substation in Chirk. This project aims to divert roughly 600 HGVs daily away from the centre of Chirk.

EJ told **TB t**he verges in Llwynmawr had not been cut and asked if he could advise Wrexham Council. The road resurfacing had not been completed either.

EJ advised **TB** that there was a rotten gatepost at the entry of public footpath 12 in Dolywern and asked if he could arrange a repair with WCBC.

Flood sensors had been installed in the Bro Dewi culvert some time ago to warn of rising water levels, but these were not working. It was noted at the meeting that the LoRaWAN transmission equipment installed at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall was plugged into the Hall's electricity supply. It was questioned whether the transmitter needs to be using electricity if there is no signal to transmit. **TB** to speak to WCBC Environment & Technical department to investigate the matter. **TB**

4/0726 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 3rd June 2026

(a) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2026 as a true and correct record.

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

(b) Matters Arising

- **SM** had contacted the Lead Tutor from Wrexham Sounds after the last meeting. The Tutor had confirmed the three one-hour music sessions for community groups in the Glyntraian area would be held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall. **CH proposed** a donation of £270 towards the cost of the sessions. **Seconded** by **DS**. **Unanimously agreed**.
- **SM** had written to the WCBC Environmental Enforcement services about the rubbish being dumped in Pontfadog by people staying at Mellow Mountain holiday property and was waiting for a response.
- **SM** had arranged for the lack of First Responders in the Valley to be put on the agenda for discussion at the meeting of the 3 Valley Councils in September.

- To secure the Pride in Place funding, WCBC wanted confirmation of the Council's ownership of the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall and Bowling Green. **SM** had received an official copy of the title register and title plan from HM Land Registry. **SM** had already advised the Hall Committee and the Bowls Club that they must provide their new quotes by 17th July 2026. This information was needed before WCBC can proceed with the offer letters for the funding.

5/0726 Correspondence

SM had received:

- An email from Welsh Water giving details of the planned works on the wastewater infrastructure in Pontfadog, Dolywern and Glyn Ceiriog. Before the work starts, they will be posting information on their website and will be contacting customers adjacent to the working area to let them know about the work.

- An email from Caru'n Pentrefi confirming that at their last session they cleared litter from the verges between gravel corner and Dolywern. Six people had collected five bags of waste. Grass cutting in some areas was also carried out.

- An email from RoSPA with their inspection reports for the Dolywern and Maes Meredydd playgrounds following their visit in June.

- Notification from Denbighshire County Council confirming their replacement Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 was being prepared.

- Planning Application P/2026/0330: Variation of condition 2 of Planning Permission P/2024/0147 to amend floor plans and elevations at The Orchards, Pontfadog, Llangollen, LL20 7AS. This planning application was discussed and there were no objections or concerns and Councillors supported the application. **SM** to advise Planning Officer. **SM**

6/0726 Community Agent

DD reported:

- Informed Councillors that there would be a meeting on Friday (3rd July) to discuss the summer event being held at the Hall on 18th August 2026. Invitations had been already sent out to members of the community for the afternoon event. The evening event for younger people was still being discussed. As the summer event is being promoted as a Council event Councillors were asked to assist on the day.

- **DD** was making welfare calls on elderly residents to ensure their wellbeing in the extremely hot weather.

- Informed Councillors that the Council's AVOW membership subscription was due for renewal. However, Councillors felt that this was not of any real benefit to the Council and agreed membership would not be renewed.

- Peer support for Community Agents seemed to have been pushed to one side so it was necessary to check whether this would be continuing.

8/0726 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 £2637.66 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed.

Following were still to be paid and were on the payments list for approval:

- JDH Business Services (Internal Audit): £351.60
- RoSPA Playground inspection: £204.00
- Microsoft subscription: £104.99
- HM Land Registry fee for copies to confirm Council ownership of the Hall and the Bowling Green for Council's Pride in Place application: £28.00
- Bitdefender software: £84.99

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

There had been no receipts.

SM had sent the Council's VAT claim (£440.61) to HMRC.

9/0726 Council's Biodiversity Plan

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At the last meeting in June **SM** had reminded Councillors that the Council must prepare and publish a plan outlining the actions the Council proposes to take to meet its responsibilities for protecting and creating habitats to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote the resilience of ecosystems to ensured it remained compliant with the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. **RE** had asked Councillors to think about ideas including activities and workshops for residents, which could be included in the Council's new Biodiversity Plan. The following ideas were proposed:

- Tree planting in the grounds of the Hall.
- Community workshops: **DS** offered to run a session making bird boxes and hedgehog shelters.
- Giving out seeds for flowers suitable for pollinators to Glyntraian residents.
- Arrange a garden competition.

The Council would also continue working with existing work being carried out by Caru'n Pentrefi and the Council's ground maintenance contractor.

9/0726 Playground Inspections

SM had received the Inspection reports from RosPA and the issues raised were discussed. There were minor repairs on the playground equipment in the Maes Meredydd play area. **DS** and **RE** to view the work required. A new football net was also needed for the goalpost in the Dolywern playground.

10/0726 Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

DS confirmed that he was now registered for internet banking and could start managing the Hall's bank accounts online.

The portacabin had still not been removed from the Hall car park by the Bowls Club. **SM** to contact Bowls Club to confirm when it will be taken away. **SM**

DS advised Councillors the energy report of the Hall had been received. The report was being discussed at a meeting with Severn Wye and EGIN on 14th July. Mark Ellis had advised the Hall Committee that funding for the project was now available.

11/0726 Agenda items for next meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:14pm

Next meeting will be on 2nd September 2026 at 6:30pm

SM