Cyngor Cymuned **Glyntraian** Community Council

Minutes of 7th October 2026

At the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall

Present:

Councillor Richard Evans
Councillor Edith Jones
Councillor Pam Hughes
Councillor Colin Hidden

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

County Cllr Trevor Bates, PCSO Naomi Tudor and Emma Jones (resident)

Chair opened meeting at 6:30pm

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RE welcomed Emma Jones to the meeting. Emma had expressed an interest in becoming a Councillor. **EJ proposed** Emma as a new Councillor. **Seconded** by **CH. Unanimously agreed**.

1/1026 Apologies

Cllr Ky Lewis and Cllr David Sopwith

2/1026 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

(a) Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

(b) Requests for dispensations

None

3/1026 Reports

(a) Police report

RE welcomed PCSO Naomi Tudor to the meeting. She reported there had been no crimes in Glyntraian in the last month. She had spoken to residents, and most had voiced concerns about speeding along the B4500. She said the Police would be doing speed checks. Others had concerns about off road

vehicles in the area and the damage they cause. She said she was happy to join in community events at the OJMH to give her the opportunity to meet residents.

(b) WCBC Councillor Trevor Bates

TB reported:

- Not all recycling bins were being emptied regularly in Pontfadog because of the small bin lorry needed to access some properties being unavailable on collection days. Wrexham Council is not meeting the Welsh Government's 70% Recycling Targets for Councils.

- At the last meeting of Wrexham Council's Scrutiny Committee WASPI and waste dumping were discussed. Suicide prevention is on the agenda for the Committee's meeting in December. Safety measures for the Fron and Chirk aqueducts will be discussed.

- Wrexham Council's Planning Committee has approved plans to extend the stand at the football ground in Wrexham. This has not been well received by some local residents because of the difficulties with parking on match days.

- **TB** asked if Glyntraian Community Council would consider putting a CCTV camera in Pontfadog. Glyn Ceiriog and Llanarmon Community Councils have already done this for Glyn Ceiriog and Llanarmon.

- **TB** informed Councillors that unauthorised warning signs had been put up prohibiting any access to County Wood in Glyntraian, looking as though someone was trying take possession of land not registered with Land Registry. Llysfasi College who use the land under an old agreement with Bangor University, have now fenced it off properly and removed the signs. A company called Kingdom Sanctuary Ltd is offering to find clients an unregistered piece of land and advising them how to claim it for themselves through taking possession and registering an interest with Land Registry.

- **TB** gave the details of remembrance services in Pontfadog and Glyn Ceiriog **SM** asked **TB** to arrange a poppy wreath for the Council and bring it to the November meeting. This year the wreaths are £30.

4/1026 Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held at the Oliver Jones Memorial Hall on 8th July 2026

(a) To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2026 as a true and correct record.

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

(b) Matters Arising

- **SM** had spoken to the Nursing Home at end of July about the clock on the old tramway waiting room in Dolywern. They had sent the clock to the original manufacturer for repair three weeks prior to **SM**'s call and were waiting for a response. It is their intention to replace clock.

- **SM** had notified the WCBC planning officer that Councillors had no objections to P/2024/0147 and supported the application.

- **SM** had created checklists for inspections of both playgrounds which had been adapted from the RoSPA checklist used in their annual playground inspections. **SM** presented an example

from the checklist and explained that generally inspections cover site and ground conditions, playground equipment and sports equipment. Frequency of inspections was discussed, and it was agreed these should be made once a month. **CH** said he would inspect the Dolywern playground and **EmJ** agreed to do the play area in Pontfadog.

- **SM** had received an email from Wrexham Sounds thanking the Council for its donation

- **SM** had written to the WCBC Environmental Enforcement services about the rubbish being dumped in Pontfadog by people staying at Mellow Mountain holiday property after **CH** reported seeing rubbish being left again in Pontfadog. **CH** confirmed he had not seen any more rubbish being dumped recently.

- **SM** arranged a poppy wreath for the Council with **TB** who will bring it to the meeting in November. The cost this year was £30. **SM** said someone would be chosen to lay the wreath on behalf of the Council at the next meeting.

- The UK Government has launched a 'Be Prepared' campaign encouraging all citizens to be better prepared for potential interruption to utilities providing basic services like electricity, water and communications and to take measures to improve resilience in matters like food, water, heat and light supplies. The People's Emergency Briefing film is being shown across the UK. There are community screenings in Wrexham at Ty Pawb. **SM** to find out if the film could be shown at the Hall.

  A resident has asked what community resilience planning the Council has undertaken and how do residents access this information. It was agreed the subject should be discussed in more detail by the Council. **SM** informed Councillors that the North Wales Councils - Regional Emergency Planning Service provided templates and guidance for a Home Emergency Plan and a Community Emergency Plan. The issue had been raised at the last 3 Councils meeting and would be on the agenda for the next 3 Councils meeting.

5/1026 Correspondence

SM had received:

- Email from Keith Edwards (WCBC) advising the flood monitoring system has not yet been commissioned.

- Caru'n Pentrefi had reported to **SM** that in at their session in July volunteers had met and collected 7 bags of litter along with 3 recycling bags of grass cuttings left on banks and verges. At their session in August volunteers collected 13 bags of litter and had also tidied the village planters and flower beds. Three volunteers attended the session in September and had collected 6 bags of litter.

- A copy of the Draft Delivery Agreement (DA) for the next Wrexham Local Development Plan (LDP). This sets out the timetable for the preparation of the LDP and the Community Involvement Strategy (CIS) which sets out the stages of consultation and how and who the Council intends to consult during these stages.

- An email from Nightingale House Hospice with a donation request.

- A letter from Urdd requesting a donation towards their activities.

- An email from Welsh Water giving details of the planned works in Pontfadog and Dolywern. This information was also provided in a presentation at the 3 Councils meeting

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- One Voice Wales notification of the Draft Annual Remuneration Report 2027–28 which outlines the Commission's proposed determinations on the remuneration, expenses, and benefits for elected and co-opted members across Wales' principal councils, community and town councils, fire and rescue authorities, and national park authorities.

- Planning Application P/2026/0604 for the installation of solar panels at Tawelfan, Llwynmawr

6/1026 Community Agent

DD reported:

- St John's Church in Pontfadog had donated the food from the Harvest Festival for emergency food hampers.

- An 80s night is being organised at the Hall. As this will be a community event **DD** requested £300 from the money given by the Little Learning Company to cover some of the cost. **PH proposed** £300. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **Unanimously agreed**.

- Selection boxes would be required for the Santa Run in December. **CH proposed** the Council cover the cost of the selection boxes. **Seconded** by **EJ**. **Unanimously agreed**.

- The Council's Hugs and Hampers would be given out again at Christmas. There would be 8 hampers and 8 hugs this year.

- The Community Christmas Lunch would be on the 15th December. Wrexham Sounds will be attending and providing an hour's entertainment prior to the meal. The cost of the event would be covered by a donation from the Llangollen Urban, Llangollen Rural and Glyntraian Welfare Charities and the Council. **CH proposed** a budget of £350. **Seconded** by **PH**. **Unanimously agreed**.

8/1026 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 £4580.33 had also been circulated prior to the meeting and these were discussed. Total payments include the evening community event at the OJMH (£426.09) and a Pride in Place payment to the Ceiriog Valley Bowls Club (£1188.05)

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

SLCC Membership Subscription £200.00

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

There had been one receipt: claim of Pride in Place grant for the Ceiriog Valley Bowls Club (£1188.05).

(c) **To review Clerk's salary**

SM had received details of the clerk's new pay rate in the National Salary Award set by the National Association of Local Councils for 2026-27. **SM** explained the hourly rate for her grade had increased

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from £16.08 to £16.61. The new pay scales for 2026-27 had to be implemented from 1 April 2026 and therefore £165.36 backpay was required. Councillors agreed with the pay award and backpay.

(d) **s137 donations for Nightingale House Hospice and Urdd (Wrexham)**

The Nightingale House Hospice had requested a donation of £500 donation towards the cost of a metal drugs and medicine cabinet costing £820.26. **EJ proposed** a donation of £500. **Seconded** by **CH**. **Unanimously agreed**.

The Regional Committee of Urdd in Wrexham had written to ask if the Council would consider making a donation towards the costs of their various activities for children and young people in the area. **EJ proposed** a donation of £100. **Seconded** by **EmJ**. **Unanimously agreed**.

(e) **Pride in Place Impact Fund**
The Bowls Club application for bowling green renovations, club house and surrounding areas improvement has been approved. The Club has started their project and is purchasing ground maintenance machinery. So far, they have bought a scarifier (£1188.05). The Council has paid for it and claimed the amount back from the Pride in Place grant. The Club will soon be purchasing a professional sprayer for spraying fertiliser and feeds for improving the playing surface of the green. The Club has provided an update on progress including photos.

The OJMH application is still waiting for approval. This has been delayed because WCBC said quotes originally sent for the kitchen roof and building works were not suitable because they were not like for like quotes. Revised quotes and **SM** was waiting to hear the final decision. She had been notified an offer letter would be emailed in due course.

(f) **October Budget Review**

SM presented a review of the Council Budget detailing expenditure over the last 6 months. The cost of the One Voice Wales subscription and the RoSPA playground inspection had exceeded budget but only by nominal amounts (£11 and £4). However, the cost of the Council insurance was well within budget with a surplus of £205. The cost of the Clerk's salary would exceed budget by £450 due to a salary increase. However, **SM** informed Councillors it was unlikely payments would exceed the overall Council Budget.

08/1026 Planning **SM**

To review Planning Application P/2026/0604 - installation of solar panels to garage at Tawelfan, Llwynmawr, Llangollen, LL20 7BD

This planning application was discussed and there were no objections or concerns and Councillors supported the application.

09/1026 Agenda items for next meeting

CCTV camera in Pontfadog

The Chair closed the meeting at 8:30pm

Next meeting will be on 4th November 2026 at 6:30pm

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