

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANFAELOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT 6.30pm ON WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY 2026.

**PRESENT:** Councillor – Emma Roberts (Chairman)

**Councillors:** Loraine Arderne, Chris Coates, Delyth A. Ingram, J.J. Summerfield, Carron White, Brian Worsley and Tamsin Wotherspoon.

Also Present: Mai Owen - Clerk / Responsible Finance Officer and County Councillor Douglas Fowlie.

1. **Apologies** – Cllrs. Derek Browne, Charles Carnall, Huw Forrest Owen and County Councillor Neville Evans.
2. **Declaration of interest:** - There were no declarations of interest.

### **Guest attendance:**

The proprietor of a mobile bar was present to listen to the Community Council discuss her request for permission to sell alcohol during football matches at Cae Cynlas.

It was noted that there was nothing in the Formal Agreement between Llanfaelog Community Council and Aberffraw Football Club (AFC) that prohibited the sale of alcohol at Cae Cynlas and the Community Council had no objection in principle for alcohol to be sold there. However, there had been no formal request from AFC for permission to be given and it was unclear whether they were in agreement or that they were prepared to take on the responsibility of managing and monitoring the sale of alcohol at the football ground.

If AFC wanted to take on that responsibility the Community Council would need an assurance that alcohol would not be served for more than one hour before and one hour after the match. AFC would also have to ensure that all trading was carried out strictly in accordance with statutory regulations and that there would be no antisocial behaviour at the grounds as a result.

### 3. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved: to approve the minutes of 26 November 2025 and 18 December 2025. (prop. L. Arderne sec. C. Coates)

### 4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

- 4.1 Maelog Lake: Natural Resources Wales (NRW) had obtained an emergency licence to carry out the work of clearing the sea outlet and it had been said that they would work with IOACC to monitor this on a regular basis. The Community Council asked that the promise to monitor be put in writing.

The NRW was also looking at the possibility of carrying out further work between the bridge and the road. A separate licence was required as it was part of the SSSI, that application could take some time to process.

The County Council would remove the stone used to create a temporary road surface at the access to the lakeside parking area as soon as possible.

A member of the public had also raised some concern about the number of vehicle parking on the common land opposite the lake and that the grass was being cut in order to accommodate them. It was felt that the continual grass cutting and erosion of the sand dunes would increase the future risk of flooding in that area. Cllr. Emma Roberts reported that she and the Clerk had met with Senior Managers of the Oyster Catcher the previous summer and it had been agreed to closely monitor this. It had

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also been agreed at that meeting that the old vehicle entrance to the Oyster Catcher should be closed off. Cllr. Chris Coates offered to arrange this.

4.2 Library – Cllr. Chris Coates agreed to be a key holder for the library. Cllr. J.J. Summerfield would obtain a quote for installing a hive heating system. It was hoped that this would avoid the enormous bills when the heating was left on high when the library was closed.

4.3 Footpaths - all matters discussed under 5.3 below.

4.4 Bryn Du Flats – The Public Protection Team had written to the landlord outlining his responsibilities to ensure that suitable waste-storage facilities are available for the tenants and the Environmental Health will contact the landlord if there's any more accumulation of waste.

It was noted that the abandoned vehicle had been removed.

4.5 Any other matters arising from the minutes.:

Public Toilets – agreed that the clerk would ask Cadnant to confirm their costs for carrying out the work again this season. The clerk would liaise with Cllr. Carnall regarding the repairs to the door.

**5. Other parochial matters**

5.1 Bike Rack – agreed to apply for permissions to install a 4 bike rack adjacent to Fatface

5.2 Cae Cynlas:

Request from a resident to have the hedges cut and the area around the play signs cleared for better visibility. Agreed that Cllr. Coates would find a contractor to do this.

The same resident had also complained about the amount of mud on the road caused by a farm vehicle spreading on the field opposite the old hatchery site and also the amount of rubbish scattered along the lane. People were placing their bins out far too early for collection and/or leaving them continually out was causing a problem. Members agreed that this was a matter for IOACC.

5.3 Footpaths – Cllrs. Loraine Arderne and Delyth Ingram had met with the clerk to discuss the cutting schedules and it was suggested that the number of cuts be increased from 4 to 5 on schedule 1. All agreed.

Cllr. Delyth Ingram would meet with the contractor to discuss the work schedule.

It was reported that both ends of footpath 28/028/1 between Bryn Du and Pencarnisiog had been closed off by the landowner.

5.4 Glan Gors Terrace, Bryn Du - The Highway Authority (IOACC) had received complaints that the open area of grass by Glan Goes Terrace was being damaged by vehicles parking there. They were not in a position to establish more parking spaces there but measures such as boulders could be considered to protect the grassed area but this could possibly create additional problems. They were seeking the Community

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Council views on the matter – Members were not in favour of having boulders put there.

6. **Vacant Seats** – the clerk would notify the County Council that there were two councillor vacancies on the Community Council.

7. **Clerk's position** – Cllrs. Emma Roberts, Loraine Arderne, Chris Coates and the Clerk had interviewed three candidates for the position. All three were fluent Welsh speakers and all three had administrative skills. However candidate 1 was recommended by the panel as the most suitable candidate as she was already working as a Clerk / RFO elsewhere and was the only candidate with relevant knowledge and experience. It was unanimously agreed to appoint her on the proviso that satisfactory references were obtained.

8. **Financial Matters**

The RFO submitted the financial report for the period from 1.11.2025 to 31.12.2025 together with the anticipated financial position at 31 March 2026.

The Finance representatives met with the clerk on January 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss her draft budget requirements for 2026/27. Each budget heading was scrutinised and any adjustments made for anticipated expenditure for the next financial year.

The running costs for the public toilets were likely to be high again because of the cleaning costs and loss of income from the door being either vandalised or propped open on a regular basis.

The additional cut on the footpath schedule would incur a further 25% cost on schedule 1.

There would also be a minimum increase of 33% in the salary costs as the new clerk was to be employed for more hours to cope with the volume of work.

It was recommended not to increase the parking charges as these had been put up in April 2024. The cemetery fees etc would be considered at the Annual Meeting in May 2026.

8.1 Precept 2026-27 – Having discussed the forecast of accounts to 31 March 2026, the estimated expenditure for 2026/27 and taken on board the RFO and finance representative's recommendations it was unanimously agreed not to increase the precept. The excess costs over and above the estimated expenditure could be met from the council's unearmarked reserves. The Council would therefore ask for £44,000 for 2026/27.

8.2 Members Allowance - Members were informed that in order to receive payment they would have to confirm in writing that they work from home on official duties as a Councillor and that they are not already claiming a tax allowance for home working expenses against another source of income. Anyone who did not wish to receive the allowance should also confirm this in writing to the clerk.

8.3 Bank mandate – the clerk would arrange for Cllr. Derek Browne to be removed from the Bank Mandate after 31.1.2026, there were no other changes to be made at this time.

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**8.4 Payments Due / Approved**

Clerk	523.05	G. Griffith (Electrician)	120.60
British Gas	71.78	J Rogers	585
British Gas	40.99	G.I Roofing	180
D M Payroll	79.20		

It was agreed that the RFO should make payments for utilities and previously agreed works and quotations if they arise before the next meeting.

**9. Playgrounds** – Nothing further to report.

**10. Correspondence the following were submitted and noted.**

10.1 Minutes of The Anglesey Area Committee

10.2 Recycling and waste collection: consultation on potential changes to the service

10.3 Training – members were reminded about the need to attend training. Apart from one or two participants the take up from Llanfaelog Community Councillors wasn't good. There were free sessions available on key issues (legislation, finance, code of conduct etc) from One Voice Wales.

**11. Planning Matters**

11.1 HHP/2025/194 1 & 2 Bryn Colyn, Warren Road, Rhosneigr  
Full application for the erection of two balconies – no observations other than there may be concerns from neighbouring properties that they are overlooked.

11.2 HHP/2025/168 Ynys Groes, High Street, Rhosneigr  
Full application for the demolition and erection of a garage, repositioning of the path together with alterations to the parking arrangement - no observations.

**12. Planning Decisions - none.**

**13. Members Reports**

13.1 Cllr. Emma Roberts:  
Expressed her thanks to Aberffraw Football Club for allowing the Llangefni Ladies Football Team to use their pitch the previous week.  
All was well at Pencarnisiog School.

13.2 Cllr. Brian Worsley also praised Aberffraw football Team – they were doing brilliantly.

**12. Next Meeting 25 February 2026.**