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**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 28th May, 2025.**

**PRESENT** – Cllrs Andy Mitchelmore (Chair), Iona Pierce, Paul Evans, Huw Jones, Kevin Shenton, Bryan Jones, Ian Jones and David Taylor together with the Clerk (John Roberts).

**1. APOLOGIES** – no apologies. 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – there were no declarations of interest. **3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2025/2026** – **Resolved**, that Cllr Andy Mitchelmore be appointed Chair and Cllr Ian Jones be appointed Vice Chair for 2025/2026

**4**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 30th April 2025were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

 **MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES**

**5. Denbighshire Commuted Sum Funding of £11,370.00 to improve open spaces – Provision of outdoor play equipment on the school field.** Cllr Andy Mitchelmore reported that he continued to look into obtaining quotations from contractors specialising in outdoor play equipment and that he would report back in due course.

**6. Possible Football Playing Field at Hendrerwydd** – it was reported that Llangynhafal F C had submitted a bid to Denbighshire for grant aid towards setting up costs etc and were awaiting a reply.

**7**. **Plaque at Hendrerwydd to mark the location and transfer of Hendrerwydd Uchaf (16th century farmhouse) to St Fagans Museum, Cardiff** – Cllr Iona Pierce reported that she had taken delivery of the completed plaque which was now ready to be put in place at Hendrerwydd.

The plaque would need to be erected on a plinth/pillar and it was agreed that a site meeting be held to determine the actual location and mounting arrangements.

**8. Community Garden at Maes Hafal, Provision of Green Bins for Garden Waste** – it was reported that this matter continued to be looked into by Housing and Community Services at Denbighshire

 **PAGE 299 9. Community Seats** – Cllr Paul Evans reported that he was arranging for ground work to be carried out around the seat at Commins and was hopeful that the work would be completed shortly. . The majority of the seats within the community had now been repaired/repainted but one or two remained in need of revarnishing etc. In this respect, Cllr Kevin Shenton agreed to carry out a further survey and contact the contractor to carry out the work.

 **10. Highway matters** –  **(i) Poor condition of the roads** – With regard to the road outside Gellifor School, it was reported that Highways had been requested to repaint the SLOW road markings on the approach roads to the school. In reply, Highways had stated that they were looking to undertake some resurfacing/patching work around the Gellifor/Hendrerwydd area as part of their 2025/2026 resurfacing programme. The faded road markings would be refreshed as part of these works.

**(ii) Overgrown Hedges** – it was agreed that the problem of overgrown hedges at locations in Gellifor and Rhos be referred to Highways for action.

**11. Defibrillator outside the Golden Lion, Llangynhafal** – Cllr Kevin Shenton reported that, in accordance with the action agreed at the last meeting, he had obtained information regarding a replacement defibrillator for the above location. The recommended model was a ZOLL AED PLUS Semi-Automatic at a cost of £915.00 plus VAT. **Resolved** – to proceed with the purchase of a new replacement defibrillator and that an order be placed for the equipment at a cost of £915.00

**12. Matters from the April Open Meeting** – it was reported that, at the open meeting, concern had been raised regarding the lack of support for older residents who were either alone or suffering poor health their situation made worse by the lack of a local community hub (the community centre not being available most of school time).

With regard to this matter, Cllr Kevin Shenton stated that he was in contact with Denbighshire Housing’s Community Resilience Team and, if members agreed, he was prepared to find out more about the services available to support health and well being issues. Following a full discussion, it was agreed accordingly. . **13. FINANCIAL MATTERS – (a) Current Financial Balance** – members noted that the Council’s bank balance at 01.05.2025 stood at £6,538.38.

 **PAGE 300 (b) Payment of Invoices** – it was agreed that the following invoices be approved for payment: (i) Vision ICT Ltd – Email and Website support - £249.76 (ii) Tony Killow – Defibrillator Parts - £120.44 (£79.20 + £41.24) (iii) William Smuts – Hendrerwydd Uchaf Zinc Etched Plaque - £430.00

**(c) Renewal of Community Council Insurance 2025/2026** – consideration was given to correspondence received from Clear Insurance Management Ltd regarding the renewal of the Community Council’s Insurance policy for 2025/2026.

**Resolved** – that the Community Council renews its insurance policy with Clear Insurance Management Ltd at a cost of £810.97

**(e) Final Accounts 2024/2025 and Internal Audit Report** – the Annual Return Document for 2024/2025 comprising the accounting statement and annual governance statement was submitted together with the annual internal audit report. Members worked through the document and noted that at year end the balance in hand amounted to £6,412.00. In addition, members noted that the internal audit had been completed with the auditor finding all areas to be satisfactory. **Resolved** – (i) that the internal audit report be received and noted and that the internal auditor, Mr Frank Brown, be thanked for his work. (ii) that the Annual Return Document including the accounting statement and completed annual governance statement be approved and signed by the Chair for submission to Audit Wales.

**14. PLANNING APPLICATION** – consideration was given to the following: **Bryn Eirin, Gellifor** Re**f** 22/2025/0208/PS – variation of condition no 2 of planning permission code no 22/2023/0212 to allow amendments to the proposed extension. **Resolved** – that the Community Council has no adverse comments regarding the proposals.

 **15. NEW CORRESPONDENCE** - New correspondence regarding the following matters had been circulated to members prior to the meeting:

**(a) One Voice Wales/Planning Aid Wales** – The monthly Newsletter together with details of training events were submitted and noted.

**(b) New National Park Proposal, Joint meeting of Community Councils** – it was reported that further correspondence had been received from Llanfair Community Council regarding a joint meeting of local Community Councils held to discuss the above matter.

 **PAGE 301** The joint meeting had taken place on 21st May 2025 and the Clerk stated that he had submitted the Councils apologies for not being able to attend.

From the latest correspondence, it was noted that, at the joint meeting, the various pros and cons of the transition from AONB to National Park had been discussed with concerns being expressed regarding the lack of funding, infrastructure problems, overtourism and increased housing issues affecting local people.

The joint meeting had decided that a letter be drafted outlining the issues of concern referred to above which councils could sign and send to the various people and organisations involved in the decision-making process.

A copy of the draft letter had been received, copies of which had been circulated with the agenda. Members proceeded to discuss the draft and it was noted that great emphasis was being placed in the letter on the negative aspects of creating a National Park rather than a more balanced argument being put forward.

Following a full discussion, it was agreed not to go ahead with signing the letter at the present time.

**(c) Gwyddelwern and Corwen Against Ty’n Celyn Farm Battery Storage** – correspondence from the above group warning of the dangers of large-scale battery storage (400 shipping containers full of batteries on a 75 acre site at Ty’n Celyn Farm, Gwyddelwern) was received and noted.

**(d) Appointment by Denbighshire of Community Council Liaison Officer** – it was noted that Kate Thew had been appointed to the newly created post of Town and Community Council Liaison Officer. The purpose of the role is to promote a positive partnership between the County Council and town and community councils in Denbighshire.

**16. DATE AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING** - it was agreed that the next meeting of the Community Council be held at the Community Centre on 25th June 2025.