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**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 25th June, 2025.**

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

**1. APOLOGY** – Cllr Huw Jones. 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – there were no declarations of interest.

**3**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 28th May 2025were submitted and confirmed as a correct record.

**MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES**

**4. Denbighshire Commuted Sum Funding of £11,370.00 to improve open spaces – Application to provide outdoor play equipment on the school field.**

The Chair reported that he had met with staff from the school and a representative from Creative Play Ltd to discuss the provision of outside play equipment on the school playing field. The company was now putting together costed proposals for the site which would be available for consideration in 3-4 weeks time. **Resolved** – that the situation be noted.

**5. Possible Football Playing Field at Hendrerwydd** – it was again reported that Llangynhafal F C had submitted a bid to Denbighshire for grant aid towards the above project. It was understood that Denbighshire staff were investigating various funds from which assistance could be provided but, to date, a formal reply had not been received.

**6**. **Plaque at Hendrerwydd to mark the location and transfer of Hendrerwydd Uchaf (16th century farmhouse) to St Fagans Museum, Cardiff** –

It was reported that members had met on site at Hendrerwydd (directly opposite the entrance to Hendrerwydd Farm) to discuss arrangements for erecting the plaque. A location had been identified and Cllr Ian Jones agreed to prepare the site and arrange, with a contractor if necessary, for a plinth to be put in place on which the plaque could be mounted. Following completion of the work, it would be necessary to add the site to the grass cutting contract.

**7. 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 303 8. Community Seats** – Cllr Paul Evans reported that ground work around the seat at Commins had now been completed. He was thanked for his work at Commins and at Rhewl junction, the work having improved the condition of the seats significantly.

With regard to the remaining seats, Cllr Kevin Shenton reported that he had carried out a review of their condition with three seats requiring attention. It was agreed that the contractor be asked to carry out maintenance work on the seats in question.

**9. Highway matters** –  **(i) Poor condition of the roads** – With regard to the poor condition of the roads, members noted that new funding totalling £4.8 million pounds had been allocated by Denbighshire towards road maintenance work for 2025 to 2027. Members were hopeful that part of this funding would be used to repair the roads within the community of Llangynhafal.

**(ii) Overgrown Hedges** – it was reported that the problem of overgrown hedges at locations in Gellifor and Rhos had been referred to Highways for action. In reply, Highways stated that the hedge on the double bend at Plas yn Rhos was part of their primary network cut and would be cut back within the next few weeks and that the land owners at Gellifor would be contacted to remind them of their responsibilities.

**(iii) 20mph Speed Limit** – it was reported that in 2024 Welsh Government had launched a review of the default 20mph speed limit throughout Wales. This review had now been completed and, for Denbighshire, there would be no changes to the current 20mph arrangements.

**10. Defibrillator outside the Golden Lion, Llangynhafal** – Cllr Kevin Shenton reported that, in accordance with the action agreed at the last meeting, a new defibrillator had been purchased and put in place outside the Golden Lion at Llangynhafal. He confirmed that there were four defibrillators within the community situated at Hendrerwydd, Gellifor School, Llangynhafal Church and the Golden Lion. On behalf of the Community Council, three were being maintained by Mr Tony Killow with the new defibrillator at the Golden Lion being maintained by Mr Rob Hammond.

Resolved – (i) that Cllr Kevin Shenton be thanked for all his work regarding the purchase and installation of the new defibrillator, and (ii) that payment to Defib Store Ltd in the sum of £915.00 + £183.00 VAT = £1098.00 be confirmed.

**PAGE 304 11. Matters from the April Open Meeting** **– Support for Older Residents** –

Following the discussion at the last meeting, Cllr Kevin Shenton stated that he was in contact with Denbighshire’s Housing’s Community Resilience Team regarding services available to support health and well-being issues for older residents within the community and would report further in due course. . **12. FINANCIAL MATTERS – (a) Current Financial Balance** – members noted that the Council’s bank balance at 01.06.2025 stood at £7,806.14. After allowing for unpresented cheques the balance stood at £5,595.21

**(b) Payment of Invoices** – (See item 10 above)

**13. 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) Proposed New North East Wales National Park** – it was reported that, since the last meeting, Natural Resources Wales had released a report on the results of the 2024 public consultation. The report was available on-line and a link had been circulated to members for their information.

In addition, the Chair circulated a document entitled “A Summary of Benefits”. This outlined the impact on local residents and the impact on farmers, with thriving farming businesses considered to be vital for the health of national parks shaping the landscape, producing resources and protecting cultural traditions.

**Resolved** – that the documents be received and noted.

**(c) New Lease for the Community Centre** – in response to a request from the Community Centre Committee it was agreed to contact Denbighshire CC again regarding a new lease for the community centre, the original lease having expired some time ago.

**14. ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING** – **(i) Future Projects – Community Playing-Field** - the current availability of grant aid was highlighted and it was agreed that the possibility of establishing a community playing-field be looked into by the Community Council.

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – it was agreed that the next meeting of the Community Council be held at the Community Centre on 30th July 2025.