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**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 30th July, 2025.**

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

At the start of the meeting the Chair referred with sadness to the recent death of Mr Frank Brown who, for many years, had carried out valuable work for the community and the Community Council.

The Chair also congratulated Llangynhafal FC on winning the 2025 Summer League Football Shield for the first time in their long history.

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Bryan Jones and David Taylor. 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – there were no declarations of interest.

**3**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 25th June 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 costed proposals had been received from Creative Play Ltd and that another meeting had been held with staff at the school to discuss the proposed layout. Arising from this meeting, it had been requested that minor amendments be made to the plans and further costings were now awaited from the Company

**Resolved** – that the situation be noted.

**5. Possible Football Playing Field at Hendrerwydd** – the Chair reported that Llangynhafal F C were awaiting the outcome of various bids they had made for grant aid towards establishing a football field at Hendrerwydd. He stated that he would keep members updated on developments.

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

 As had been reported at the last meeting, a location for the plaque had been identified opposite the entrance to Hendrerwydd Farm. Cllrs Ian Jones and Paul Evans were currently making arrangements for a plinth to be put in place on which the plaque could be

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mounted. It was again mentioned that, 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

**8. Community Seats** – With regard to the need for maintenance work to be carried out on three community seats, Cllr Kevin Shenton reported that he had been in touch with the contractor who had promised to carry out the work as soon as possible.

**9. Highway matters** –  **(i) Poor condition of the roads** – details of Denbighshire’s road-maintenance programme for the period 2025 – 2027, based on the allocation of £4.7million for 2 years from the Welsh Government, were submitted. Members were pleased to note that included on the schedule was the resurfacing of the road between Plas Coch Bach, Gellifor and Plas Isaf, Hendrerwydd. In addition, reported potholes in the community would continue to receive attention.

**(ii) Overgrown Hedges** – it was understood that Highways had contacted the property owners but, to date, the garden hedges had not been cut.

A discussion followed regarding field hedges, including the need to protect wild life habitat, and the fact that some farmers were cutting their roadside field hedges earlier than the September start date. It was understood that the regulations allowed farmers to cut roadside hedges early in certain circumstances but the monitoring of such action was unclear. It was highlighted that all parties needed to adhere to current regulations.

**10. New Lease for the Community Centre** – it was reported that Denbighshire had been contacted again regarding the need for a new lease. A reply had now been received in which they stated that the matter would be raised with the Estates Department and that an update would be provided in due course.

**11. Matters from the April Open Meeting** **– Support for Older Residents** – Cllr Kevin Shenton reported that he continued to be in contact with Denbighshire’s Housing 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.

 **PAGE 307 12.** **Future Projects Including the Purchase of Land for a Community Playingfield** - with regard to this matter, it was agreed to invite a representative from Denbighshire’s Community Development Team to attend a future meeting of the Community Council to advise on best practice and the availability of grant aid. . **13. FINANCIAL MATTERS – (a) Current Financial Balance** – members noted that the Council’s bank balance at 01.07.2025 stood at £5,090.37. After allowing for unpresented cheques the balance stood at £4,490.61

**(b) Payment of Invoices** – there were no invoices for payment.

**14. PLANNING MATTERS** – consideration was given to thefollowing planning applications:

**(a) No 9 Bodawen, Gellifor Ref 22/2025/0330/HH** – erection of a single-story extension to rear of dwelling. **Resolved** – that the Community Council has no adverse comments regarding the submitted proposals.

**(b) Bryn Eirin, Lon yr Ysgol, Gellifor Ref 22/2025/0208/PS** – variation of condition no 2 of planning permission code 22/2023/0212/ to allow further amendments to the proposed extension. **Resolved** – that the Community Council has no adverse comments regarding the submitted 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) Proposed New North East Wales National Park** – correspondence from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) was submitted. Members noted that at a National Resources Wales Board meeting held recently, it had been agreed that NRW should proceed to a Statutory Consultation on the proposal to designate a new National Park including the defined boundary. The consultation will take place during the Autumn/Winter 2025/2026 and NRW will be preparing the full suite of consultation materials. **Resolved** – that the correspondence be noted.

**16. OTHER MATTERS** – **The Golden Lion, Llangynhafal** – with regard to the Golden Lion, it was mentioned that there was uncertainty about the future of the pub with the owners having indicated the possible closure of the pub in 2 or 3 month’s time.

After a full discussion when it was suggested that a community meeting be called, it was decided that, for the time being, the situation be kept under review.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – it was agreed that the next meeting of the Community Council be held at the Community Centre on 24th September 2025.