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**Minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held at the Community Centre on 24th September, 2025.**

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

At the start of the meeting the Chair and members offered their condolences to Cllr David Taylor following the recent death of his mother.

**1. APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Bryan Jones and Iona Pierce. **2.** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Paul Evans declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 14(b) being a director of Townsend Supplies Ltd.

**3**. **MINUTES** – The minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on 30th July 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 amended proposals and costings had been received from Creative Play Ltd and that these were currently being examined by staff at the School. A further progress report would be submitted to the next meeting.

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

**5. Possible Football Playing Field at Hendrerwydd** – the Chair reported that Llangynhafal F C had recently received confirmation that a bid for grant aid towards setting up costs had been successful and that arrangements to play next year’s Summer League fixtures at Hendrerwydd, rather than Rhewl, were ongoing.

**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 previously, a location for the plaque had been identified opposite the entrance to Hendrerwydd Farm and Cllrs Ian Jones and Paul Evans had agreed to make arrangements for a plinth to be put in place on which the plaque could be mounted. This work was in hand and hopefully would be completed by the next meeting. It was again mentioned that, following completion of the work, it would be necessary to add the site to the grass cutting contract.

 **PAGE 310 7. Community Garden at Maes Hafal, Provision of Green Bins for Garden Waste** – it was reported that correspondence had now been received from Denbighshire regarding the above matter including an application form to apply for garden waste service.

The Clerk reported that a copy had been sent to the Community Garden organisers who had requested that 2 bins be provided.

Following a full discussion, it was **Resolved** - that an application be submitted by the Community Council to the Trade Waste Department at Denbighshire for 2 garden waste bins to be provided and delivered to the Community Garden at Maes Hafal at a total cost to the Community Council of £85.00 p.a.

**8. Community Seats** – Cllr Kevin Shenton reported that all maintenance work on the Community Seats had now been completed and that an invoice from the contractor was awaited.

**9. Highway matters** –  **(i) Poor condition of the roads** – members were pleased to note that resurfacing work had been carried out on the road from Gellifor to Hendrerwydd which had greatly improved its condition.

However, other roads within the community remained in very poor condition and it was agreed that the following roads again be referred to Highways for urgent attention: . i. Hwylfa Fain (Llanychan to Llangynhafal road) particularly at the top end leading to Dedwyddfa, Llangynhafal.

ii. The Gables Farm to Hendrerwydd.

iii. Hendrerwydd to Cyffion, Llangynhafal.

**10. New Lease for the Community Centre** – it was reported that this matter had again been raised with Denbighshire and a reply was awaited.

**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 311 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 the next meeting of the Community Council to be held on 29th October to advise on best practice and the availability of grant aid.

**13. Golden Lion, Llangynhafal** – the Chair reported that he had met with the owner of the Golden Lion who had confirmed that the pup was for sale and would be closing at the end of September 2025. If not sold, then from that date it would only be available for special functions.

Members were sorry to learn of the loss of a valuable community facility which had been open to the public for well over 100 years.

Following a full discussion, it was agreed to investigate the possibility of the pub being operated as a community venture.

**14. FINANCIAL MATTERS – (a) Current Financial Balance** – members noted that the Council’s bank balance at 01.09.2025 stood at £6,477.97. After allowing for unpresented cheques the balance stood at £6,228.21

**(b) Payment of Invoices** – it was agreed that the following invoices be approved for payment: (i) Townsend Supplies Ltd - £57.60 (materials re ground work around community seats) (ii) JRB Enterprise Ltd - £111.06 (dog waste bags).

**15. FOOTPATHS** – in order to overcome difficulties being encountered by walkers, it was agreed that a request be made for a kissing gate to be erected to replace the stile at the junction of paths 9/1 and 9/3, Gellifor Farm Field, Llangynhafal.

**16. 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 (Glyndwr) National Park** – correspondence from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) was submitted. Members noted that the statutory consultation period had now commenced with as many people/organisations as possible being encouraged to express their honest opinions about the park and to raise questions for follow up. The full suite of consultation documents, including changes made to the defined boundary, was available on line at the Natural Resources Wales website.

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**(c) Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Newsletter** – it was agreed that the Newsletter be received and noted.

**(d) Meeting - Denbighshire C.C./Town and Community Councils** – it was reported that a meeting arranged by Denbighshire C.C. to update town and community councils on current developments would be taking place on 29.09.2025. Cllr Paul Evans agreed to represent the Community Council at the meeting.

**17. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** - (i) Christmas Tree arrangements 2025. (ii) Community Engagement.

**18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – it was agreed that the next meeting of the Community Council be held at the Community Centre on 29th October 2025.