

Llangynwyd Lower Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Isaf Llangynwyd

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Minutes of Meeting held on

29th July 2026

1. Apologies for Absence. – No apologies

2. Absence. – No absences

3. Declarations of Interest (in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct & Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992)

Cllr Faulkner & Cllr Robers in connection with Coytrahen Community Association. Cllr. Gary Haines In connection with all CAT applications with BCBC. Cllr. Jones - BCBC

4. Police Matters -_The PCSO was aware of the meeting; however, there was no police presence, apologies, or report provided.

5. Approval of Minutes and Recommendation from the June meeting.

Councillors in attendance approved the minutes of the June meeting as a true and accurate record.

6. Items for discussion and/or approval.

The Chair and Community Councillors welcomed Mr Ryan Rooney to the Council following his successful co-option to fill the vacant position.

Cllr, Rooney signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and confirmed that he is aware of, and will abide by, the Council's Code of Conduct. All mandatory policies and relevant Council documentation will be emailed to Cllr, Rooney, with enrolment onto courses to help support him in his new role.

- a) LLCC Website – Ryan advised that, having IT skills, he would be happy to offer his assistance with the Council's website and other IT-related services.
- b) Christmas 2026 – Cllr. Davies and Cllr, Gronow will arrange the tree nearer to Christmas. Centregreat agreed that they would plant the tree by the telephone box. Enquiries will be made to establish whether planning permission is required.
- c) Safe road crossing - Further progress has been made, with a survey being undertaken. However, the initial proposed location cannot be used due to utility wires underneath the area. Further surveys will therefore be

undertaken to identify the most suitable and safe location. This matter will remain on the agenda for further discussion and updates.

- d) Ongoing training opportunities will be forwarded to all Councillors.
- e) Cllr. Lewis has now completed the New Councillor Introduction on 26/06/2026 and the Code of Conduct Module 9 on 24/06/2026. Cllr. Rooney will now be enrolled onto training conducted through One Voice Wales
- f) Cllr. Faulkner, Cllr. Davies, Cllr. Gronow and Cllr. Lewis met with representatives from Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

The Councillors were advised that regular inspections of the watercourse are undertaken. NRW agreed to provide written confirmation in response to the queries raised by the Councillors.

It was also made clear during the meeting that NRW would prefer the area to remain as a grass-only pitch, as the use of additional materials to create a football pitch could potentially cause issues with seepage into the watercourse.

Additional issues were raised regarding the lease, and further questions will be put forward to Louise Connolly for clarification. These matters will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

- g) Following acceptance of the PiPIF grant and Town and County grant, it was agreed that Mr Stan Smith would be appointed to commence the work at the watercourse, at a total cost of £19,000. Cllr. Faulkner will instruct Smith & Son to commence the work.
- h) Contact will be made with Steve Amblett and Son, who originally carried out the tree survey and associated works, to enquire about the possibility of annual inspections and the associated costs. This will ensure that any future works can be appropriately budgeted for. The information will be brought back to the next meeting.

7. Finances – 2026/2027

- * Formal approval of July's 2026 schedule of payments – these were agreed
- * R.O.W. Agency Agreement – Following completion of the vegetation cut-back, Cllr. Davies advised that the work had been completed satisfactorily, with no further concerns raised. The Clerk will now arrange payment to N. Thomas and submit the claim for reimbursement for the works carried out to BCBC
- * Councillor Payment Forms were circulated to all Councillors to confirm whether they wished to accept or decline the payment. Completed forms will be returned to the Clerk.

* Accounts to be submitted to Audit Wales

8. Planning Applications: - None

9. Correspondence – None

10. Applications requesting financial support – None

11. Clerks Report – Nothing to report

12. Members Report

- Cllr. Gronow – nothing to report.
- Cllr. Roberts – reported that foliage was covering the signage displaying the weight limit of the bridge. This matter will be forwarded to Cllr. Haines for further action.
- Cllr. Faulkner – Wanted to thank Mrs. Jan James for her support in planting flowers and maintaining them around the bus stop.
- Cllr. Martyn Jones – Nothing to report
- Cllr. Mark Lewis - Nothing to report
- Cllr. Ryan Ronny - Nothing to report
- Cllr. Derwyn Davies - Concern was raised that the white road markings approaching the bridge have faded. This matter will be passed to Cllr. Haines for further action.

13. Cllr. Haines Report - Cllr. Haines reported on the responses received to date regarding enquiries raised. BCBC has assessed the oak tree and advised that they are of the opinion that it does not currently present a hazard.

Concerns regarding refuse collections and waste being left behind have also been reported, with the hope that improvements will be made. Should the issue continue, Cllr. Haines advised that photographs should be taken and forwarded to him so that the matter can be raised again.

It was also reported that, from 2027, the refuse collection service will be brought back under the responsibility of BCBC.

14. Public Address (an opportunity for members of the public to bring any issues to the attention of the council) TEN MINUTES SESSION ONLY

No Public members were present

15. Any other business. The Chair advised Cllr, Lewis and Cllr, Rooney that no Council meetings are held in August and December.

16. Items for consideration in the next council meeting.

- Road Crossing
- CAT Football Field – Lease & Enquiries made to Louise Conolley
- Annual Tree Inspection
- Watercourse completion of works
- Response from NRW

17. To confirm the date of the next full council meeting. – Wednesday the 30th of September 2026 at 6.00pm