

Llangynwyd Lower Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Isaf Llangynwyd

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Minutes of Meeting held on

24th June 2026

1. Apologies for Absence. – Cllr Lewis, Cllr. Jones, Cllr Haines

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.

11. **Police Matters**_as PCSO Lauren Thomas was on duty when she attended this month's meeting, the agenda was amended to bring Item 11. forward. Lauren advised that she will be increasing her police presence around the village. During the last month, South Wales Police responded to **eight reported incidents** within the community. These included theft, welfare checks, disturbances of the peace, and reports of substance use. Police attended all reported incidents.

Several concerns have recently been raised regarding an individual who has allegedly been placing glass and nails behind residents' vehicle tyres, causing unnecessary damage and financial cost to members of the community. Lauren confirmed that she has spoken with the individual and requested that they refrain from coming into the village. She explained that this was not a formal warning, but an informal request. Should the individual return to the village and continue to cause disturbances, residents are encouraged to report any incidents by calling **101**.

Lauren also introduced a new community initiative called "**A Cuppa with a Copper.**" This event will take place monthly, with sessions being held at weekends to make them more accessible to residents. The sessions will provide an opportunity for members of the community to meet with their local PCSO, discuss any concerns, ask questions, and receive advice.

Lauren acknowledged that speeding through the village remains one of the community's biggest concerns. She is currently working with partner agencies to explore measures that may help address this ongoing issue.

Residents were also encouraged to sign up to **South Wales Listens**, a community engagement service that provides updates on local policing matters, community issues, and events. To join the scheme, residents should email Lauren with their name, address, and she will arrange for them to be added.

PCSO Lauren Thomas can be contacted at:

Lauren.swp57948thomas@southwales.police.uk

4. Approval of Minutes and Recommendation from the May meeting.

There were a few minor amendments to be made. These will be corrected and the revised document will be circulated with the amendments incorporated. The AGM minutes were approved with all councillors in attendance.

5. Items for discussion and/or approval.

- a) LLCC Website – The Council's new website will now go live, as requested within the Audit Report. This will be an ongoing project, with the website being regularly updated, amended and expanded to ensure that it remains accurate, informative and accessible for residents. The Council also welcomes comments and feedback from residents, which will be used to help improve the website and ensure it continues to meet the needs of the local community.
- b) Christmas 2026 - Cllr. Gronow has contacted a company that can provide the Christmas tree and associated requirements. However, it is still a little early in the year to make the necessary arrangements. Later in the year, Cllr. Gronow, with the assistance of Cllr. Davies will make further contact with the supplier and finalise the relevant details.
- c) Safe road crossing - The matter continues to be of concern to the Council and residents and will remain as a standing agenda item for future meetings until further updates are available.
- d) Training and training plan. Details of available training opportunities will be forwarded to the Councillor for consideration.
- e) CAT – Football Field - It was agreed by the Chair that this matter would remain on the agenda for next month's meeting, as there was not a full Council in attendance to consider the matter at this month's meeting.
- f) Co-option for the Community Councillor Vacancy -Two residents have applied for the current co-option vacancy. It was agreed to invite both applicants to attend an interview. The interviews will be chaired by a

Councillor, with an independent person also in attendance to oversee the process and ensure it is conducted fairly and transparently.

g) PiPIF – Upon receipt of the three quotations, it was agreed to appoint Mr Smith & Son to undertake the works. In reaching this decision, Members carefully considered the estimated costs considering the Council's relatively small precept. Mr Smith & Son provided the best value for money while meeting the required specification. Available Councillors subsequently met with Mr Smith and Jason Frowen from BCBC to discuss the project and the proposed works. It was agreed that the Council would apply to the Town and Community Council Fund (TCCF) to assist with the additional project costs.

h) Ongoing Tree assessment and report. Enquiries will be made with Steve Ambler & Son regarding the provision of an annual inspection service and the associated costs. The outcome of these enquiries will be reported to the Council at next month's meeting

Proposed Last Energy Last Energy has arranged a community consultation to be held on 13 July 2026 at the Community Centre.

i) Planting of flowers in the village. Bakers has kindly donated one bag of daffodil bulbs to the Community Council. The Council recorded its thanks for this generous donation. It was agreed that Cllr. Roberts would purchase suitable plants for the community planter.

j) Environmental Health Cllr. Haines has made the necessary enquiries and submitted the relevant reports. The Council is currently awaiting the outcome of the investigation into the rat infestation around the watercourse.

k) However, further concerns were raised regarding a few properties within the village where substantial amounts of waste are being stored. Members acknowledged that this may be contributing to the ongoing issue and agreed that these concerns should continue to be monitored and reported to the appropriate authority where necessary

l) Finances – 2026/2027

(a) Formal approval of June's 2026 schedule of payments – these were agreed

(b) Discussions on Auditors report for 2025/2026 - The report had been circulated to Members by email prior to this evening's meeting. No questions or concerns were raised.

(c) Formal approval and signatures to submit to Audit Wales. With no questions or concerns raised, Cllr. Faulkner (Chair) and Mrs Louise Turner (Clerk) signed the Annual Return on behalf of the Council.

The Notice of Electors' Rights to Inspect the Accounts will be published on the Council's new website, the Community Hub, and the Community Centre notice board for the required inspection period. Following the completion of the public inspection period, the Annual Return will be submitted to Audit Wales.

(d) Review of the 2025/2026 Annual Report - The report had been circulated to Members by email prior to this evening's meeting. No questions or concerns were raised.

(e) R.O.W allowance for 2026/2027 - The Rights of Way (R.O.W.) funding available to Llangynwyd Lower Community Council was presented to Members. Following consideration, it was agreed to appoint Mr N. Thomas to undertake the vegetation clearance and pathway maintenance within the village. Cllr. Davies will contact Mr. Thomas

(f) Councillors' payments - The Councillors were informed of the 2026/2027 Members' allowances. The relevant claim forms will be circulated to all Members in due course.

6. Planning Applications: - None

7. Correspondence – None

8. Applications requesting financial support – None

11. Police Matters – Addressed above *

12. Clerks Report – Nothing to report

13. Members Report

- Cllr. Gronow – Nothing to report
- Cllr. Roberts – Will attend Pile Garden Centre to purchase flowers, the Invoice will be sent to the council, Cllr. Roberts provided a receipt for soil purchased to be refunded.
- Cllr. Faulkner – Wanted to thank Mrs. Jan James for her support in planting flowers and maintaining them around the bus stop.

14. Cllr. Hains Report - Continues to report and provide feedback to the Council on all referrals and enquiries made on the Council's behalf.

15. 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

16. Any other business. Nothing raised

17. Items for consideration in the next council meeting.

- Road Crossing
- CAT Football Field
- Last Energy
- Annual Tree Inspection

18. To confirm the date of the next full council meeting. – Wednesday the 29th of July 2026 at 6.00pm (subject to change)