



**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at the Village Hall Llangynwyd
Dydd Llun Tachwedd 12^{ed} 2018 - Monday 12th November 2018.**

Presenol - Present:

Cllr. T. R. Griffiths (Chairman); Cllr. H. Davies; Cllr C Griffiths; Cllr. J. Hughes;
Cllr M James; Cllr D Jones; Cllr M. Moore; Cllr T Muller; Cllr G Nicholls;
Cllr P Sasiruban [21:25hrs]; Cllr I Williams [22:05hrs]

Mr D. Evans [Welsh Audit Office]

D. Berry [Clerk]

The Meeting commenced at 18.30hrs

1. Ymddiheurwch am absenoldeb - Apologies for Absence

Cllr. E. Guscott;
PCSO

2. Datganiadau o Ddiddordeb - Declarations of Interest.

Cllr. T.R. Griffiths – Ysgol Gyfun Cymraeg Llangynwyd
Cllr. H. Davies – Governor Cwmfelin Primary School
Cllr. J. Hughes – Governor Garth & Plasnewydd Primary Schools
Cllr M James – Governor YGCLL; BCBC matter; WAO
Cllr. D. Jones - Governor Cwmfelin School
Cllr. T. Muller – Governor Cwmfelin School
Cllr. G. Nicholls – Park Warden
Cllr. P. Sasiruban – Llangynwyd Village Hall, Governor Llangynwyd Primary
School
Cllr. I. Williams - Maesteg Town Council, Ysgol Maesteg & Maesteg Celtic
RFC.

3. Materion Heddlu - Police Matters

Apologise received.

4. Cadarnhau Cofnodion [Hydref] – Ratification of Minutes [October]

Item 4 [JH] alter:	Cllrs note minutes were signed after two months <i>not</i> one month.
Item 9g [JH] alter:	Not convinced of Clerk's <i>conduct</i> , <i>not</i> his facial expressions.
Item 9e [DJ] add:	When will website contract end?
Item 9h [GN] add:	needle-stick gloves / gel gloves / lock-up door
Item 9b [TM] remove:	TM
Item 9 [GN] add:	Warden has a grievance against MM.
Item 9i [DJ] add:	village

- Item 10 [JH] add: Budget monitoring every month
Item 11 [JH] add: Several councillors expressed an interest in attending course.
Item 11 iv) remove: contrary to employment legislation

**5. Materion yn codi o'r cyfarfod Cyngor llawn ~
Matters Arising from the September 2018 Minutes**

Item 9g August 2018: Road signs and bus-stops

MJ: The street sign into Y Dderwen already referred to BCBC. If another sign ordered LIMCC will be billed.

Item 9g September 2018: Published Allowances

Clerk explanation the reasoning. Suggested councillors who disagreed to take what action they feel appropriate.

Clerk called a 'liar'. Clerk repeated request for Cllr Dylan Jones to retract his comment. Requests ignored.

DJ: Nil returns need to be published for all councillors on website 2017-18.

6. Cyfeiriad Cyhoeddus - Public Address

No members of the public present

7. Gohebiaeth – Correspondence [discussed after Items 8, 9 & 10]

Correspondence Sept 2018 – Oct 2018

DUE TO OVER RUNNING ITEMS – ONLY BOLD ITEMS MENTIONED

- 12-11-2018 **Network Rail**
Scheduled work commencing 17th November
- 07-11-2018 BCBC Remembrance Service advertisement
- 07-11-2018 Response from Wild Deck Company – Log bench £1,400 + vat and transport
- 07-11-2018 Understanding Welsh Places – F
- 07-11-2018 Roger Luke Remembrance Service Music
- 06-11-2018 **Zurich Insurance: information request** – supplied
- 06-11-2018 **Free Range designs** – 4 logs = £1,500 including VAT and
- 06-11-2018 OVW Return of walking aids - F
- 05-11-2018 YGCLL Remembrance Service Attendance
- 05-11-2018 OVW: Armed Forces Scoping Exercise
- 04-11-2018 Roger Luke Remembrance Service Music
- 03-11-2018 Roger Luke Remembrance Service Music
Village Hall Thanks
- 02-11-2018 Western Mail investigative journalist
- 01-11-2018 BCBC website
- 31-10-2018 Holidays request
- 30-10-2018 **Western Mail investigative journalist Statement of accounts request** – F
Welsh Water – Awareness – meeting arrangement – F
BCBC Vibration Tools recording - F
- 29-10-2018 Fire Service Consultation – F
- 25-10-2018 **PTI Benches** - F

- 25-10-2018 One Voice Wales Training Schedules – F
HJ / GN benches information - F
- 24-10-2018 Huw I-D office – unable to attend Remembrance Service
- 23-10-2018 PTI paths complaint - Warden
- 19-10-2018 Zurich Insurance information request
Sustainable Drainage Systems
- 18-10-2018 Primary Care Supplies: Defibrillator quotes – F
Welsh Hearts.com: Defibrillator Invite to Dec Council meeting
Llangynwyd Primary: attendance at Remembrance Service
- 17-10-2018 Christmas Holiday request
SWWS website updated
- 16-10-2018 Welsh Audit Office – Deryck Evans – F
BCBC – Street signs Y Dderwen
- 15-10-2018 Roy Meredith – requesting a response re: official opening of war
exhibition.
Primary Care – Defibrillators
- 13-10-2018 Warden – sharps danger / Sharps information. Sent
- 12-10-2018 Warden – decline invite to Spooktacular

8. **Planning** [discussed after Items 9 & 10]

No objection raised on any of the planning applications.

9. **Agenda Items**

a) **Wales Audit Office [item moved to Part 4 of the meeting]**

Mr. Deryck Evans [Welsh Audit Office] advised:

Clerk Remuneration

- To pay the Clerk after he worked *unpaid* for twelve months may be illegal.
 - Should be from the date of resignation.
- MM Highlighted reasoning behind resignation timing.
- Recommend cessation of payment cannot be enforced by WAO.
 - ‘Unlikely’ to lead to legal action as cost of pursuing this would be of not be in the public interest.
 - However, Auditor General will have the final say.
 - LIMCC will be prosecuted as a corporate body *not* individuals.

Council Aims and Objectives

- LIMCC needs to decide how it wants to work for the community.
- Council needs to be ‘forward looking’ and proactive’.
- Only items on the agenda can be *discussed* and *voted* upon

Councillor Conduct

- Minutes highlight a ‘pettiness’ and ‘childishness’ during meetings.
- Warned such traits that have been considered as ‘bullying behaviour’ in cases brought against Councils and individuals evident in meetings.

JH: Stated Clerk is *not* bullied - Clerk *is* a bully. Councillors think the same. Requested Cllrs who opposed this opinion identify themselves.

Statement from Welsh Audit Office

I attended the meeting at the council's request to provide some commentary on issues facing the council. As part of this I intended to talk the council through the governance framework but was requested to address the specific questions directly.

I left copies of my presentation with the council.

In introducing my session, I commented on the impression I'd drawn from reading the minutes from previous minutes. My impression is that the council is failing to work cohesively. Various issues have arisen in the past and mean the council has let down its community. It now needs to pull together to move forward.

A specific question was raised regarding the clerk's salary. As a former member, the law states that the clerk cannot be appointed to a paid office until 12 months after he ceases to be a member.

On this basis the expenditure is *potentially* unlawful. It is not the Auditor General's role to make a declaration that the expenditure is unlawful. Instead he has the power to apply to the courts for such a declaration. Before doing so he will take into account whether or not it is in the public interest to do so.

Various factors will inform his consideration including the circumstances surrounding the award of the payments, the value of the payments made and the cost of making the application (these would be passed on to the council).

The issue itself is timebound in that 12 months after the clerk resigned his membership any payments would be lawful.

Deryck Evans

Rheolwr y Tim Technegol – Llywodraeth Leol, Cronfeydd Pensiwn a Chynghorau Cymuned
Technical Team Manager – Local Government, Pension Funds and Community Councils

21:00hrs *Standing Orders* suspended.

b) Precept – alterations suggestions

Safe route to Cwmfelin Primary School

Action: Precept finalisation in December.

c) Christmas Event

Action: 100 selection boxes, fruit, and squash to be purchased [DB]
1000 flyers [DB]
Book village hall [DB]
TM Father Christmas [costume from MJ]

d) Warden's Holidays

Action: JH to calculate
Clerk to give JH all necessary information

e) Defibrillators

Action: Representatives invited to December meeting

10. Cyllid a Chyfrifon - Finance & Accounts

Bank reconciliation needed to be revisited.

11. Adroddiad Clerc - Clerk's Report

Meeting Closed 10:35. Report unable to be presented due to time constraints.

12. Adroddiadau Aelodau - Members Reports

Meeting Closed 10:35. Reports unable to be presented due to time constraints.

13. Eitemau ar gyfer Cyfarfod nesaf - Items for the next Meeting

- a) Defibrillator [guest]
- b) Parc Ty'n y Waun
- c) Change of meeting days
- d) Offending minutes removal
- e) Quotes for logs
- f) Precept
- g) Railway Footpath
- h) Condition of footpaths
- i) Management of Warden
- j) Warden's Holidays
- k) Clerk's Holidays
- l) Clerk's Probation

14. Dyddiad y Cyfarfod nesaf - Date of the next Meeting

The Council will next meet at 18.30hrs on Monday 10th December 2018 at Llangynwyd Village Hall

When there no further business the Chairperson closed the Meeting at 22:35hrs

Chairperson: _____

Date: _____