**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 7th JULY 2025**

**AT THE PENTREDŴR COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: M. Smith

Councillors: P. Davies, R. Cragg, A. Jones, R. Hughes, J. Pickett, D Walton,

County Cllr. K Edwards and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. J. Evans

**25/4361 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

# 25/4362 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

County Cllr. K Edwards reported that there is currently only one countryside ranger, who has been in post for 6 months, and that the County are down 3 full-time rangers. DCC is in the process of appointing a second ranger, but there is concern that the two other posts may not be filled. It was shared that a ranger presence at Horseshoe Falls discourages inappropriate behaviour from certain visitors such as barbecues, and encourages car park payment. County Cllr. K Edwards is meeting with Paul Jackson, Head of Highways & Environmental Services, and Emlyn Jones, Head of Planning and Countryside Services, next week to discuss this situation.

The height restriction barrier at the Horseshoe Falls car park will cost £2000 to repair.

Pentredŵr is listed for resurfacing from the White Hart, along with Abbey Road and Oak Street.

The Chief Executive of DCC is retiring. County Cllr. K Edwards outlined the process for appointing a successor.

Issue of increase in fly-tipping discussed. Noted that bin waggons can leave a trail of litter. Cllr. R. Hughes asks why are appointments still necessary to use the recycling centres such as Plas Madoc or Ruthin?

It was reported that there is a significant backlog of planning application caseloads.

The Clerk outlined the Council’s challenges with both BT and the Planning Department

in regards to the telephone and kiosk in Eglwyseg.

**Action**: Clerk to forward relevant emails to County Cllr. K Edwards who will pursue this

issue with the Planning Department.

**25/4363 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr. P. Davies

Seconded by Cllr. R Hughes

**25/4364 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

It was agreed that an email be sent by the Clerk to the Planning Department to state that the Council has no objections to Application number: 27/2025/0239/PF, the erection of a new workshop and proposed alterations and extensions to existing buildings at Bryntysilio Outdoor Activity Centre.

# 25/4365 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Accounts for payment.

A gift of £50 in vouchers was given to the Internal Auditor as a token of gratitude.

1. To approve the Monthly Budget.

The Budget was approved as a correct record.

1. Other financial matters.

The Council has received a quote to replace the Eglywseg noticeboard which, with installation, would cost c. £3000. The Clerk also shared online prices which were similar.

**Action**: Cllr. R. Cragg will inspect the existing noticeboard to see if any remedial repairs can be undertaken.

Clerk to research if any grants are available to help fund new noticeboards.

Agreed that this should be an Agenda item for the next Community Council meeting.

The Clerk reported that HSBC have removed the monthly £8.00 bank charge on the Council’s account, as of 1st July, 2025.

**25/4366 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

# 25/4367 PLANNING MATTERS

**Application:** 27/2025/0106/HH. Garth Y Pistyll, Llantysilio, Llangollen, LL20 8DB. Erection of extension and alterations to dwelling: No objections were raised.

**25/4368 CEMETERY**

No issues arising.

**25/4369 COMMUNITY COUNCIL VACANCY**

The Clerk confirmed that during the 14 days during which the vacancy on the Community Council was advertised, no electors requested an election. Consequently the Council can co-opt a new member. The Clerk outlined the eligibility requirements for any candidate.

It was agreed that the Council should advertise the post through the Council’s noticeboards and website, as well as Facebook. Agreed that applicants to be asked to complete a one page statement of interest outlining why they’d like to be a Councillor, what they can bring to the role and confirming their eligibility to serve on Llantysilio Community Council.

**Action**: Clerk to draw up a suitable advert to be shared and displayed.

Applicants to be reviewed at next Council meeting.

**25/4370 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

* Drains at Yr Efail remain blocked, despite repeated requests.
* The Cattle grid just after Britannia Inn on the main road heading towards Horseshoe Pass  [3 Words: ///others.slang.apartment] is still silted up. Also, the tarmac on either side of the grid requires attention (this is a repeat request).
* There has been a landslide at Tan y Fron Lane in Pentredŵr which needs to be looked at urgently.
* Significant sections of the road to Pentredŵr from the A524 are being overgrown by ferns and vegetation, and an already narrow road is becoming dangerously narrow in places.

Concern was expressed at declining rural maintenance e.g. road cleaning, unblocking drains, hedge cutting.

Action: Clerk to notify Denbighshire Customer Services of these issues to be addressed.

**25/ 4371 RESPONSE TO PRESENTATION FROM SEVERN WYE ENERGY AGENCY**

Mark Ellis has yet to respond to the Clerk’s request for a copy of the PowerPoint presentation given at June’s meeting.

Action: Clerk to make request to Mark Ellis again.

 The Council’s response to be included as a matter for the next Agenda.

**25/ 4372COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No issues arising

**25/43723CLERK’S REPORT**

# The Clerk noted that he has begun the course leading to ILCA, and that a bursary had been granted to pay the full £120 cost.

# 25/43734 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk outlined the main points from a newsletter from ‘Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley’in regards to the proposed National Park for North East Wales:

*The next key stage is in mid-July  when National Resources Wales’s findings will be reported to a meeting of its full Board who will decide, in the words of the consultation report,” if a National Park, other designation or no designation at all” is most desirable. If a designation is approved, then a statutory consultation will take place, with a detailed map and supporting evidence shared with the public later this year.*

Action: Agreed that National Park proposal should be an Agenda item.

**25/4374 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

* Community Council vacancy
* Noticeboards
* National Park proposal
* Severn Wye Energy Agency project

**There being no other business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed.**