**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 2nd June 2025**

**AT THE CONQUERING HERO COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT**

Chairman: M. Smith

Councillors: P. Davies, R. Cragg, A. Jones, J. Evans, R. Hughes, J. Pickett, D Walton and the Clerk.

Also present for Q & A presentation from Mark Ellis of Severn Wye Energy Agency: Barri Potter and John Gambles.

**APOLOGIES**

County Cllr. K Edwards

**25/4345 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Clerk presented a draft Register of Members Interests document to be published on the Council’s website.

Action: Clerk to share electronic copy of the draft Register of Members Interests document with Councillors for information prior to publication.

# 25/4346 PRESENTATION / Q&A WITH MARK ELLIS [Severn Wye Energy Agency]

Mark Ellis gave a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of the *Rural Futures Project,* providing support and inspiration for ten rural communities to develop community-led actions focused on reducing energy use and generating clean energy. Communities will identify the challenges they face, establish what people care about, and explore solutions. The SWEA offers training and mentoring to give people the confidence and skills to engage in meetings and action groups, fundraise and manage projects and events. It was stressed that no direct funding was available, but support and expertise would help to identify and attract future funding. Various themes were discussed such as sustainability, energy efficiency of community buildings, transport, habitat restoration & enhancing local environment, youth engagement, and boosting tourism. Wider community engagement is sought. Scope for a range of projects of various scale across the community.

All thanked Mark Ellis for his presentation.

Action: Mark Ellis to send copy of presentation to Clerk who will cascade to Councillors.

Councillors to consider possible initiatives and discuss at next Council meeting on July 7th.

# 25/4347 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

No report was offered.

**25/4348 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr. J. Evans

Seconded by Cllr. R Hughes

**25/4349 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

No matters arising.

# 25/4350 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Accounts for payment.

Membership fee of £93.00 to One Voice Wales.

1. To approve the Monthly Budget.

The Budget was approved as a correct record.

1. Other financial matters.

The Clerk presented the final accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement for the 2024-25 Audit which were approved by the Council.

The Clerk informed that *The Circuit* had messaged by email that the Council’s defibrillator pads were due to be changed from June 23, 2025.

Action: Clerk to forward email messages to Cllr. M. Smith who will inspect the Council’s defibrillators, and report back.

**25/4351 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

# 25/4352 PLANNING MATTERS

Application number: 27/2025/0239/

Erection of a new workshop and proposed alterations and extensions to existing buildings (including the main hall, lodge building, hub building and the gate house) associated with the Bryntysilio Outdoor Activity Centre.

No objections were raised.

**25/4353 CEMETERY**

* Salt bin.

It was agreed to remove the salt bin from the Cemetery.

Proposed by Cllr. M. Smith

Seconded by Cllr. J. Evans

**25/4354 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

* Cattle grid just after Britannia Inn on main road heading towards Horseshoe Pass [3 Words: ///others.slang.apartment] is silted up. Also the tarmac on either side of the grid requires attention.
* Slow Down – Sheep warning signs needed on Horseshoe Pass to protect sheep from passing traffic.
* Very large pothole at 3 Words: ///taskbar.native.names
* Overhanging trees near Chain Bridge [3 Words: ///taskbar.native.names] is obstructing views for passing traffic.

Action: Clerk to contact DCC concerning all issues raised above.

 Clerk to also message Police concerning Council’s concerns about ‘*boy*

 *racers*’ who are active between the cattle grids on the Horseshoe Pass, and

 endangering both themselves and others.

**25/ 4355 BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS REPORT**

The Clerk presented a draft copy of the Council’s 2025 Biodiversity & Ecosystems Report which is due for publication.

Action: Clerk to publish 2025 Biodiversity & Ecosystems Report on the Council’s website.

**25/ 4356 TRAINING PLAN 2025-26**

The Clerk presented a draft copy of the Council’s Training Plan for approval.

Action: Training Plan approved, and Clerk to publish on the Council’s website.

The cost of each training module was discussed (£42 per One Voice Wales module). Council agreed that Cllr. J. Evans can apply, initially, for two training modules. Also agreed that any Councillor who attended a training module should feed back to Council to cascade latest information and share good practice.

**25/ 4357 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillors all wish to thank former Councillor, Steve Evans, following his resignation as Councillor.

The Clerk outlined that he had notified Denbighshire County Council of Cllr. S. Evans’ resignation, as required. The next step is to publish a Councillor Vacancy Notice as the next necessary step.

Action: Clerk to publish a Councillor Vacancy Notice.

**25/4358 CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk asked if Councillors could please pass on a short report, no more than a paragraph in length required, of any events or developments that could be published on the News section of the Council’s website which is in need of updating.

# 25/4359 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk received a request from the Pensions Regulator for the Council to complete a Declaration of Compliance. This task has been completed.

**25/4360 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Response to the presentation of Mark Ellis [ Severn Wye Energy Agency].

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