**LLANTYSILIO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD 3rd March 2025**

**AT THE CONQUERING HERO COMMUNITY CENTRE**

# PRESENT

Chairman: Mrs M. Smith

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

**APOLOGIES**

Cllrs. J. Evans, S. Evans & County Cllr. K. Edwards

**25/4302 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

# 25/4303 COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Refuse collection.

Chaos and confusion over Christmas and the New Year, with over 2000 complaints received. The operatives had staffing issues and struggled to catch up. The issue is due to be discussed at Community Scrutiny.

Further issues for certain households with wagons experiencing difficulty traversing down certain private roads. Some properties have received letters as they are expected to take their refuse out to the end of road / lane. There is also some inconsistency, with collection from some non-adopted roads, but not others.

Potholes.

Concern was expressed at the very poor state of certain roads, with deep potholes, especially the main road through Pentredŵr. It was reported that some patching up of these potholes began today.

Wall at Bryntysilio.

Grave concern expressed about the unsafe, and deteriorating, state of the wall. There has been rubble on the highway, which is of particular concern for motorists after dark. Some debris has been cleared, but it is felt that the wall will deteriorate further, with risk of further rubble on the highway, and collapse.

Horseshoe Pass signage.

The issue was raised about why does it take several days after the Horseshoe Pass has been closed to officially reopen, even though the road has been clear for some time. This issue also extends to the road’s status on Google Maps. This is potentially damaging to local businesses. The Horseshoe Pass has been shown as closed when the old road through Pentredŵr is shown as open. Cllr Karen Edwards said that she would follow up the concerns raised.

**25/4290 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were approved as a correct record.

Proposed by Cllr. R. Hughes.

Seconded by Cllr. Mrs J. Evans.

**25/4291 MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM**

Cllr. Cragg noted that Auditors can not express any increase in Precept as a %, but by figures (reference to an increase of 3 % to be updated on the previous Minutes to an increase of £375).

# 25/4292 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Accounts for payment.

Room hire fees to be paid:

£150 to Cymdeithas Y Cwm for the hire of The Conquering Hero Community Centre

£150 to Pentredŵr Community Council for the hire of the Pentredŵr Community Centre.

1. To approve the Monthly Budget.

The Budget was approved as a correct record.

1. To approve the following:-
2. ILCA Certificate: £120 + VAT. The Clerk noted that there is the possibility of a 50% course re-imbursement in Wales, which he will apply for – Approved.
3. Cemetery Legal Compliance course - £145 + VAT - Approved
4. Review of the annual rent for the garage.

It was agreed to raise the rent for the garage from £300 to £400 pa.

1. Other financial matters.
2. To consider a switch to Online Banking. Clerk to research further, and report back at the next meeting.
3. To purchase a telephone for the Clerk. Clerk to research various options further, such as a dual Sim card, and report back at the next meeting.

**25/4293 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

 An invitation has been extended to the Council to visit Bryntysilio one evening. A date of Thursday, February 13th, at 6.30pm was agreed. Clerk to confirm arrangements.

**25/4294 CEMETERY**

Previous concerns about the size of a new gravestone was discussed; there is a larger gravestone already in situ. Agreed not to pursue this matter, but Sandra Baker to remind undertakers about cemetery rules, which will be strictly enforced going forward. Sandra Baker also to raise issue of unpaid gravestones with undertakers.

The gate is stiff and difficult to open, due to bent railings. Awaiting quote to fix from Harry Edwards. Would an adjustable hinge be beneficial? The gate is insured, but any claim is dependent on the size of the quote, as there would be an excess insurance charge to pay.

The footpath is green from top to bottom; Sandra Baker to contact Chris Morris.

# 25/4295 PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

**25/4296 NATIONAL PARK**

There was no new development or news.

**25/4297 COMMUNITY PROBLEMS**

1. Drains in Yr Efail, Pentredŵr, need cleaning out.
2. The Council to invite Jack Parry from Moorland Management to a forthcoming meeting to discuss plans for the Llantysilio Mountain Moors.

**25/4298 COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**25/4299 CLERK’S REPORT**

The Clerk had nothing further to report.

# 25/4300 CORRESPONDENCE

Relevant emails forwarded to members.

**25/4301 MATTERS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Clerk to update regarding Online Banking.

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