

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDAROG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 2026 General Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Mynyddcerrig Club on 13/5/2026 at 19.00.

1/2026-2027 Present.

Councilors: R Owen (Chair), County Cllr S Hughes, R Jones, J Williams O.B.E, R McFarlane, A Aldridge, C Jones, M Griffiths (Online).

County Cllr S Hughes.

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

2/2026-2027 To elect the Chair for 2026 – 2027.

Cllr J Williams O.B E was proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr R Owen. Cllr J Williams O.B.E was unanimously elected as Chair.

3/2026-2027 To elect Vice Chair for 2026-2027.

Cllr R McFarlane was proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by County Cllr S Hughes. Cllr R McFarlane was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

4/2026-2027 The Chair, Vice-Chair and council members to sign declaration of acceptance.

The Chair, Vice Chair and all council members signed the declaration of acceptance.

5/2026-2027 To receive apologies.

Councilors: County Cllr H Jones, K Waters.

6/2026-2027 To receive declarations of interest.

None.

7/2026-2027 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

8/2026-2027 To receive the retiring Chair's address and report on civic allowance /budget expenditure.

Cllr R Owen welcomed all council members to the AGM and May meeting and stated that it had been an honor and a privilege to Chair Llanddarog Community Council over the past year. Cllr R Owen thanked all council members for their support and assistance during the year and expressed his gratitude to Cllr R Jones and the Clerk for their assistance, hard work and financial management during the year. Cllr R Owen announced the following -

Annual Report

Financial Assistance and Revenue Grants

Llanddarog Village Hall - £650.00

Porthyrhyd Welfare - £650.00

Mynyddcerrig Welfare - £650.00
Llanddarog Village Show - £300.00

Civic Allowance Donations

Llanddarog YFC - £50.00
Community Awards - £101.80
Cymdeithas Cyfeillion Ysgol Llanddarog - £100.00

Section 137 Donations

Mr S A Burgess Trading Standards Presentation - £30.00
Porthyrhyd Welfare - £267.00
Xmas Toybox Appeal - £50.00
Llanddarog YFC - £100.75
Carmarthen & District Youth Opera - £100.75
Royal British Legion - £100.75
Crosshands Public Hall - £100.75

9/2026-2027 To review the Council's policies and confirm cheque signatories on the bank mandate.

The Clerk reported that no updates had been received from One Voice Wales or the SLCC regarding the upcoming policy review and informed the members that no alterations were required. Policies are available on the Llanddarog Community Council website.

The Clerk informed council members that the current signatories on the account were Cllr R Jones, Cllr J Williams O.B.E and himself. Online banking is currently being used.

10/2026-2027 To appoint the council's general standing sub-committee and terms of reference.

It was decided that the sub-committee would consist of the presiding Chair, Vice-Chair and one council member from the relevant parish:

Llanddarog – Cllr T Evans, Cllr R Mc Farlane, Cllr R Jones.

Porthyrhyd – County Cllr H Jones, Cllr J Williams O.B.E, Cllr M Griffiths.

Mynyddcerrig – Cllr R Owen, Cllr K Waters.

Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E.

11/2026-2027 Appointments.

It was **resolved** as follows:

- a) **One Voice Wales Area Committee** – Cllr R Jones and Cllr K Waters (Attendance if required).
- b) **Carmarthenshire County Council's Community and Town Council Liaison Forum** – Cllr R Owen and Cllr R Jones.
- c) **Carmarthenshire County Council's Local Development Plan Forum** – Cllr J Williams O.B.E, Cllr C Jones.
- d) **Torcoed Quarry Forum** – Cllr R Owen and Cllr K Waters.

12/2026-2027 To appoint a community representative on Llanddarog School's governing body.

It was confirmed that Cllr R McFarlane is representative of Llanddarog Community Council on Llanddarog School's Governing Body. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

13/2026-2027 Internal Auditor for accounts 2026-2027.

The Clerk reported that Ms M Isaac would be the Internal Auditor for 2026-2027. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E.

14/2026-2027 Confirmation of the Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer for 2026-2027.

Resolved to confirm the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr J Williams O.B.E.

15/2026-2027 Confirmation of Internal Financial Examiner for 2026-2027.

Resolved to confirm Cllr R Jones. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

16/2026-2027 Chairman Civic allowance/budget sum for 2025-2026.

Resolved that the sum is increased to £1000 (Section 137). Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

Resolved that the sum is £400 (Civic Allowance). Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

17/2026-2027 Date, time and location of meetings.

It was **resolved** that the meetings be held on the second Wednesday of the Month at **19.00pm** (except August). Meetings may be held online due to adverse weather conditions. Meetings will commence in accordance with the table below.

COUNCIL MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2026-2027

June 2026	Llanddarog Village Hall
July 2026	Porthyrhyd Village Hall
September 2026	Mynyddcerrig Club
October 2026	Llanddarog Village Hall
November 2026	Porthyrhyd Village Hall
December 2026	Mynyddcerrig Club
January 2027	Llanddarog Village Hall
February 2027	Porthyrhyd Village Hall
March 2027	Mynyddcerrig Club
April 2027	Llanddarog Village Hall
May 2027 (Including AGM)	Porthyrhyd Village Hall

***Other meetings may be called during the year as required**

Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

18/2026-2027 To consider the co-option of additional members.

None.

19/2026-2027 Training on the code of conduct and arrangements for any payments to the Members.

a. The Clerk explained that all Council members were required to attend a Code of Conduct training course every 5 years. It was **resolved** for the Clerk to obtain information from Carmarthenshire County Council and One Voice Wales regarding the course and report to council members in due course. The Clerk obtains confirmation from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding which members required training.

b. It was **resolved** that any payments of £156.00 be made to Members in PAYE tax period 12 of this financial year. If a member leaves the Council before the payroll data is sent to the agent for period 12, then they will not receive the payment. The Clerk asked council members to confirm their position in writing by signing the members' allowance document provided as to whether they are claiming the £156.00. **Resolved** - All council members present completed the members' allowance form and returned to the Clerk.

The Clerk informed council members that an Officers Code of Conduct document had been received and that he would forward to all members in due course. **Resolved** to note.

20/2026-2027 To note council members attendance.

The Clerk reported the following.

Name	No of Meetings	Meetings Attended	Attendance %	Declaration of Interest
Cllr R Jones	12	8	67	1
Cllr C Jones	12	8	67	1
County Cllr H Jones	12	8	67	0
Cllr J Williams O.B.E.	12	9	77	1
County Cllr S Hughes	12	11	92	0
Cllr R Owen	12	12	100	0
Cllr T Evans	12	2	17	0
Cllr K Waters	12	5	42	0
Cllr R McFarlane	12	6	50	0
Cllr M Griffiths	12	7	58	2
Cllr A Aldridge	12	7	58	0
M Rees (Retired AGM)	12	1	8	0

21/2026-2027 The meeting finished at 19.46.

Chairman

Date

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANDDAROG COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the May 2026 Meeting of Llanddarog Community Council held at Mynyddcerrig Club on 13/5/2026 at 19.00 (Following the General Meeting).

22/2026-2027 Present.

Councillors: J Williams O.B.E (Chair), County Cllr S Hughes, R Jones, R Owen, R McFarlane, A Aldridge, C Jones, M Griffiths (Online).

County Cllr S Hughes.

Clerk.

Translator: H Mainwaring.

23/2026-2027 To receive apologies.

Councillors: County Cllr H Jones, K Waters.

24/2026-2027 To receive declarations of interest.

Cllr R Jones - **36/2026-2027** To confirm annual revenue grant to Porthyrhyd Village Hall.

Cllr M Griffiths – **35/2026-2027** To confirm annual revenue grant to Llanddarog Village Hall.

Cllr M Griffiths - **38/2026-2027** To confirm annual sponsorship to Llanddarog Show.

25/2026-2027 Opportunity for the public to address the Council on agenda items.

None.

26/2026-2027 County Council matters - County Cllr S Hughes.

A meeting was held with Ann Davies MP and Welsh Water on the 23/04/2026 to discuss the ongoing flooding issues in the Llanddarog Ward. Craig Jones and I will update members at the next community council meeting.

Following my concerns regarding speeding in the Ward, the Council are looking at the options and has also confirmed that they have now received the traffic data from the placements in February and will arrange to discuss this matter with GoSafe in the coming weeks. As soon as they have met and agreed what actions are/are not feasible- they will provide us with an update.

I am continuing to help and support local people with their queries and concerns, most of which are of a confidential nature.

27/2026-2027 Chairman's Report.

The Chair expressed his appreciation for being elected as Chair of Llanddarog Community Council for 2026-2027 and that it was an honor to represent the community. The Chair thanked Cllr R Owen for his service over the past year and thanked all council members for their support. The Chair also thanked County Cllr S Hughes for his diligent work and expressed his gratitude to Cllr R Jones and the Clerk for their continued efforts.

28/2026-2027 Confirmation and signing of the Minutes of the Council Meeting 08/04/2026.

It was **resolved** to confirm the minutes for 08/04/2026. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

29/2026-2027 Matters arising from the above minutes.

The Clerk informed council members that all matters had been resolved and if correspondence had been received, a copy of the Email had been sent to each member for information.

None.

30/2026-2027 To note correspondence or to list for consideration at a forthcoming council meeting.

(All relevant correspondence is emailed to council members at the time of receipt and only brought before the meeting if necessary or specifically requested by members or the Clerk).

An email was received on 17/04/2026 asking if the community council wanted to hold a Community Service in Llandddarog Church. Cllr J Williams O.B.E stated that he would respond to the Clerk with available dates. **Resolved** to note.

An email was received on 20/04/2026 asking for the grass verge to be cut outside Erw-wen, Llanddarog as the owner is now in a care home. The Clerk had obtained a quotation of £80.00 per cut from Dynefor Tree Services. Cllr J Williams O.B.E asked the Clerk to negotiate the price as it was deemed too expensive. In the meantime Cllr J Williams stated that he would resolve the matter until another quotation was received and asked the Clerk to confirm the ownership of the grass verge. **Resolved** for the Clerk to investigate.

31/2026-2027 Planning.

ENF/02680 - Unauthorised works on land. The land appears to have been partitioned by a wooden fence and gate. The side entrance has been made into hard standing and contains various building material including containers of liquid of some sort and also the far side of the fence looks as if a track is being created (possibly a motorcycle track) - Land near Lanfach, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8HP

The following response was received on 23/04/2026 – “After the Enforcement Warning Notice was served, the owner intends to submit a planning application to regularize the creation of the Hard standing adjacent to the entrance. This should be submitted by the end of the week. Further updates will be provided in due course should there be any material change in the situation”. **Resolved** to note.

No objections to the below planning applications. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr R McFarlane.

PL/10733 - Non-Material Amendment to PL/09815 (Layout of Street Lighting Scheme) - Land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT.

PL/10781 - Non-Material Amendment to PL/02515 (Amendment to Plan) - Maes y Mwnws, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PS.

PL/10730 - Installation of freestanding Air Source Heat Pumps Units within Domestic Curtilages as part of the Construction of 42no. Dwellinghouses & Apartments (granted Planning Permission under reference PL/06638) - Land part of Wern Fraith Farm, Porthyrhyd, Carmarthen, SA32 8PT.

32/2026-2027 Payments.

The below payments were certified in the April monthly meeting and **ratified** in the May monthly meeting. Copies of invoices sent to all members electronically prior to payment for authorization. Proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones.

Method of Payment	Date	Suppliers & Details	Sum £ inc VAT
Online	17/04/2026	Barclays Service Charge	4.25
Online	30/04/2026	P D Flagpole – 23/04/2026	100.00
Online	30/04/2026	HMRC PAYE – Period 1	105.20
Online	30/04/2026	J.G Evans – April Payroll	400.59
Online	30/04/2026	Dynefor Tree Services – 09/04/2026	350.00
Online	30/04/2026	Dynefor Tree Services – 30/04/2026	265.00

33/2026-2027 Receipts.

Carmarthenshire County Council – Precept 1.
29/04/2026 - £5919.21.

Cllr M Griffiths left the meeting for the next agenda item

34/2026-2027 To confirm annual revenue grant to Llanddarog Village Hall.

An annual revenue grant of £700.00 was proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones. All agreed.

Cllr M Griffiths rejoined the meeting.

Cllr R Jones left the meeting for the next agenda item.

35/2026-2027 To confirm annual revenue grant to Porthyrhyd Village Hall.

An annual revenue grant of £700.00 was proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Owen. All agreed.

Cllr R Jones rejoined the meeting.

36/2026-2027 To confirm annual revenue grant to Mynyddcerrig Welfare.

An annual revenue grant of £700.00 was proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones. All agreed.

Cllr M Griffiths left the meeting for the next agenda item.

37/2026-2027 To confirm annual sponsorship to Llanddarog Show.

An annual revenue grant of £300.00 was proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones. All agreed.

Cllr M Griffiths rejoined the meeting.

38/2026-2027 To confirm renewal of Community Council Insurance Policy.

The community council's insurance policy had increased this year as the 3-year fixed term policy had come to an end. The Clerk was instructed to obtain 3 quotations for comparison.

Zurich - £622.24 3-year fixed term policy

Clear Insurance - £1284.89 3-year fixed term policy

BHIB - £1316.90 1-year.

It was proposed by Cllr J Williams O.B.E and seconded by Cllr R Jones to renew the 3-year policy with Zurich Insurance at the sum of £622.24. **Resolved** for the Clerk to arrange payment.

Ms H Mainwaring left the meeting.

39/2026-2027 To discuss translation services provider for 2026-2027.

Cllr R Jones and Cllr A Aldridge suggested that Ms Helen Mainwaring remain as translator for 2026 – 2027. All council members agreed. **Resolved** to note.

Ms H Mainwaring returned to the meeting.

40/2026-2027 To receive update on Porthyrhyd Memorial Stone.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E confirmed that there were 17 names of fallen soldiers on the list. He reported that 3 names were currently from Mynyddcerrig, 1 from Ammanford and 1 from another area. He asked if council members wanted them included. Cllr R Jones stated that he did not want them included.

Cllr J Williams O.B.E and County Cllr S Hughes to meet with Jones Henllan regarding the completion of the memorial stone.

41/2025-2026 Forum in order for Members to raise reports / questions through the Chairman.

Cllr M Griffiths raised concerns regarding the ongoing work on the A48 dual carriage way and that a definitive plan was required due to the closure of junctions and central reservations forcing vehicles to travel via Porthyrhyd. He asked the Clerk to contact Carmarthenshire County Council and SWTRA to obtain information regarding the ongoing work. The Clerk to place on the agenda for the June meeting on 10/06/2026.

42/2026-2027 In camera 20.36.

Those who were not Community Council members or the Clerk departed the meeting – not to return. The exclusion is due to personnel / staffing matters being discussed.

43/2026-2027 Staff pay run May 2026.

The Clerk reported the payroll amounts verbally to all council members. It was **resolved** to accept the report and ratify the payment of the sums as presented. Proposed by Cllr R Jones and seconded by Cllr R Owen.

44/2026-2027 The meeting finished at 21.10.

Chairman

Date
