

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANRUG COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2025, VIA ZOOM AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Councillors Rhys Parry (Chair), Avril Jones (Vice-chair), Cemlyn Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Philip Roberts, Colin Swatridge, Ann Lawton, Beca Brown, Cemlyn Jones, Richard Robinson, Hefin Jones

APOLOGIES: Councillor Alan Pritchard

Also Present: Lowri Gwyn (Translator), Catrin Wager (Partneriaeth Dyffryn Peris for item 1506 only)

CLERK: Meirion Jones

1501. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1502. Apologies

Apologies received as noted above.

1503. Declarations of personal interest

These to be recorded as appropriate.

1504. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2025

The minutes of the meeting were confirmed as correct and signed by the Chair.

1505. Any matter arising from the minutes

None – matters on tonight's agenda.

1506. To receive an update by Catrin Wager (Partneriaeth Dyffryn Peris Development Officer) on the progress of the partnership

The Chair welcomed Ms Catrin Wager to the meeting. Reported as follows.

She thanked the members for the opportunity to meet with the council and said that she was grateful for the opportunity to undertake with this exiting post! I am keen to meet and work together with as many people as I can. A month into the role now, and the first two weeks were quiet as it was the summer holidays and many people on leave – however the following two weeks has more than made up for any quiet periods!

The priority is to establish a **legal entity**. A Community Benefit Society was the favoured model in discussions before I commenced in the role, and I have been preparing the paperwork for that purpose.

An application (successful) has been submitted to Cwmpas to fund the registration of the entity, and an application has been submitted to Co-Ops Uk for business support. The steering group will meet on 2nd October; it is hoped to progress with the registration; this should take circa 15 days.

Additionally, I have been supporting Menter Fachwen to take possession of the former **Cwm y Glo School** from Gwynedd Council. I have amended an old business plan and updated it to establish a project that seems to align with funders priorities at present. I am aware that this is a key issue for the community and therefore, hopefully it will be progressed asap.

I have also been in discussions with **Ynni Padarn Peris**. They are keen to develop a project like 'Heludro' in the Ogwen Valley, where Ynni Ogwen funds the siting of solar panels on community buildings. I will be supporting by identifying suitable buildings, and I am keen to hear from any institution which has a building which would benefit from energy efficiency/generating electricity.

To close, I would like to note that this is a community project, and I am keen to collaborate with the council, councillors and any groups, or community projects. I am keen to support any community work or project, and it is hoped that I can be an operational resource to support all the wonderful work that is on going in the area.

Resolved:

- a) To receive and express thanks for the update.
 - b) Councillor Hefin Jones from Llanrug Community Council was elected on the steering group.
- 1507. To receive a joint report by Councillors Beca Brown and Berwyn Parry Jones, the members for Llanrug and Cwm y Glo on Gwynedd Council**
- 1508. To receive a report by the chair of the Cemetery Committee (Councillor Philip Roberts)**

Reported as follows by Councillor Philip Roberts, Chair of the Cemetery Committee:

A meeting of the Cemetery Sub-committee was held on-line on 26.8.25. Resolved to prepare a statement on artificial flowers and similar in the cemetery to undertake a public consultation on the matter. The statement will appear on the Council's website and on the Council's Facebook page. Resolved to also consult with the ICCM regarding the qualifications of a grave digger.

Expenditure issues and resolved: to order new signs, paint and prepare a disabled parking space, and spend on the paths at the new space to plan for the next financial year.

Also:

The annual risk assessment which had been postponed due to the weather has been re-arranged for 22.9.25.

Stakes behind some gravestones need attention.

On Thursday night 9.9.25 members of the sub-committee and the clerk met with Reverend Namoi Starkey, Leader of Bro Eryri Ministry to discuss the future of the building and cemetery of St Michaels church. Resolved to hold another meeting soon.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report.

1509. To receive a report by the Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the committee that they had met on 15th September. The following matters were discussed:

- Signs with the rules and safety issues for the playing fields have been ordered.
- Rota arranged to inspect the Gym
- More lights have been ordered for the Llanrug and Cwm y Glo Christmas trees; coloured lights have been ordered.
- Youth Club will design a poster advertising the Christmas competition.
- Defibrillator training dates have been confirmed as 9th December at 2:00pm and 10th December 2025 at 6:30pm; both training sessions will be held at the Institute.
- The Youth Club has re-opened, and a meeting was held with the Chair of the Council, Vice-chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee, the Clerk, and the Service Manager to discuss what had worked well last year and how to improve. These meetings are held every year or as required. Noted that the council is in contact with all members of staff, not one individual and arrangements are in the pipeline to collaborate more closely with the club. Noted that all members of the council are welcome to call by to see what is going on at the club.
- Trees that are encroaching on council land at Cwm y Glo to the highway and the trees identified as diseased have been cut back.
- Discussed that persons had been seen taking logs from the site; resolved not to do anything at present but to keep an eye on the situation.
- Defer discussion on allotments.

Resolved: To receive and express thanks for the report

1510. To receive a report by the chair of the Finance and Resources Committee (Councillor Avril Jones)

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the committee that they had met on 2nd September 2025. The following matters were discussed.

- That Councillors Ann Lawton and Rhys Parry are still looking at the contents of our website.

- Received the report of the internal auditor for 2024/2025 and nothing had been found that required the attention of the council and the auditor was happy with the financial arrangements.
- Still waiting for the external auditors
- The budget was reviewed but resolved not to amend at present.

1511. Planning Applications – for more details of the applications, follow the link below to search for the application using ‘Reference Number’.
<https://amg.gwynedd.llyw.cymru/planning/index.html?fa=search>

- a) **Reference Number:** C25/0126/23/CR
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Proposal: Convert outbuilding into annexe and install solar slates on roof
Applicant: Mrs Berta Rosen
Address: 3, Plas Pant Afon, Ceunant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4RA
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Parish / Community: Llanrug

Resolved: No objections but to impose a condition to ensure that the property is not transferred to non-residential use but fully furnished and to adhere to the conditions outlined.

- b) **Reference Number:** C25/0514/23/DT
Application Type: Householder Planning
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage and erection of extension to existing property.
Applicant: Miss Leah Cheeseman
Agent: Alan Owen (A.L.I Building Design Ltd)
Address: Tan Hafodlas, Ceunant, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 4RY
Grid Reference: 253428.9999999999, 361852.00000000047
Ward: Cwm y Glo
Parish / Community: Llanrug

Resolved: Support the application

The meeting closed at 20:00

Signed:

Chair:

Date: