

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANURG COMMUNITY COUNCIL, HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2026, AT 7:00PM.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Rhys Parry (Chair), Avril Jones, Cemlyn Jones, Richard Robinson, Colin Swatridge, Gwynedd Williams, Philip Roberts, Hefin Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Beca Brown.

**APOLOIGES:** Councillor Ann Lawton

**TRANSLATOR:** Ann Llwyd, Lingo Cyf

**CLERK:** Meirion Jones

**1558. Welcome by the Chair**

The Chair extended a warm welcome to all. He paid tribute to the late Councillor Alan Pritchard who passed away last week. His contribution to this council and Cwm y Glo area was acknowledged.

**1559. Apoloiges.**

Apologies received as noted above,

**1560. Declarations of personal interest.**

These to be recorded as appropriate.

Item 1568 – the below have declared a prejudicial personal interest. They left the meeting and did not take part in the discussion or decision

Councillor Rhys Parry (Chair)  
Councillor Avril Jones (Vice-chair)  
Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones (Senior Role)  
Councillor Philip Roberts (Senior Role)

**1561. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2026**

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

**1562. Any matters arising from the minutes**

None

**1563. To consider a request to relocate the salt bin by Parciau Gleision (Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones)**

Reported by Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones that he had received a request to relocate the salt bin. He explained that Gwynedd Council would not provide new salt bins if the community council asked, but it is possible to relocate these.

Reported that a request has been received to relocate the salt bin and to locate the salt bin between Paricau Gleision and Mur Moch. It was further reported that relocating the salt bin would serve more houses.

**Resolved:** Agreed to contact Gwynedd Council to ask for the relocation of the salt bin as per request

**1564. To establish arrangements to undertake a survey of the salt bins (Councillor Berwyn Parry Jones)**

Reported that this is an opportunity to check and ensure that the current salt bins are in the most suitable locations.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to share a list of salt bins and members to check that they are located in the most suitable locations and to also check their condition,

**1565. To receive an update by the Leisure and Amenities Committee (Councillor Avril Jones)**

Reported by Councillor Avril Jones, Chair of the Committee that the committee had not met but work is ongoing as follows:

- New signs have been ordered for Llanrug and Cwm y Glo. However, no timetable of when they will be erected cannot be given because they are bulk ordered by Gwynedd Council.
- A meeting has taken place with a company called Blachere regarding Christmas lights – a meeting with another company will take place to enquire about prices and suggestions. Received a list of suitable poles by Gwynedd Council.
- Contacted a digital company and they have suggested not to continue with a digital map because there are plenty of similar apps around
- Price to renew the bus shelter at Cwm y Glo has been received – waiting for work to commence.
- Cutting public footpaths – noted that the cost to the council for 2025/26 is £2,365. A repayment of only £368 is received by Gwynedd Council. The clerk will try and arrange a meeting with the officer to discuss this, No date has been decided yet,

**Resolved:** To receive and express thanks for the report

**1566. To receive an update by the Cemetery Committee (Councillor Philip Roberts)**

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

Road to the Church and Cemetery: following complaints shared by the Community Council with Gwynedd Ciouncil, they have declared that work is being planned for the road,

After receiving an unusual complaint that soil had been left on a nearby grave during the preparations for a funeral, the sub-committee at its next meeting will consider the rules as follows: "When digging a grave, the soil should not be placed near other graves, but carried to a place which is out of the way"

Record of looking into the Cemetery in January on the Council's website : 204 (research) - data 99. Map 105 Number of unique surveys : 10.

A site visit to the cemetery will be held during March to check that undertakers, stonemasons and others comply with the recording of maintenance work on memorials.

**Resolved:** To receive and express thanks for the report

- 1567. 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>

None

**1568. Allowances for senior roles within the council (Clerk)**

For this item, Councilor Cemlyn Jones took the Chair

Following a report by the Clerk on discretionary allowances for council members.

At present the council allowances are as follows

Council member	£156
Equipment, office materials	£ 52
Care allowance (budget)	£500

The above payments are mandatory and the council has to pay these (unless a Member confirms in writing that they do not wish to receive the allowance)

In addition to these there are discretionary allowances by the council, to pay the following and these allowances are payable considering the additional work and responsibility of these roles

Chair allowance	£104
Vice-chair allowance	£ 52
Senior member allowance	£52
Attendance allowance	None
Financial loss allowance	None
Travel and Subsistence – As per the rates of Local Authorities	

The Panel (which has now been dissolved and responsibilities are being transferred to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru) has not raised the mandatory allowances. It provides a guide on the discretionary payments. Its interesting that the panel hasn't raised the mandatory allowances but places a greater emphasis on the discretionary payments. These allows the council to acknowledge the additional work of members and reflects how busy and active the council has been, For Llanrug Council which has between 1,000 and 4,999 electors it is as follows

Senior role – no specific sum  
Chair Allowance – up to £1,500  
Vice-chair allowance – up to £500  
Attendance allowance – Discretionary  
Financial loss – Discretionary  
Travel and Subsistence – Discretionary

On the basis of the present payment figures the current total cost to the council for 2025 / 2026 is as follows

Council member allowance	£1898.00
Equipment allowance	£633.00
Chair allowance	£104.00
Vice-chair allowance	£ 52.00
Senior Role 5 x £52	£260.00
Total	£2947.00

This is out of a budget earmarked for 2025/26 of £3200 which means an underspend of £253.00. It must be remembered that there was one vacant seat and two seats were taken during the year.

Based on these figures, it is recommended to continue with no attendance and financial loss allowance and to look at payments to the Chair, Vice-chair and Senior Role.

These payments should reflect all the additional work undertaken by these roles therefore I suggest the following for 2025/2026 and to re-visit in 2026/2027

Raise the Chair allowance from	£104 to £200
Raise the allowance of the Vice-chair from	£52 to £100
Raise the Senior Role allowance from	£52 to £75

This would reflect the increase in the cost for 2025/2026 from £2947 to £3,206.

Its also important that personal circumstances does not come into the equation, and to consider it as a matter of compensating somebody who would be unwilling to undertake one of these roles due to financial pressures in the future. As individuals, each member can choose to refuse the payment.

**Resolved:** To receive and express thanks for the report. All were unanimous in favour of the change and valued all the work being done by members in these roles.

The meeting closed at 19:55

Signed:

Chair:

Date: