

Cyngor Cymuned Trefriw Community Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th November 2025

Present: Cllr Kim Ellis (Chair), Cllr Idris Bowen, Cllr Bronwyn Griffith and Cllr Jackie Jewett

In attendance: Vikki Teasdale (Clerk/RFO), C. Cllr Liz Roberts

Members of the Public – One

On behalf of Fred Dillien, who led the Remembrance Day service but was unable to attend the meeting, the Chair thanked Cllr Bowen for their help with the arrangements both leading up to and on the day of the service with Cllr Bowen confirming that they would be happy to provide similar support in the future

	<u>Agenda Item/Discussion - Eitem Agenda/Trafodaeth</u>	<u>Action/Resolution/Update/Acknowledgement</u> <u>Mae prif benderfyniadau'r Cyngor hefyd yn cael eu rhoi yn Gymraeg</u>
128.	To confirm that a Quorum of elected members is present / I gadarnhau bod cworwm o aelodau etholedig yn bresennol	RESOLUTION A quorum was confirmed by the Chair PENDERFYNIAD Cadarnhawyd cworwm gan y cadeirydd
129.	Apologies/Ymddiheuriadau LG Act 1972 Sch 12 par 20 To accept apologies and consider approving reasons for absence/Derbyn ymddiheuriadau ac ystyried cymeradwyo rhesymau dros absenoldeb	RESOLUTION Council resolved to receive and accept apologies from Cllr Jasmine Kelly PENDERFYNIAD Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau gan Cyng. Jasmine Kelly
130.	Declarations of Interest/Datgan Buddiannau LG Act 2000 s50 Local Authorities (Wales) Order 2008/788 To disclose personal and financial interest in items of business listed below / Datgan diddordeb personol ac ariannol yn y materion wedi eu rhestru isod	Cllr Bowen declared an interest in agenda item number 134 by reason of being a trustee of the Children's Playing Field, Trefriw trust. The Clerk noted the disclosure with the interest being confirmed as non-prejudicial
131.	Minutes/Cofnodion LGA 1972, Sch 12 par 41(1) To receive, approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14 th October 2025	RESOLUTION Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th October 2025 be accepted and signed by the Chair as a true record PENDERFYNIAD Derbyniwyd cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd Hydref 14eg, 2025 fel cofnod cywir
132.	Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960	No recommendation received for the exclusion of the press or public during any agenda items
133.	Chair's Announcements/Cyhoeddiadau'r Gadeirydd	None

134.	<p>Reinstatement of the Basket Swing, Gower Road Play Park Cllr Bowen confirmed that the fitting of the replacement parts had been agreed for 1st December which would coincide with the play inspector's site visit to issue the required safety certification</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u> Agenda item for December</p>
<p>135. 135.1</p> <p>135.2</p> <p>135.3</p> <p>135.4</p>	<p>Finance / Cyllid Council to acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of the financial transactions, and supporting invoices, as either previously made or to be made and formally detailed within Appendix 1. The Clerk referred to the differing payments to OVO Energy advising that the monthly amount to be paid by direct debit had been increased by the energy provider to cover the anticipated usage.</p> <p>Council to discuss and question as required all financial transactions as detailed within Appendix 1. Council moved to vote, and it was unanimously agreed that all transactions within Appendix 1 be deemed as approved with the Clerk authorised to make the outstanding payments.</p> <p>Council to acknowledge scrutiny and acceptance of the previously circulated statement and corresponding reconciliation for the HSBC Charitable Account for October 2025 – the Chair invited members to raise any questions on the documents</p> <p>The Chair referred members to the draft budget that had been prepared, Appendix 1.1, inviting members to scrutinise and question as appropriate. The Clerk highlighted that the budget was still very much in draft stage and would be amended as further information became available - a final version would be presented for Council's consideration at the January meeting</p>	<p>No objections or concerns were made in respect of the contents or the update from the Clerk regarding Appendix 1 and the document was accepted</p> <p><u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved to approve and authorise all transactions as reported by the Clerk within Appendix 1 <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Cymeradwywyd ac awdurdodwyd yr holl drafodion a manylwyd gan y Clerc yn Atodiad 1</p> <p><u>RESOLUTION</u> Council accepted the documents as previously circulated, and no observations or concerns were raised. <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Derbyniwyd y dogfennau a ddosbarthwyd yn flaenorol ac ni chodwyd unrhyw sylwadau na phryderon</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Clerk to continue to refine the 2026/27 Budget <u>ACTION</u> Agenda item for December</p>
136. 136.1	<p>Correspondence / Gohebiaeth - October / November 2025 – Items of correspondence for information distributed throughout the month as recorded in Appendix 2 as required to be noted. The Chair invited members to raise any observations or concerns regarding any items of correspondence as referred to in Appendix 2</p> <p>Members discussed a resident's concerns about power outages and difficulties reaching emergency services following the transition to digital phones. Current issues with poor or non-existent mobile signals were noted, that would be compounded after the switch, impacting communication and access to vital weather warnings. C. Cllr Roberts highlighted similar problems across the Conwy Valley confirming that they would contact MP Claire Hughes on the council's behalf, also offering to speak directly with the resident</p>	<p><u>RESOLUTION</u> Council raised no observations or concerns, and Appendix 2 was accepted <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Ni chodwyd unrhyw sylwadau na phryderon a derbyniwyd Atodiad 2</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Clerk to formally respond to the resident to advise that C. Cllr Roberts would be escalating the issue with the MP for Bangor Aberconwy</p>

136.2	Members revisited the review of the 20mph speed limit for the northern section of the village, which CCBC was conducting again due to administrative issues. Members unanimously reaffirmed that a 20mph speed limit is appropriate for the area	<p><u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved that the speed limit for the B5106, northern section, should remain at 20mph</p> <p><u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Penderfynwyd y dylai'r terfyn cyflymder priodol ar gyfer rhan ogleddol y ffordd B5106 yn Nhrefriw aros yn 20mya</p>
137. 137.1 137.2	<p>Planning Applications / Ceisiadau Cynllunio Council to consider any applications received from Conwy County Borough Council or Eryri National Park Authority as either detailed below or circulated by the Clerk prior to the date of this meeting</p> <p>Application Number: NP4/32/78E Applicant: National Resources Wales (NRW) Proposal: Stationing of mobile catering van within car park Location: Llyn Geirionydd, Llanrhychwyn LL27 0YZ Members reviewed the application and reached a unanimous decision to submit an objection, noting that the proposal appeared to extend beyond NRW's remit for safeguarding the natural environment. They further highlighted existing issues regarding limited access that already resulted in traffic congestion, inadequate parking provision which would be even more limited under the proposal, overcrowding, and littering all of which it was considered would be aggravated by introducing a catering van. Additionally, members expressed concern about the potential economic impact on local businesses resulting from such an enterprise</p> <p>Application Number: NP4/32/343B Applicant: National Resources Wales (NRW) Proposal: Stationing of mobile catering van within car park Location: Saw Bench Car Park, Gwydir, Llanrwst LL27 0YZ Members reviewed the application and reached a unanimous decision to submit an objection, noting that the proposal appeared to extend beyond NRW's remit for safeguarding the natural environment. They further highlighted access issues, traffic congestion, and littering all of which would further impact the area by the introduction of a catering van. Concern was expressed as to the potential economic impact on local businesses resulting from such an enterprise In addition to lodging both objections, C. Cllr Roberts confirmed that they would request a meeting with the Llyn Crafnant/Geirionydd multi-agency stakeholder group and speak with C. Cllr Nia Owen, who sits on the Eryri Planning Committee, to raise awareness of the planning applications and negative impact</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u> Standing Agenda Item</p> <p><u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved to lodge an objection to planning application NP4/32/78E <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Y Cyngor i gyflwyno gwrthwynebiad i gais cynllunio NP4/32/78E</p> <p><u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved to lodge an objection to planning application NP4/32/343B <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Y Cyngor i gyflwyno gwrthwynebiad i gais cynllunio NP4/32/343B</p>

<p>138.</p>	<p>County Councillor Report / Adroddiad-y-Cynghorydd Sir A brief report by C. Cllr. Roberts on matters of importance and interest to the communities of Trefriw and Llanrhychwyn <u>Community First Responder:</u> Members discussed whether there are any first responders in the village. While there are six defibrillators across the two wards, a register of first responders would be beneficial. No dedicated first responders were identified, but several medically trained professionals live locally. C. Cllr Roberts and Cllr Griffith agreed to explore how such an initiative could work before seeking volunteers <u>Bro Geirionydd Play Park Remedial Work:</u> There was still no update on when the work was due to take place</p>	
<p>139. 139.1 139.1.1 139.1.2 139.1.3 139.2 139.3</p>	<p>Working Group Updates to Council / Diweddariadau'r Gweithgorau i'r Cyngor <u>Village Hall Working Group (VHWG)</u> OVO Energy payments: An update on the increased monthly payment had already been provided at item no.135.1 Replacement portable heaters: The Chair referred members to Appendix 3 recommending that new portable heaters be obtained given the age and condition of the current ones. The recommendation was approved with the Clerk authorised to purchase two Wessex 2kW Space Heaters from Toolstation as suitable replacements Efficiency Improvements: Cllr Bowen reported that a meeting with the conservation builder had taken place. The roof inspection found no major water ingress but recommended replacing the edging slates on the western side as an interim measure. Cllr Bowen will obtain an estimate for Council's further consideration. The local architect is still preparing preliminary drawings for proposed improvements <u>Cemetery Working Group (CWG)</u> Use of extension field: Members were directed to Appendix 4 and asked to approve the £50 cost for custom printed plans so pupils can draw their designs to scale <u>Services at Risk/Asset Transfer Group</u> Gower Road Toilets: Cllr Ellis confirmed that a meeting had taken place with CCBC Cllr Mike Priestley and C. Cllr Roberts both confirming support for the placing of a Portaloo on Gower Road, as one option under consideration, although consent would need to be given by the Highways Department. Having made further enquiries with the hire company, Council would be required to insure the unit.</p>	<p><u>ACTION</u> Standing Agenda Item</p> <p><u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved to agree the acquisition of two Wessex 2kW Space Heaters authorising the Clerk to purchase the same <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Cytunwyd i brynu dau Wresogydd Gofod Wessex 2kW, ac awdurdodwyd y Clerc i wneud hynny</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Agenda Item for December</p> <p><u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved to agree the CWG's request approving the expenditure to obtain scaled plans <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Cytunwyd ar gais Gweithgor y Fynwent i gymeradwyo'r gwariant i gael cynlluniau graddfaol.</p> <p><u>ACTION</u> Agenda item for December</p>

	CCBC's 2026/27 revenue request for the toilet block was still awaited. As key information remained outstanding, no way forward could be reached, however, it was agreed that as Council had engaged with residents several times on the future of the toilets, once all information was available members would make the final decision based on the engagement carried out to date	
140. 140.1	Health and Safety / Iechyd a Diogelwch As per the Agenda, it was agreed that Council would only receive verbal updates from members where issues needed to be highlighted and/or discussed	<u>ACTION</u> Standing Agenda item None identified
140.2	Public Bench, near B5106 north bus stop: Cllr Bowen advised that due to other commitments they had not been able to progress the proposal to refurbish / move the bench to the cemetery – it was agreed to defer the action to the December meeting	<u>ACTION</u> Cllr Bowen to assess the practicalities of refurbishing and relocating the bench to the cemetery (Agenda Item for December)
140.3	<u>Other updates</u> Gower Road Trees: The Clerk advised that a second quote to fell the identified trees had been obtained, however, the quote confirmed at the October meeting remained more competitive and would enable Council to sell the felled timber. On this basis, the Clerk and two councillors had agreed to instruct Edwards Woodland Services Limited, with the felling work taking place on 12 th /13 th November Storm Drain Obstruction: The Clerk confirmed that they had written to CCBC regarding the removal of the foliage but awaited a response	
141.	Village Improvements / Gwelliannau Pentrefol Members did not identify any remedial actions or improvements	<u>ACTION</u> Standing Agenda item
142.	Councillor/Clerk Training /Hyfforddiant Cynghorwyr/Y Clerc It was confirmed that no training had been completed since the last meeting	<u>ACTION</u> Standing Agenda Item
143. 143.1	External Meetings/Webinars / Cyfarfodydd Allanol/Weminarau <u>Attended:</u> CCBC's Town and Community Council Forum on 15th October attended by the Chair and Clerk OVW/KWT Local Environmental Quality Webinar on 5th November attend by Cllr Kelly with a written overview previously circulated	<u>ACTION</u> Standing Agenda Item
143.2	<u>Upcoming:</u> Cllr Bowen to attend CCBC's Panel Performance Assessment on 4 th December	
144. 144.1 144.2	Community Engagement Recent community engagement: None Council noted the next Community Coffee Morning Council (incorporating Meet your Councillor) had been moved to 18 th	

	December as the community Christmas lunch would now be held in the village hall on 11 th December	
145.	B5106 Flood Alleviation Works The Clerk referred members to the communication just received from CCBC that confirmed the location of the proposed road raising works being that as shown in the photograph depicting the flooding at the public engagement event. The communication also advised of further third-party delays, with the revised start date of January likely to be pushed back again. Members discussed residents' continued objections to the scheme, citing the extreme inconvenience it would create and the financial impact on local businesses. C. Cllr Roberts suggested that a further face to face meeting take place between CCBC and the Community Council to again voice these valid concerns	<u>ACTION</u> Council to seek a further meeting with CCBC to voice residents' objections to the proposed road raising scheme with C. Cllr Roberts to liaise and agree the meeting <u>ACTION</u> Agenda item for December
146.	Governance – Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1: Section 6 Council approved the draft Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025, provided an additional paragraph is included that mentions the Council's efforts to encourage installing swift boxes	<u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved to adopt the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Report 2025 subject to an additional paragraph being included noting Council's efforts to encourage the installation of swift boxes <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Penderfynwyd mabwysiadu Adroddiad Dyletswydd Bioamrywiaeth a Chydnherthedd Ecosystemau 2025 yn amodol ar gynnwys paragraff ychwanegol yn nodi ymdrechion y Cyngor i annog gosodiad blychau nythu i Wenoliaid Duon.
147.	Review of Fee Scales The Chair requested the Clerk's input on fee scales, Appendix 6. The Clerk recommended a slight increase in the Village Hall non-residents party booking fee for additional hours, currently £5 per hour, being the same charge as for residents. Members agreed to double this fee to £10 from 1st April 2026. Cemetery fees were considered appropriate and will remain unchanged.	<u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved to accept the Clerk's recommendation to increase the Village Hall party booking fee for non-residents, effective from 1 st April 2026. The Cemetery fees would remain unchanged <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Penderfynwyd derbyn argymhelliad y Clerc i gynyddu costau archebu Neuadd y Pentref ar gyfer partion, yn unig i rhai nad ydynt yn breswylwyr, yn weithredol o 1af Ebrill 2026. Ni fydd ffioedd y fynwent yn codi.
148.	Next Month's Agenda The following additional items were proposed and accepted for Council's next meeting: None	<u>ACTION</u> Any further items to be presented for consideration and/or ancillary papers in support to be received by the Clerk no later than <u>Thursday, 27th November 2025</u>
149.	Next Meeting of the Community Council / Cyfarfod Nesaf y Cyngor Cymuned	<u>RESOLUTION</u> Council resolved that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on <u>Tuesday, 9th December 2025</u> remotely via Teams <u>PENDERFYNIAD</u> Cynhelir cyfarfod nesaf y Cyngor ar <u>Ddydd Mawrth, 9fed. o Ragfyr 2025</u> am 7yh trwy gyfrwng Teams

(The meeting closed at 20.36)