

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
19.06.2025 @ 7.00pm
PANTYFEDWEN HALL
PONTRHYDFENDIGAID**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

Chair Cllr Elgan Williams welcomed all to the meeting.

Members were saddened to hear of the recent passing of Mr Aneurin Jones, Pontrhydygroes, the brother of Cllr Richard Jones. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Mr Aneurin Jones and it was agreed to forward the Community Council's condolences to the family.

2. PRESENT

Cllr Ieuan Davies;
Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies;
Cllr Gareth Edwards;
Cllr Alun Price Jones;
Cllr Non Jones;
Cllr Gareth Owen;
Cllr Elgan Williams &
Eleri Thomas (Clerk).

Police Community Support Officer (PCS0) John Evans

3. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mel Briant, Cllr Angharad Jones, and Cllr Richard Jones apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

PCSO John Evans provided the following information re police matters for the past month:

Harassment/ Disagreement: Heol y Bannau 3.06.2025: Public Order Offence recorded.

Anti-social Behaviour: 0

Burglary: 0

Criminal Damage: zero

Theft: zero.

Violence/ Assault: zero

Fraud: zero

Bikes to include two quad bikes, had been driven at excess speed through the Villages of Llangeithio, Tregaron, and Pontrhydfendigaid. It was believed that the drivers were from the Liverpool area. Two camping vans had been parked at Ffair Rhos, which had, by now, moved on.

A great deal of litter had been left outside the Village Shop.

Parking problems had been encountered in the environs of the Red Lion.

Lorries had travelled at excess speed on Abbey Road.

5. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTEREST: None declared.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 15th MAY 2025
It was PROPOSED (Cllr Ieuan Davies); SECONDED (Cllr Gareth Owen) and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 15th May 2025 were a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Pantyfedwen Play Area

7.1.1 It was AGREED to apply for the Ceredigion Play Provision Capital Grant.
The Welsh Government had provided Ceredigion CC with capital funding to improve play opportunities in Ceredigion.
Requests for funding must include:

1. Plans to consult with local children, young people, and parents.
2. Plan or Policy to make sure the play space is accessible to disabled children and adults who live in the area.
3. Clear and concise costings for the project delivery.
4. Relate the application to the Ceredigion Play Sufficiency Assessment 2025-28.

A maximum of £13,500 capital grant was available per project. 10% match funding required for the project.
Application forms must be returned to Matthew Roebuck by Friday 27th June 2025. Cllr Gareth Owen, Project Manager. Grant to cover Liquid Pour (priority), Swing Extension, Slide, Gates. Two quotes required. To seek the assistance of Rosemary Whinnett to complete the Grant Application.

7.1.2 The implications of the RoSPA Annual Inspection Report June 2025 were considered. The fence positioned between the Play Area and the Football Field required attention, according to the Report. To inform Cllr Richard Jones.

7.2 New bus-stop at Ffair Rhos

Cllr Ieuan Davies had located a suitable bus-shelter. To secure a parcel of land on which the bus-shelter could be positioned. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with a representative of Ceredigion CC to discuss the matter further. Awaiting a reply from the Highways/ Planning Depts, Ceredigion CC.

7.3 Trimming of Ash Tree on the Village Green: ongoing.

7.4 Grit Bin: Cwrtwern: It will be necessary for a representative of Ceredigion CC to inspect the proposed site for the bin to establish its feasibility. If suitable, it was agreed to purchase the grit/ sand. Awaiting for a representative of Ceredigion CC to contact Cllr Richard Jones to discuss further.

7.5 Ffair Rhos Fair: A committee had met to discuss the feasibility of reintroducing the former Fair at Ffair Rhos. A small event was considered for 2025.

7.6 Signs – Keep Tidy: it was reported that dog faeces proved a hazard at certain locations within the Village. Signs *No Dogs* to be placed adjacent to the Pavilion and on the Village Green.
Cllr Richard Jones to assign attention to the purchase of suitable signs to encourage dog owners to dispose of dog faeces in a responsible manner.

7.7 **Village Maintenance Day to be arranged. A list of works required.**
Vegetation/overgrowth proved a concern in the environs of Rock House. Cllr Mel Briant to ask in relation to the trimming of the hedge – no developments during this meeting.

7.8 **Floral Displays within the Village:** Nathan had provided displays at both entrances to the Village and at the entrance to the Pantyfedwen Hall. The Community Council to meet the cost. Anne and Jane to assume responsibility for the display at Ffair Rhos.

7.9 **Biodiversity Section 6:** The responsibility of the Community Council: Cllr Mel Briant to assign attention to the document.

7.10 **Old Well of the Village:** Cllrs Elgan Williams and Gareth Edwards will represent the Community Council at the site meeting of Thursday 3rd July 2025 at 2pm. Mr Jim Cowie, Mr Chris Harris, and a Natural Resources Wales Officer were also expected to be present.
The well was currently surrounded by fencing of extremely poor condition, which could prove a hazard, especially for young children.

7.11 **Parc Teifi Complex**

A response was received from Merron Vance, Executive Assistant | Swansea.com in relation to the Community Council's enquiry regarding the current situation appertaining to the sale of properties within Parc Teifi

It was explained that the houses were now listed for sale with Morgan and Davies, which could be viewed on the link: .

<https://www.morgananddavies.co.uk/ceredigion/sy25/sales/#/>

The clubhouse will be converted into 4 flats, as per planning, and these will then also be listed for sale under Section 106 Agreement for affordable housing.

The Community Council was unaware of past/present local interest in purchasing the properties.

7.12 **Response received from Natural Resources Wales (NRW) re the wildfires at Ffair Rhos Pontrhydfendigaid and Cwm Elan**

NRW referred to the area as the Tywi Forest - the fire appeared to have started on April 6, 2025, on private land near the forest owned by NRW and the cause of the fire was unknown. Over time, the fire spread until it covered an area of over 5,500 hectares, mainly private land. The fire entered forests managed by NRW and the Fire and Rescue Services requested helicopter assistance for NRW land due to difficulties in dealing with the fire using conventional techniques. The helicopter was on site for five days along with a location in the Rheidol Valley. NRW staff also supported the Fire and Rescue Services with access to the forest and the surrounding private land. Altogether, the Tywi wildfires damaged a mix of replanted sites, mature trees, and habitat restoration work covering an area of about 100ha. The broader 5,000+ hectares outside of direct NRW control was the responsibility of the land ownership for dealing with fires in these areas.

7.13 **Matters presented by members of the public during the May AGM**

7.13.1 **A stile was** required on the footpath at the Bryn Gors Caravan Park.

7.13.2 **Footpath from the Primary School to Ffair Rhos:** a gate was required along this route.

7.13.3 **Footpath along the river in the vicinity of Dolebolion:** in need of maintenance – to inform Eifion Jones Ceredigion CC.

7.13.4 **Previous “Public Conveniences” building at Bont.** Trees are overgrown in the vicinity. A streetlight was necessary at this location and by “Arhosfa.”

7.13.5 **Lôn Fach:** street light necessary at the start and end of the Lane. Grass in need of cutting at Lôn Fach, an area which, formally had been dealt with, by Ceredigion CC. It had been agreed at the AGM for Cllr Ifan Davies to arrange a site meeting with Brian, Highways Dept Ceredigion CC in relation to 7.13.4 & 7.13.5.
Chair Cllr Elgan Williams to attend
To discuss further at the following meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 **One Voice Wales: Ceredigion Area Meeting:** Tuesday 24th June 2025 at New Quay Memorial Hall at 7.00pm. For Information

8.2 Appointments to the Ceredigion Local Access Forum

Providing access to Ceredigion’s coast and countryside was an essential part of the rural tourism product in Ceredigion and the network of public rights of way was a valuable economic asset that created jobs. What is more, countryside access had a key role to play in health and well-being. Regular walking, cycling and horse riding could bring benefits through improving people’s health and well-being.

The Ceredigion Local Access Forum was set up under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to advise the County Council, Natural Resources Wales, and others on the way that access to the countryside could be improved and managed. The Forum was a statutory body encouraged to set its own agenda.

Local Access Forums represented a broad spectrum of interests and the Council was currently seeking enthusiastic people to sit on the Forum and play a key role in improving and managing access to the County’s diverse and attractive countryside. The Forum was appointed for a three-year term.

Ceredigion CC would be pleased to hear from anyone who would wish to get involved in shaping the future of countryside access in the county.

The closing date for applications - **1st August 2025**.

Application forms and further information about the Ceredigion Local Access Forum was available on the County Councils website:

<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/resident/coast-countryside/local-access-forum/>

8.3 **Questionnaire in the link below for all Members of Town and Community Councils** who attended the Code of Conduct Training on the 21/02/25 to obtain feedback for future training sessions. Response to be received by the **13 June 2025**.

Also to confirm whether Cllrs had received a Code of Conduct Training Session since the May 2022 Election.

The Code of Conduct Training had been offered to all members. Notes appertaining to the meeting had been circulated to members retrospectively.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uYWs-IYvNU2Fwnkevin1iH6rC5enCSJCrCIRpycO501UQ0pSNjA4N1hHQ0U4Mzg2SDhSVjIXTVIDViQIQCN0PWcu>

- 8.4 **A letter from a member of the public expressed concern that a certain dog, owned by residents of the Village may be walked without a muzzle and a lead in public areas. This matter had previously been reported to the Police and the Community Council had contacted the owners to ask for their co-operation.**
- 8.5 **Other Correspondence: For information only- many emails had been forwarded to Cllrs, between meetings, electronically.**

9. PLANNING - none

10. FINANCE

- 10.1 **Audit Wales: Annual Audit:** to be completed by the 30th June 2025. Documents appertaining to the 2024-25 Audit were circulated amongst members for consideration/ approval. Cllr Enid Hughes will undertake the Internal Audit for a fee of £100.
- 10.2 **Village Shop: items for VE Celebration at the Hall** 10.05.2025 £39.28
- 10.2 **Clerk's Salary: June 2025** £238.33
- 10.3 **Clerk's Costs: £39.53**
- 10.4 **Rospa PlaySafety: Inspection:** Pantyfedwen Hall Pay Area: June 2025 - £92 VAT £18.40. TOTAL: £110.40. .

11. Items for Facebook: None

12. AOB

- 12.1 **Japanese Knotweed posed a problem** on the riverbank in the vicinity of 12/13 Maesydderwen according to Edgar a resident of Maesydderwen. He enquired whether it was possible to treat the knotweed. To inform Ceredigion CC. Glanyrafon was common land.
- 12.2 **Mrs Clare Hughes** had enquired whether it would be possible to relocate the bench presently based at Cwm Lluest, Ffair Rhos to the Cemetery (Y Fynwent). To discuss the matter with the Churchyard Trust.
- 12.3 **Pavilion Bont: Awaiting a reply from** Mr Evan Williams, Chair of the Bont Pavilion Committee regarding a request from the Community Council for him to attend a future meeting of the Community Council to provide an update. It was agreed to forward the request to Carys Ann, Secretary, Pavilion Committee.
- 12.4 **It was felt that maintenance work** appertaining to the cutting of the grass in the environs of the Ysgol Feithrin should be undertaken during out of school hours. To inform relevant parties.

As there was no other business the meeting ended at 9.00pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 17th July 2025 @7pm.

Signed/ Date -----