

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
17.07.2025 @ 7.00pm
PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY
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1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

Chair Cllr Elgan Williams welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

Cllr Mel Briant;
Cllr Ieuan Davies;
Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies;
Cllr Alun Price Jones;
Cllr Richard Jones;
Cllr Gareth Owen;
Cllr Elgan Williams &
Eleri Thomas (Clerk).
Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans

3. APOLOGIES

Cllr Gareth Edwards, Cllr Angharad Jones and Cllr Non 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: zero

Anti-social Behaviour: zero

Burglary: zero

Criminal Damage: zero

Theft: zero.

Violence/ Assault: zero

Fraud: zero

Talsarn Area: £5,000 stolen via phone scam, scammers masqueraded as representatives of Barclays Bank.

Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness Week: Dyfed-Powys Police officers are this week conducting high-visibility patrols in a number of anti-social behaviour hotspots. Officers will be visiting local businesses and public spaces as part of Operation Ivydene.

Some motorists exceeded the 20mph limit within designated areas.

A Police Presence had been evident at the recent Lampeter Agricultural Show. Rural crime had been highlighted. 8 Quad bikes had been stolen in Powys, DNA evidence had been used in a bid to identify the perpetrators.

It was reported that a Van had been parked for a duration of 10 weeks on the road at the entrance to the Village. Barcud Housing Association could help. Vehicle not taxed or insured.

Home Security Posters: to circulate in the vicinity and online.

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

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 19th June 2025

It was PROPOSED (Cllr Gareth Owen); SECONDED (Cllr Elgan Williams) and RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 19th June 2025 were a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Pantyfedwen Play Area

7.1.1 It had been AGREED to apply for the Ceredigion Play Provision Capital Grant.

A maximum of £13,500 capital grant was available per project. 10% match funding required for the project. £130,000 – total available for all applicants. Application form had been returned to Matthew Roebuck by Friday 27th June 2025. Cllr Gareth Owen, Project Manager. Grant to cover Swing, matting, repairs & gates. It was agreed to thank Rosemary Whinnett for her assistance in completing the Grant Application.

It was reported that the deadline for Applications had been extended.

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. It was agreed to report to the Football Club.

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: to leave in abeyance for the present. The trimming of an ash tree in close proximity to the Pavilion, was considered.

7.4 Grit Bin: Cwrtywern: It was agreed to purchase the grit bin and salt.

7.5 Ffair Rhos Fair: A small event was considered for 2025.

7.6 Biodiversity Section 6: The responsibility of the Community Council: Cllr Mel Briant was assigning attention to the matter.

7.7 Old Well of the Village: Cllrs Elgan Williams and Gareth Edwards represented 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 present. A Risk Assessment was required.

7.8 Japanese Knotweed: Further clarification regarding the location of the Japanese

Knotweed had been requested by Ceredigion CC, despite stating that the plant grew behind 12/13 Maesydderwen and on the riverbank.

It was reported that Alan had treated the weeds around the Bont War Memorial.

7.9 A Welsh Water sign and box remain by the entrance of the Village.

To inform Welsh Water.

7.10 Removing the bench from Cwm Lluest: it was agreed to relocate to the Park.

7.11 Matters presented by members of the public during the May AGM were considered

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

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

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

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

7.11.5 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 7.11.4 & 7.11.5. Chair Cllr Elgan Williams to attend.

7.12 Bont Pavilion: It was agreed to reinvoke a member of the Bont Pavilion Committee to a future meeting of the Community Council, even though they had declined the previous invitation.

7.13 Committees:

Pantfyfedwen Hall: Front of Hall – painting had started.

School Governors: The Scholarship Award had been presented to Lucy Whinnet by the Chair Elgan Williams during the recent Prize Giving Ceremony at the School.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Welsh Government was currently consulting on proposals to improve the administration and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales. Proposals include:

- changing the law to create a fairer, transparent, and more effective enforcement process for unpaid Council Tax
- providing guidance to help councils collect Council Tax debt more fairly and sustainably

Consultation questions and responses to be received by 23 July 2025.

A copy of the consultation documents and the response form can be found at:

https://www.gov.wales/improving-administration-and-enforcement-council-tax-wales?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=#respond-block

One Voice Wales will be preparing a response to this consultation.

8.2 Cynnal y Cardi: funding opportunities.

8.3 NHS Wales: Health Services in Ceredigion.

- 8.4 **One Voice Wales:** National Forest Landscape Scheme.
- 8.5 **Ceredigion Cost of Living Bulletin:** Access to Healthy Food.
- 8.6 **Other Correspondence:** For information only- many emails had been forwarded to Cllrs, between meetings, electronically.

9. PLANNING

- 9.1 **Planning Application: A250460:** Applicant: Mr Lyn Morgan.
Location: Land adjacent to Llwynteg, Pontrhydfendigaid, Ystrad Meurig, SY25 6BL.
Community Council's Observations: No Objections.

10. FINANCE

- 10.1 **Audit Wales: Annual Audit:** Mrs Enid Hughes had undertaken the Internal Audit for a fee of £100. Appendix 1. The accounts have been forwarded to Grant Thornton the External Auditors.
- 10.2 **Clerk's Salary: July 2025** £238.33; Expenses: £42.63
- 10.3 **One Voice Wales Membership in part:** £85
- 10.4 **Hire of Pantyfedwen Hall for Meetings;** £75
- 10.5 **Scholarship Account:** £20

- 10.4 **Barclays Bank:** Concerns in relation to the update of signatories and clerk's contact details. Cllr Non Jones(signatory) and the Clerk had visited the Barclays Hub, Lampeter on separate occasions in a bid to resolve the issue. Cllr Gareth Owen (signatory) will have to update his details. The name of previous Cllr and Signatory Doug Rowbotham to be removed.

11. Items for Facebook: Home Security Posters – Dyfed-Powys Police

As there was no other business the meeting ended at 8.35pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 18th September 2025 @7pm.

Signed/ Date -----