

**YSTRAD FFLUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
27.11.2025 @ 7.00pm
PANTYFEDWEN HALL LIBRARY
PONTRHYDFENDIGAID**

1. CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND PERSONAL MATTERS

Chair Cllr Elgan Williams welcomed all to the meeting.

2. PRESENT

Cllr Mel Briant;
Cllr Ifan Lloyd Davies;
Cllr Gareth Edwards;
Cllr Alun Price Jones;
Cllr Angharad Jones;
Cllr Richard Jones;
Cllr Gareth Owen;
Cllr Elgan Williams &
Eleri Thomas (Clerk).

3. APOLOGIES

Cllr Ieuan Davies, Cllr Non Jones & Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) John Evans 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:

ASB / Harassment :0
Burglary : 0
Criminal Damage : 0
Theft : 0
Violence Assault : 0
Fraud : 0
Misc:

1)There had been a couple of recent reports one made from a resident in Tregaron on 16/10/25 and more recently by a resident in the Llangeitho area to what amounted to an attempted Courier type Fraud. There were several reports of this type of fraud some time ago.

The circumstances in both incidents were similar in that the victim was cold called by a person portraying himself as a Detective Constable in the Metropolitan Police; a badge number and a reference were provided and the victim informed that someone in one incident had been trying to access their bank account/ while in the other incident that a male person had tried using their Bank card to make a purchase at an Argos store in London.

In both cases as a safeguard the victim was advised to put the phone down and to ring 999 quoting the reference number and officer's details. (this is a scam tactic as the fraudsters do not put the phone down and the line remains open to them when the victim makes the 999 call)

The victim in both incidents followed these instructions and was put through to the said officer who has then attempted to gain information about their Bank accounts. Fortunately neither victim provided any bank details and there had been no financial loss. Crime prevention advice relating to such scams had been provided to the victims and Action Fraud Referrals made.

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2) National Safeguarding Week was held during the period 10/11/2025 - 16/11/2025

During this week Neighbourhood Policing and Prevention Team (NPPT) assisted with the promotion of the Herbert protocol.

Dyfed Powys Police had partnered with the charity MedicAlert to introduce a new missing person's protocol across the Dyfed-Powys Police area.

The Herbert Protocol (named after George Herbert, a War veteran of the Normandy landings, who lived with Dementia) was a national scheme designed to assist in the safe recovery of vulnerable individuals, particularly those living with dementia, who may go missing.

The Protocol asks carers, family members, and friends to complete, in advance, a form recording all vital details, such as medication required, mobile numbers, places previously located, a photograph etc. The form should be kept in a safe place where it can easily be located and shared quickly with the relevant agencies should their loved one be reported as missing.

There was a facility to Register these details online and attached leaflets provided this information.

3) SAFER BUSINESS AWARENESS WEEK also took place during the week commencing 10th November.

During this week, the NPPT participated in conducting visits, to those retail outlets who were victims of shoplifting, where crime prevention advice was provided along with shoplifting posters to be displayed on the premises.

Retail Shoplifting had now been adopted as a National Policing Priority.

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

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 16th October 2025

It was **PROPOSED (Cllr Gareth Owen)**; **SECONDED (Cllr Elgan Williams)** and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the 16th October 2025 were a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

7. MATTERS ARISING

7.1 Public Meeting re the Bont Pavilion: Draft minutes were circulated (attached). Certain members of Ystrad Fflur Community Council will meet with the Teulu James Pantyfedwen Eisteddfod Committee on the 1 December 2025 to discuss options concerning its future. The Community Council could assist in forming a new committee but was not prepared to take responsibility for its running. Invitations could be forwarded to existing organisations in the area with a view of nominating a representative for the new committee.

- 7.2 Place Plan: Drop In Session for the Public: Thursday 4th December 2025 (12 noon – 7pm) at the Pantyfedwen Hall:** <https://placemaking-ceredigion.wales/>
- 7.3 Pantyfedwen Play Area**
7.3.1 £1,612 had been received via the Ceredigion Play Provision Capital Grant.
Ten percent match funding required for the project.
Burnell Fencing (4 panels) was considered for the Park.
It was agreed to assign attention to the National Lottery Grant.
- 7.4 New bus-stop at Ffair Rhos**
It was agreed to pause the matter concerning the new bus stop.
- 7.5 Grit Bin: Heol y Bannau:** Cllr Richard Jones had communicated with the Highways' Dept, Ceredigion CC. It was agreed to purchase the grit bin and salt; £326.90. It will be necessary to meet the cost of the salt/grit on the first occasion after which, Ceredigion CC will refill without imposing a fee. A location for the bin had not been ascertained.
- 7.6 Biodiversity Section 6:** Work in progress. Cllr Mel Briant was assigning attention to the matter.
- 7.7 Japanese Knotweed on River Bank**
It was agreed to review the situation regarding Japanese Knotweed on the river bank during the Spring 2026.
- 7.8 Removing the bench from Cwm Lluest:** it was agreed to relocate to the Park. **Benches in the environs of the Pantyfedwen Hall** and the property of the Community Council, were in need of repair. Grant provision was considered.
- 7.9 Vehicle Parked on Green:** suitable locations to relocate the vehicle, were considered. The lift remained on the Green.
- 7.10 Remembrance Sunday:** 9 November 2025 by the Bont War Memorial. A fitting service had been held to remember the fallen in past wars and those who continue to suffer because of military conflicts. 80-90 people had attended the service. It was agreed to forward thank you letters to: Rev. Aled Lewis, Mrs Neli Jones. Mr John Jones and Mr John Jenkins.
- 7.11 Caru Ceredigion Awards 2025:** Mrs Neli Jones had been shortlisted for a Community Award. The Award Ceremony will take place on Thursday 11th December 2025 at the former Lampeter University Campus.
- 7.12 Parking in front of Garage: double yellow lines in need of refreshing.** To inform Ceredigion CC.
- 7.13 Bont Football Club (FC):** Cllr Richard Jones thanked the community for its support to the Bont FC in its annual Fundraising Event, a charity race night where attendees could bet on virtual horse races to help raise essential funds for running the club.
- 7.14 Llanilar Surgery** will stop delivering prescriptions to the Pantyfedwen Hall, Pontrhydfendigiad and other villages in the locality. It could mean two journeys for

the patient. It was agreed to forward a letter of opposition to this move, which would have a detrimental impact on the elderly, disabled and for those without a support network.

- 7.15 Committees: Hall:** A Christmas Tree will feature within the Pantyfedwen Hall (Margaret). Santa will visit the Village on Tuesday 23rd December 2025.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 Ceredigion County Council: Confirmation of bus-shelters in the vicinity Ystrad Fflur Community Council assumed ownership of the following bus shelters x4:**

Location

By Teifi Inn Ffair Rhos

By St David's Church, Terrace Road, Pontrhydfendigaid

By Wellington House, Pontrhydfendigaid

By Heol y Bannau Pontrhydfendigaid.

To inform Ceredigion CC.

- 8.2 Poster, "Your Senedd is Changing"**

From May 2026, there will be changes to the Senedd

- From the election on the 7th May 2026, the Senedd will have ninety-six members instead of sixty.
- Everyone 16+ will now have one vote, choosing a political party or independent candidate.
- Wales will have sixteen constituencies. Each constituency will elect six members.
- Anyone standing for election must live in Wales.
- More frequent elections: Senedd elections will take place every 4 years.

- 8.3 Vegetation on the Main Bridge of the Village:** A concerned resident of the Village drew attention to the amount of destructive vegetation which had taken hold in the joint between the carriageway and the headwall of the bridge overlooking the Afon Teifi on the B4343 in Pontrhydfendigaid.

There were lesser amounts of vegetation affecting some of the lime mortar joints in the structure on the carriageway side and more significant growth, mostly ivy, on the walls inside the bounds of the Red Lion.

As a CADW Grade II listed structure, it was important to maintain and preserve its integrity. Apart from those points, a more pressing issue was that the ever growing vegetation was forcing pedestrians to walk further out into the carriageway, which presented a real risk of injury from traffic approaching from a direction with no visibility for both pedestrian and driver.

It was asked whether the Community Council could request the Highways Dept. Ceredigion CC to deal with this matter as a matter of urgency.

In the past, a Structures' Inspector would report on such matters during a programme of inspections or even a Highways' Inspector on a routine inspection. The matter had previously been brought to the attention of Ceredigion County Council. It was agreed to remind them of the issue.

- 8.4 Other Correspondence: For information only- many emails had been forwarded to Cllrs, between meetings, electronically.**

9. PLANNING

9.1 Planning Application: A250870

Applicant: Natalie Williams

Location: Gilfach y Dwn Fach, Pontrhydfendigad, SY25 6EL

Proposal: Proposed erection of a single storey extension, new external door, and internal alterations.

Community Council's Observations: No Objections.

10. FINANCE

PAYMENTS

10.1 Dilwyn Benjamin: Grass cutting over the summer months: £2,310, VAT £462
TOTAL £2,772

10.2 Clerk's Salary: November 2025 £238.33; Expenses: £63.58

10.3 It was budgeted that approx £5,500 would be carried forward at the beginning of the 2026-27 fiscal year based on budgeted spending to 31 March 2026. This did not include the Park grant of £1,612.

11. Items for Facebook: Poster: "The Senedd is changing"

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Mrs Nel Jones had expressed concern regarding the condition of a footpath, Lôn Fach, gravel to be removed: to inform Ceredigion County Council.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 15th January 2026 @7pm.

Signed/ Date -----