

Cyngor Cymuned Onllwyn Community Council

Environment Committee

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 15th April 2025 held at Dove Workshop, Banwen.

Present:

Cllr Ruth Stone (Chair), Cllr Dean Cawsey, Cllr Ian O’Kane, Lydia Price, Cllr Gareth Llewellyn.

Clerk Mr Simon Chaplin.

Apologies:

David Pugh and Cllr Lee Reynolds

Meeting commenced at 1835 hours.

1. Apologies.

Apologies received from above persons.

2. Declarations of interest.

Declaration of interest form explained and would be dealt with as matters were discussed

3. Matters raised by members of the public.

Nothing reported to Clerk.

4. Update on work so far.

1. Pantyffordd hedge/tree cutting – the company awarded the contract have had a machinery issue and once fixed will carry out the work. The company are aware of implications at this time of year with bird nesting and no cutting will take place if it was to cause an issue.
2. Woodland walk – same as above.
3. Butterfly conservation meeting – Clerk met with representative of organisation and walked around the area. Suggestion to leave a lot of land uncultivated as this has a benefit to the butterflies and bees. Especially the area to the rear of the Butterfly garden as the grasses are where they nest for winter. Leave areas of land near the pond uncut to promote use by butterflies. Land is registered as a Wild Space and require login details and suggested to discuss with Sonia who may know details. Following this discussion took place around the boardwalk area near the pond and previous work. To list this on the website if we can. Cllr Ian Kane is going to look at the structure and report back, suggestion that we look to clean the walkway and also to ensure that this land is part of the Community Council land with a land search if required.

5. Biodiversity plan – 3 yearly.

Explained that a plan needs to be written and that we need to compile a report for the end of 2025. Confirmed that a meeting with a One Voice Wales biodiversity officer planned for May. Cllr I O’Kane to attend at the meeting.

Discussed looking at a past area such as the garden to get it going again and would need volunteers to manage it. Will bring this to the forthcoming meeting.

Also mentioned about the local boxes in the area and Lydia would take this point and see what can be done to improve / revitalise them for future use and report back to the committee with plan and costs.

Possible extension to Boardwalk area in the future.

6. **Grass cutting.**

Cutting of the play park area and skatepark and extension.

Looked at the cutting regime for last year and agreed to remain for this year, a contract of work is to be drawn up by the Clerk to be agreed and will specify the work to be carried out. Insurance documents are to be produced to confirm in place for public liability and agreed that payment will be made for work carried out at the end of the year.

Flail has been serviced and Clerk will make contact to re-imburse costs surrounding this.

7. **Project to be decided upon.**

Work towards the Wild Space element first of the Butterfly garden and the land behind.

Next meeting 7th July 2025 at 1800 hours.

Signed:_____

Dated:_____