**These are DRAFT Minutes and may be amended when presented for approval at the next meeting of Council**

**Cyngor Cymuned Onllwyn Community Council**

Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 held at Dove Workshop, Banwen.

**Present:**

Cllr Ruth Stone, Cllr Gareth Llewellyn, Cllr David Wise, Cllr Steve Thomas, Cllr Lee Reynolds, Cllr Ian O’Kane, Cllr Maxine Woodward, Cllr Dean Cawsey.

Clerk Mr Simon Chaplin.

**Apologies received:**

Cllr Dan Morgan

Meeting commenced at 1830 hours.

1. **Apologies**

Resolved to accept apologies from Councillor Dan Morgan.

1. **Declarations of interest**

These will be notified as and when needed during the proceedings of the evenings meeting and forms available for signing if necessary.

1. **Public Attendance**

No members of the public present.

1. **Matters requiring urgent attention**
2. Weeds around the area, suggestion made that we could rent goats to assist with clearance. Resolved to allow clerk to make necessary enquiries and arrangements to assist with the land management and biodiversity.
3. 1. Cllr G Llewellyn raised the issue with the St Patrick’s stone light not working although a contractor had been in attendance and completed a repair. Cllr D Cawsey stated he had seen it working. Cllr Llewellyn will check again and if still not working will make contact with the company to progress.

2. Councillor D Wise brought to the attention of the council Lianne Griffiths a local area co-ordinator who has experience in setting up groups and funding requests. Resolved for the clerk to make contact to see what assistance she can give.

1. 1. Payment of solicitors’ fees for Banwen Rugby Club in relation to the teen playpark agreement. Resolved and confirmed that in the initial setup that the Community Council would cover the fees for the rugby club as part of the arrangement and that the clerk would liaise with Neath Port Talbot Solicitors to make final arrangements.

2. Clerk brought to the attention of the council an email from One Voice Wales in relation to non-attendance of council members at meetings. Clerk confirmed they could attend alongside members but would not have voting rights. Resolved for apologies to be sent for next meeting as council representative unable to attend.

3. Resolved to accept valuation figure given by insurance company for Pantyffordd community hall and confirmation that value on asset register is correct for St Patricks Stone.

4. Resolved for clerk to open higher interest account with Lloyds Bank to make better use of funds.

5. Hard copy of lease received by clerk, suggestion made that council should meet with Neath Port Talbot council (owners), resolved for Clerk to apply for a grant to cover rental payments and also to consider whether the lease can be placed in the name of the Community Hall committee.

6. Application received from Maesmarchog PTA for a £70 grant to assist with the summer fete. Unanimously agreed to grant funds towards the event. Resolved for clerk to arrange sending of funds.

1. **Approve minutes of Annual meeting**

Resolved to accept the minutes of the annual meeting held on 12th May 2025. Update required for external committee members before publishing.

1. **Approve minutes of Monthly meeting**

Resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2025.

Update required for date of meeting on minutes before publishing.

1. **Matters from previous minutes**

None.

1. **Clerks report and payment list**

Resolved to accept Clerk’s report and approved payments list.

1. **Planning applications**

None.

1. **Training**

Clerk reminded councillors of need to book on to any training that they feel they would like to partake in.

1. **Pond area**

Clerk gave an update of a meeting with the Angling club noting that work needs to be carried out to some of the fishing platforms. Resolved for the clerk to make necessary purchases and arrangements to make running repairs. Also resolved that the clerk is to produce an agreement document between the Community Council and the Angling Club for the future partnership approach of working together. The clerk is to make enquiries in relation to the Angling Club holding competitions at the pond as to whether the Community Council insurance is valid for these and to report back to members.

Cllr L Reynolds mentioned Solway Recycling as a company to purchase items from and the clerk is to make necessary enquiries with them.

1. **Purchase of boxes, plants etc.**

Resolved that these items can be purchased for the community planters in the village. Clerk reminded members that the invoice/payment needs to be made from council funds.

1. **Cemetery.**

Update given to councillors in relation to cemetery funds being received.

1. **National Grid survey.**

Update given to councillors that funds will be received from National Grid as part of the arrangement for the surveys and resolved to agree that these should be set aside for use of the environmental committee to carry out work as a budget.

The company completing the survey will be starting week commencing 9th June 2025 for approximately two weeks.

1. **Land ownership reports.**

Clerk requested authority to conduct update on land titles with Land Registry, resolved to agree and clerk to send off necessary form at cost of £15. Following this, also resolved to agree for individual land registry titles to be up dated at cost of £7 each.

1. **To receive reports from Members on Outside Bodies**

Councillor Gareth Llewellyn gave an update as a representative from Maesmarchog School that the school deputy head was leaving, a new clerk and teaching assistant were being recruited.

1. **To receive any reports on Policing Matters within the Community**

None.

1. **To consider passing a resolution that further to subsection (1) of section 2 Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the following items by virtue of the nature of the business to be transacted**

None

1. **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of a confidential nature**

None

1. **To consider any reports relating to health and safety**

None.

1. **Local update in Pantyffordd.**

Councillor S Thomas brought to the attention of the community council that he had been approached by residents reporting a person horse riding with a trap along the road and also storage of horses in fields opposite the houses. He was advised that this may be more appropriate for the Local Authority to deal with as it was not on land owned by the community council.

Meeting concluded at 1946 hours.

Next meeting: Monday 14th July 2025.

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Dated:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_