

Cyngor Cymuned Dwyrîw Community Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Adfa Village Hall on Thursday 22 May 2025 at 7.00pm

Present at the meeting were Cllrs Owen (Chair), Hawtin, Jerman, Heward, Francis, Adcock, County Cllr J Yeomans and the Clerk Sarah Yeomans.

1. Election of Officers

It was proposed that Cllr Owen continue as Chair with Cllr Adcock as Vice Chair. All present were in favour and Cllr Owen took the Chair.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Gethin and Booth

3. Finance

a) Funding Applications:

The council had received 8 applications for funding during the previous year. Councillors agreed to fund two of these causes:

- i) Kids Cancer Charity - £125, Cheque - 100611
- ii) Lingen Davies Cancer Charity - £125, Cheque - 100612

b) Clerk's Wages

It was agreed that this decision would wait until the new pay scale was issued by the NALC.

c) Review of Banking

It was agreed that the Council should remain with HSBC for the time being.

d) Review of Burial Ground Charges

The Council agreed to increase the Burial Ground charges to:

- Plot and Stone - £325**
- Second Burial - £150**
- Interment of ashes - £125**

e) Review the Fidelity Guarantee

The Councillors were happy with the current cover of £150,000.

4. Annual Review of Council Documents and Policies

a) Standing Orders – The Standing Orders were reviewed and approved.

b) Financial Regulations – The current Financial Regulations were reviewed and approved.

c) Risk Assessment Policy – The current Risk Assessment Policy was reviewed and approved.

d) Risk Assessment of Council Assets – The Clerk had carried out a risk assessment of council assets and presented the findings to the council.

e) Model Code of Conduct – The Code of Conduct available on the Council's website was accepted for the coming year.

f) Members Register of Interests – These were reviewed and approved by all present members.

5. Annual Report 2024/25

The Council held ten meetings across the year, six in Adfa and four in Llanwyddelan.

In April, the first steps were taken to hand back Cwm School to Powys County Council with the whole process taking the year to complete.

County Councillor Heulwen Hulme announced her retirement and following an election, she was replaced in June by County Councillor John Yeomans.

At the June meeting a presentation was given by PCSO Liann Richards, who spoke about the current problems affecting the area. Also, this month feedback was given to Powys on the new 20mph zone in Cefn Coch and improvements were suggested. These suggestions were accepted by Powys with changes implemented later in the year.

In July work was completed at the Burial Ground car park where brambles were cleared and the whole area stoned. In September the council adopted the slate seat by the notice board in Cefn Coch in order to ensure it is safely maintained.

In October Councillors voted to replace all the equipment in Adfa Play Area, a grant was secured from the Dwyriw Community Trust Fund and the company Wicksteed instructed to proceed. At the November meeting new Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were drawn up on the advice of the Auditor and were adopted by the Council.

A new bench was ordered for the Burial Ground using money donated by the Davies family, formerly of Tynllan. The ground was prepared and the bench set in place early in the year.

Unfortunately, in January Councillor Mike Jerman passed away leaving a vacancy which was filled in March by Councillor Geraint Jerman.

At the meeting in February a short presentation was given by Bute Energy about the proposed Llyn Lort Energy Park, and it was confirmed that the play equipment in Adfa had been installed and was now in use by the local children.

It was also reported that the bridge near Carmel had partially collapsed and was closed to all traffic until repair works could be carried out.