

Cyngor Cymuned **Dwyrîw** Community Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Adfa Village Hall on Thursday 28 May 2026 at 7.00pm

Present at the meeting were Cllrs Owen (Chair), Hawtin, Booth, 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

Cllr Gethin

3. Minutes of the previous AGM held in May 2025

The minutes of the meeting were approved. Proposed Cllr Adcock, seconded Cllr Heward.

4. 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) The Game Change Project - £125,
- ii) Marie Curie - £125,

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 by £25 per item to:

- Plot and Stone - £350**
- Second Burial - £175**
- Interment of ashes - £150**

e) Review the Fidelity Guarantee

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

5. 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.

g) Council Training Plan – the current plan was discussed and any future training would be added throughout the year as required.

h) Section 6 Biodiversity plan – This was reviewed and approved by all.

6. Annual Report 2025/26

The Council held ten meetings across the year, eight in Adfa and two in Llanwyddelan. During May an inspection was undertaken by Powys of all the trees on the highway in Dwyriw. Some were marked for annual monitoring, and the rest will be checked again in five years.

In July work was completed to repair the slate seat in Cefn Coch and a successful application to the Trust Fund secured funding for this cost.

The council accepted its Section 6 Biodiversity Report for the previous three years and approved a plan for the 2026/29 period.

It was reported at the September meeting that work had been completed to the Carmel Bridge, and it had now re-opened.

The Council set its annual budget at the meeting in January and the annual precept agreed.

In February it was noted that the burial ground wall in Llanllugan needed repair with a section collapsing into the neighbouring field. A local builder was appointed to undertake this work which was completed in April.

Following the reports issued by ROSPA at their yearly play area inspection it was decided that the fence around the site would be replaced with one made from recycled plastic.

County Cllr Sian Cox attended the February meeting to talk about her hope for better links between the County Council and local community and town councils.

Across the year numerous potholes and highways issues were reported to the Highways department with mixed results.