

CYNGOR TREF LLWCHWR
LLWCHWR TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Llwrchwr Town Council held at the
Welfare Hall, Woodlands Road, on the Monday 6th October @ 7:35pm

Attendees:	Councillor J. Bowen (Chair) Councillors: I. James, C. Phillips, W. Smith, M. Williams, J. Williams, P. Parsons, S. Beynon, R. Williams and A. Phillips
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Main Meeting Discussion Points:

TC1025-165	MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS 10 th September - Presentation to Loughor Ladies Bowls Club 16 th September - Clerk appraisal 2 nd October - Presentation to Mr E. Llewellyn on his 100 th birthday
TC1025-166	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There were apologies for absence from Councillors N. Walters, D. Walters, R. Smith, C. Richards, K. Roberts, A. Davis and M. Davis
TC1025-167	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No members of the public were present and there were no representations from the public prior to the meeting commencing.
TC1025-168	DECLARATION OF INTEREST Interest declared by Cllrs J. Williams and M. Williams in relation to clerk's report TCC1025-05 – Council minutes TC1025-177 – grant application for Friends of Parc Williams.
TC1025-169	LIST OF DECISIONS & ACTIONS Item No. 241 – Any update on Light up Loughor tree for St David's Church. Clerk advised waiting on quote from Lighthouse for lights and electrical set up. Cllr Bowen advised clerk to contact Knight & Brenchley for costings on security fencing.
TC1025-170	MINUTES OF COUNCIL It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 1 st September 2025 be confirmed as a correct record - AGREED .
TC1025-171	MATTERS ARISING There were no matters arising.
TC1025-172	WELFARE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/TRUSTEES The Minutes of the Meeting of the Welfare Hall Management Committee/Trustees held on the 1 st September were NOTED and AGREED
TC1025-173	FUNCTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE The Minutes of the Meeting of the Functions Sub Committee held on the 1 st September 2025 were NOTED and AGREED .

TC1025-174	MEMBERS REPORTS No report provided
TC1025-175	REVIEW OF DECORATED SERVICE BOXES To be deferred to November's agenda.
TC1025-176	CONSIDER POLICE REPORT Report received 02/10/25 and NOTED . Council noted that the figures were comparatively low to other areas in Swansea.
TC1025-177	REPORT OF THE CLERK a. Payments for September Clerk's report was NOTED and AGREED b. Accounts for Payment Clerk's report was NOTED and known future payments APPROVED c. Correspondence. Clerks report was NOTED. a) Email from Mr J. Cook – dealt with in Functions committee meeting b) Walk in to clerk office – Mr Hyde – parking issues on Bryn Road. Council have no control over how the police or county council respond. Clerk to write to county council Highways and local police to raise the issue from town council perspective. Not only issues on Bryn Road but also Kingsbridge. c) Email from J. Williams – Confirm church service at 10am and laying of wreath at monument at 10:50 for 11am. d. Grant Requests RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor J. Bowen seconded by Councillor W. Smith grant request from New Bees Community Scheme to be put back to November meeting. Contact Jireh foodbank on requirements. RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor I. James seconded by Councillor R. Williams a grant payment of £300 to be paid to Friends of Parc Williams. RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor S Beynon seconded by Councillor J. Williams a grant payment of £200 to be paid to One Heart Drummers. RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor S. Beynon seconded by Councillor P. Parsons a grant payment of £200 be paid to Loughor RFC, Youth with the request that this money is to be used for Youth and Junior groups. Clerk to query sponsorship requirements with Loughor RFC. RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor S. Beynon seconded by Councillor J. Williams a grant payment of £200 be paid to Gorseinon Cricket Club to be used for youth and junior groups only. Request for a grant from Urdd has been NOTED. A payment has been made in June of this year. e. OVW/SLCC Clerks report was NOTED. Dealt with under TC1025-177 (h) f. Training Clerk's report was NOTED g. Wales/Swansea Council/Governing Committees Clerks report was NOTED. Dealt with under TC1025-177 (i) h. OVW Constitution and AGM Clerk's report was NOTED. Council expressed concern that the AGM had been cancelled twice and that there did not seem to be a date when it would be

reconvened. Council would like the clerk to contact OVW to express concern that if the AGM did not go ahead did the constitution state that they were no longer able to continue? Is there a new date for the AGM? Who holds the OVW to account if they don't have an AGM?

i. Rights of Way

Clerk's report was **NOTED**. Following the letter received from Chief Executive Martin Nicholls, Cllr M Williams gave an update on the pathway that should have been reopened. The pathway from Chapel Fields should now be opened but on a recent attempt to walk through it was found that there was barbed wire across the bridleway, which is assumed had been put there by the landowner. It may be temporary but it's still not acceptable. Cllr M Williams advised that he would prepare a letter to go back to Cllr Nicholls with photos of the area to advise that nothing has been done and if anything it's worse. Developers have done nothing to assist in reinstating the right of way. There is no signage for people to follow. Cllr J. Williams advised that she had researched the law regarding rights of way, it is the Council's statutory duty to provide access but it is the duty of the landowner to maintain the path. Cllr J. Bowen asked for a record of thanks to Cllr J Williams and M Williams in their continued efforts in keeping on top of this issue. The hopes of being able to hold a walking festival in 2026 does not look like it will come to fruition if these issues are not rectified.

j. Glebe Road

Clerks report was **NOTED**. Council are not happy with decision that is still going ahead in relation to doming of the mini roundabout at Ffordd Moriah they believe this will cause major problems. It will increase costs for no reason or purpose and is likely to cause more accidents than avert them. Clerk to return to Highways to share council's ongoing concerns.

k. Defibrillators

Clerks report was **NOTED**. Clerk to replace Garden Village Stores defib box asap.

l. Finance and Budget Update

Clerks report was **NOTED**. All actions put forward have been **APPROVED** by Council.

- EMR to be increased to cover works to be done on Welfare Hall - £25,000.
- Survey to be carried out of Welfare Hall to list future refurbishment requirements and priority.
- Clerk to close down commercial instant access account and set up a deposit account that has a higher interest rate.
- Scrutinization and reconciliation was completed on Tue 16th September by Cllrs R. Smith and C. Richards. Cllr J Bowen request record of thanks to Cllrs Smith and Richards on completing this task on behalf of the council.

m. Pay, Personnel and Policy Update

Clerks report was **NOTED**. All requests put forward have been **APPROVED** by Council.

- Caretakers salary to be transferred from Welfare Hall account to Llŵchwr Town Council account in new financial year.
- Social media policy and social media accounts to be reviewed in November's council meeting.
- Cllr M Davis checked current usage of clerk's desk and chair and advised council action needed to be taken immediately in order to comply with DSE standards, purchase of chair, monitor stand and foot rest approved.
- Clerk requested PC tower with 16gb memory for permanent clerk's office instead of laptop. Tower PC will last longer and are typically more powerful for a lower price.

	n. Receipts and Payments Clerk's report was NOTED and APPROVED
TC1025-178	PLANNING REPORT a) Application No. 2025/1851/S73 It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection b) Application No. 2025/1912/PLD It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection c) Application No. 2025/1932/NMA It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection d) Application No. 2025/1945/TPO It was RESOLVED approval to lop branches but not to fell the tree e) Application No. 2025/1984/TPO It was RESOLVED approval to lop branches but not to fell the tree f) Application No. 2025/1990/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection g) Application No. 2025/2028/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection h) Application No. 2025/2051/FUL It was RESOLVED that there would be no objection
TC1025-179	ANY OTHER BUSINESS No other business
TC1025-180	EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC It was RESOLVED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the next item due to the confidential nature of the matter under discussion.
TC1025-181	FURTHER REPORT OF THE CLERK The report of the Clerk was NOTED and it was RESOLVED that the Council APPROVED all aspects of the report.
<u>Presiding Member closed the meeting at 8:32pm</u>	

Recommendation / Actions:

Actions arising are: listed in the Decisions and Actions List