

# **CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at Hafan Deg Community Centre , Treuddyn for 7.00pm**

**Chair:** Councillor E. Bech

**Present:** Councillors: J. Smith, R. Cracknell, V. Speed, A. Marshall, B. Jones, C. Hughes & C. Swan

**Also present:** Mrs Carolyn J. Thomas, Clerk & Financial Officer

### **Public Session:**

6.50pm to 7.00pm – No members of the public present

**1. Apologies:** Councillors – E. Swan & E. Morgan (Vice-Chair)

### **2. To receive declarations of Interest**

None received.

### **3. To approve the Annual General minutes of the meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026, were considered for approval.**

Amendment: It was noted that one specific amendment was required regarding the recording of the election of the Chairman.

The minutes were updated to reflect the initial vote among members resulted in a 4-4 tie. A second vote was subsequently taken, following which Councillor Eva Bech was duly elected to take office as Chairperson for the forthcoming year.

Subject to the inclusion of this amendment, it was proposed that the minutes be formally accepted as a true and correct record.

Proposed: Councillor B. Jones

Seconded: Councillor R. Cracknell

Abstentions: Councillors J. Smith and A. Marshall both abstained from the vote, noting they were not present at the May meeting.

Carried

### **4. Reports arising from the minutes**

There were no reports or matters arising from the previous minutes for discussion.

### **5. Internal Audit Report and Annual Return 2025/2026**

The Clerk presented the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Return, and the accompanying Action Plan containing specific recommendations.

The following issues and required corrections were noted by the Council:

1. Staff Costs Clarification: The Internal auditor identified that the staff costs balance on the original Annual Return was incorrect as it omitted payments made to HMRC in respect of employers National Insurance and Paye (this had been included in other payments)

**Resolved:** To amend the Annual Return balances to the correct figures as follows:

Staff Costs = £7,221

Total Other Payments = £25,163

A copy of the amended Annual Return was forwarded to the Internal Auditor.

2. The Council paid a grant of £1000 in total to Ysgol Parc y Llan (Breakfast Club) during 2025/26. The payment was made by bank transfer but there is no letter or emailed confirmation that the monies were received.

**Resolved:** A confirmation of receipt has been received from Ysgol Parc y Llan and forwarded to the Internal Auditor.

The Internal Audit Report Action Plan – Recommendations – This has been updated by the Internal Auditor.

3. Annual Governance Statement (Item 1 – Vision & Purpose)

The Council reviewed the Annual Governance Statement. It was noted while the Council actively consults on

individual projects (such as the ‘Small Wheel Play’) a formal standalone community vision framework was not in place.

**Action:** It was resolved to answer ‘No’ to line 1. The Council formally minutes its commitment to develop and publish a Community Vision and Purpose Statement over the coming months to explicitly inform all future council plans, budgets and activities.

#### **Approval & Certification**

Following the agreed adjustments and confirmations, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements were approved by the Council.

**Resolved:** The Annual Return approval and certification was officially signed and dated by the Clerk/RFO and the Chair.

### **6. Quarterly Financial Review and Budget Monitoring**

The Clerk presented the quarterly financial review, providing members with a detailed expenditure sheet and bank balance reconciliation up to the meeting date.

**Current Expenditure:** Total expenditure to date for the current financial period was received and noted as £9,671.07

**Project Updates – Defibrillator Provision:** The Council reviewed the earmarked reserves, noting that a sum of £2000 remains ringfenced for the installation of a defibrillator in Rhydtalog.

Councillor A. Marshall provided a progress update, highlighting two actions required.

- Electrical Installation: Councillor A. Marshall to consult with a qualified electrician for a cost estimate for the installation and connection.
- Private Property Agreement: As the location for the defibrillator is a private dwelling an agreement with the property owners would need to be reached and arrangements regarding electricity consumption charges.

Members noted that if the property owners change their minds regarding the installation on their dwelling, the Council will need to look for an alternative location, ideally keeping it within the immediate Rhydtalog area.

**Bank Reconciliations:** The Clerk/RFO presented statements tracking the opening balances of both the current account and the Reserve Account as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026, alongside the updated balances as of 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.

**Forward Budget Forecasting:** The Council examined the approximate projected expenses up to the end of the financial year (31<sup>st</sup> March 2027) No further budgetary amendments were deemed necessary.

**Year-End Projection:** Based on the current spends, the approximate balance carried over into the new financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2027 is projected to be £24,147.

**Resolved:** To accept and approve the quarterly presentation and budget monitoring reports as presented.

### **7. School Highway Safety – Proposals for a Highway Subcommittee.**

The Council discussed a proposal to form a formal subcommittee to address ongoing highway safety and parking issues outside the local primary schools (Ysgol Terrig and Ysgol Parc-y-Llan) Members noted that this safety concern has persisted for a number of years, despite the Community Council’s efforts to assist.

- Councillor Barry Jones expressed strong support for immediate action, voicing deep frustration over the lack of assistance from the local highway’s authority, Flintshire County Council, regarding what is a clear, long-standing safety issue.
- Members acknowledged that an up-to-date risk assessment has not been carried out.
- The Community Council evaluated an active planning application for a development adjacent to the school site. Members noted that if this planning permission is successfully granted by the county, it may create a strategic opportunity to resolve the area’s parking layout. The Community Council would anticipate receiving a Section 106 developer contribution payment, which could possibly fund the school parking and safety solutions.

- Councillor A. Marshall reminded members that schoolchildren had previously attended a Community Council meeting to personally request action regarding the dangerous parking. It was noted that both schools are reviewing the situation.

Following a detailed debate, members agreed that a working party would be a more efficient approach than a subcommittee structure. It was decided to defer a final decision on the working party setup until the next meeting.

**Resolved:** Not to form a subcommittee at this time, and to re-agenda the topic for full review at the upcoming July meeting.

Proposed: Councillor R. Cracknell

Seconded: Councillor C. Hughes

Motion carried.

## **8. Grant Funding Application – School Breakfast Club**

Consideration of Grant Application.

The Chair read a letter of correspondence received from the Headteacher, Mr M. Ashford, regarding a grant application to support the school's breakfast club. The letter detailed the operational structure of the club and emphasised its vital role in supporting local families currently facing financial challenges.

Members noted that the breakfast club is a shared resource with Ysgol Terrig as the two schools are situated on a shared campus.

A full breakdown of the breakfast club's operational costs and funding requirements was shared and discussed with members.

Following a discussion on the provision of the breakfast club, it was proposed to award a grant of £1000.

Proposed: Councillor C. Hughes

Seconded: Councillor A. Marshall

Motion carried unanimously

**Resolved:** The £1000 grant payment be approved and paid immediately.

## **9. Planning Applications**

There were no planning applications received for discussion.

## **10. Play Areas: Treuddyn & Coed-Talon**

Treuddyn Play Area: The Council reviewed the status of the Expression of Interest submitted for the 2026/27 financial year match funding scheme, noting that the 'Spider Climber' structure remains the primary option put forward.

To date, the Community Council has not received confirmation from 'Gwella' regarding whether the application has been successful. However, members expressed optimism that full funding approval will be granted shortly.

The new playhouse and springer equipment have not been installed to date.

**Resolved:** To invite Mr Richard Roberts, the Play Design Officer, to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the spider climber and allow members to raise any additional questions or concerns regarding the play areas.

## **11. Monthly Action Plan**

Matters raised with FCC Streetscene – discussed and updated.

1. The condition of the road below Ffordd y Sarn is in terrible condition.
2. Queen Street: It was noted that the potholes that have been infilled have been done to a very poor standard.

3. Councillor A. Marshall reported that Highways Officer Mr. Lee Shone will be looking at the installation of dropped kerbs on Ffordd y Llan towards Queen Street. This will enable mobility scooter users to safely mount and dismount the main road. When this work is completed, other improvements will be carried out in this area.

## 12. Correspondence

1. A letter was presented from a local resident living on the boundary of Treuddyn. The resident requested if the Community Speedwatch team could monitor the speed of the traffic through the narrow gap near their property.

2. Fit, Fed and Read Summer Program 2026: Correspondence received from Gwella confirming the schedule for the 2026 summer program. The scheme will be at Treuddyn play area from 11:00am to 12:30pm on the following Fridays: 24<sup>th</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> August and 21<sup>st</sup> August

This is a free holiday program for local children and families. It successfully combines fun sports and physical activities with games, crafts, reading schemes and free food and drink.

This provision is fully funded by Treuddyn C.C

3. Community Boundary Reviews. Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 / Electoral Reviews.

The Final Recommendations Report regarding the local government democracy and boundary reviews across Wales.

There are no boundary or seat changes for this Community Council. The current boundaries and membership allocations remain unaffected.

## 13. Accounts for Payment

Approval of Invoices and Financial Payments

Approval given for Invoices paid 31/05/26

| Payee               | Details                               | Amount    |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| J. Bourke-Bennett   | First Prize Christmas Light comp      | £50.00    |
| Gallagher Insurance | Treuddyn C.C Annual Insurance renewal | £2,360.33 |

### Accounts for payment

| Payee                        | Details                          | Amount   |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| M. Fisher                    | Cutting verges & BMX track       | £290.00  |
| Staff costs                  | June                             | £540.46  |
| HMRC                         | Tax & NI May                     | £87.40   |
| J.D.H Business Services Ltd  | Internal Audit 2025/2026         | £366.00  |
| Hafren Ddfrdwy               | Water supply Queen St. Play Area | £26.34   |
| Double, Click Design & Print | TCC Spring Newsletter            | £760.00  |
| Scottish Power               | 01/05/26 to 31/05/26             | £457.18  |
| Ysgol Parc-y-Llan            | Breakfast Club s137 Grant        | £1000.00 |

It was agreed the above payments are approved. The payment schedule was signed by the Chair / or Vice-Chair and two bank signatories.

## 14. Community Councillor's Reports

1. Councillor C. Hughes confirmed that the rose flower boxes within the cemetery have been made tidy.

2. Councillor C. Swan stated that weedkiller has been applied where required in the cemetery during the Spring. It was requested if this treatment could be repeated shortly.

3. Councillor's C. Swan & E. Morgan agreed to lay aggregate stone around the cemetery water tap and prevent muddy conditions ahead of the winter season.

4. Councillor C. Hughes noted a complaint on the community Facebook page regarding uncut grass in the cemetery. She posted a public response confirming that the cemetery has now been cut and is formally scheduled on a three-week cut.

5. Members noted that the latest edition of the Treuddyn C.C Newsletter has been distributed, with 78 copies left over. It was agreed to distribute the remaining copies among the local shop, the Church and Carreg-y-Llech milk stand.

6. The newsletter editor Councillor E. Bech was thanked for her hard work, noting the publication was well put together.
5. Councillor A. Marshall provided a breakdown of Flintshire County Council's grass cutting policy, explaining that locations inside 30mph zones are classed as urban areas, while locations outside are designated as rural. He noted that if the county merges 30mph and 40mph zones under single designations, it could inadvertently grant rural areas extra cuts. He expressed concern they may not have got this correct, as it will cost more.
6. It was requested to remind Mr M. Fisher to cut growth back around the school sign
7. Councillor A. Marshall and the Clerk will arrange a site visit meeting with Mr. M. Fisher to look at which grass areas require cutting. This is due to the lack of routine grass cutting by Flintshire County Council, which has resulted in key visibility splays and highway junctions not being mowed as regularly as they should be.
8. Councillor B. Jones informed members that travelling along Ffordd Mynydd Du presents a safety risk, as overgrown grass on the verges is restricting highway visibility for motorists.
9. It was noted that the roadside hedge along the A5104 from the corner garage up to the Sunspot junction is heavily overgrown.
10. Councillor A. Marshall reported that the secondary consultation stage regarding the Catholic School reorganisation strategy started today, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026, and provided members with an update.
11. The Chair, Councillor E. Bech reported on public feedback received via the newsletter.  
One resident has stepped forward to join the Community Speedwatch team. The second response was received regarding the K6 phone box on Queen Street, with the resident suggesting they would like the phone box retained and possibly transformed into a community book library.

There being no further business, the Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9:00pm

Chair .....

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

