

CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 21st October 2025 at Hafan Deg Community Centre for 7.00pm

Chairman: Councillor A. Marshall

Present: Councillors. E. Bech (vice-chair), C. Swan, V. Speed, C. Hughes, B. Jones & E. Morgan

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

Members of the public: 1 present

Public session 6.50pm to 7.00pm

1. Apologies: Councillors R. Cracknell, J. Smith & E. Swan

The Chair opened the public meeting and invited the resident to speak.

Mr Allan Gardner is present this evening to ask the council for support in his appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, Cardiff in respect of the 'Old Stables', Ffordd Llanfynydd. Mr Gardner is appealing against the Enforcement Notice issued by Flintshire County Council planning department for unauthorised development and material change of use of land.

Without planning permission, the change of use of land for the storage and processing of timber.

AG: "This will have an adverse impact, and I feel it is grossly unfair. I live on site and my family live in the neighbouring property. The yard adjacent came on the market in 2018 in which I purchased. The existing tenants had businesses on the site, a couple of tenants are still here.

I started a small-scale logging business which I associated the business with agriculture. I submitted a change of use but was refused by FCC planning department. My business contributes to the local community, employing two people and supplying logs in the area.

Quantity does not quantify a full-time business. I applied for a 'A change of use' in August 2021, the application was refused in February 2022".

The Chair and councillors thanked Mr Gardner for attending this evening.

The Appeal Notice will be discussed this evening under agenda item 6 – Planning Applications.

2. To receive declarations of Interest

Cllr. V. Speed declared a personal Interest.

Agenda 6 – Planning Applications. Appeal Reference: Case CAS-04575-J3B0Q3-LPA

Site: The Old Stables, Ffordd Llanfynydd, Treuddyn, Mold.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting – 16th September 2025

That the minutes of the meeting be accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the chair.

Proposed: Cllr. V. Speed Seconded: Cllr. C. Swan

All in favour – Carried.

4. To report on any matters arising from the minutes.

1. Wrexham Cycling Club – use of the BMX track on the 18th October 2025. The clerk reported there was a good turnout and young people attending from the village.
2. Cllr. B. Jones asked if the font size of the minutes could be enlarged, the font size used is rather small to read.

The clerk to increase the font size to 12.

5. Treuddyn C.C Newsletter – To discuss Editing of the Winter Edition 2025

Treuddyn News – Notice of Motion. Received from Cllr. A Marshall and shared with all councillors.

The chair opened the discussion and stated ‘The Treuddyn News’ has become an emotive and divisive issue. He also made it clear that he has no desire to be Editor of The Treuddyn News and has stated this on numerous occasions.

Over the past few years several resolutions have been debated and voted upon which have been recorded in the minutes, but not implemented.

Minutes of the 04-2024 Item 8 and 02-2025 Item 10

Improvements to the format and preparation of the Newsletter.

A meeting had been held between the Chair, Vice-Chair (Editor) and Clerk on 11th February 2025 to discuss the Chair’s proposals to improve the format and structure of the Treuddyn News.

From this meeting it was at the Editor’s discretion if she wished to hold another meeting with the Chair to discuss the formatting etc.

It was put that the Council’s budget has adequate finances for three issues of Treuddyn News each year, at present two are produced: Spring and Winter.

With the proposed improvements this would allow three or even four editions to be produced each year.

Proof Readers

The last two editions have not been proof-read by the nominated proof-readers. Cllr. R. Cracknell and Cllr. A. Marshall, but had been proof-read by another person.

Working Group or Committee

The 2025 Model Standing Orders does not have provision for working groups. The Council may appoint committees and sub-committees which can be set up for a specific purpose.

Model Standing Orders Reference 4

Emails passed between the Editor and the Chair (Clerk copied in) regarding the editing of the Newsletter. The Chair had printed all emails which he would read out to councillors. – At the request of the editor the emails were read by the Clerk.

Councillors were given the opportunity to put their thoughts forward.

CS: “The Editor does an excellent job of the Newsletter and should be left to seek advice from the council when required and pick her own proof-readers”.

EB: (Editor) “I feel the Newsletter has been blown out of proportion and the Chair oversees everything his way. The Chair’s proposals have all been accommodated, I am doing my very best, but it doesn’t seem to be enough, it is just a Newsletter”.

CH: “The editor works full time and does this voluntarily in her own time. There is a lot of work involved putting the Newsletter together. It would be helpful if someone helped to get more adverts in which would fetch in more money towards the cost of the printing. This would give the editor more time to put the Newsletter articles together”.

EM: “It would be useful if the councils bank details were on the back page were to send payment. Would someone be willing to take on the Advertiser role and collect payment. The Newsletter is improving.

It was noted the Clerk collects advertiser’s payments.

BJ: “I would like to see the council put history behind us and move forward”.

The following proposals were put forward by the Chair, and each proposal will be voted upon by the council.

- The Chair, Vice Chair and her son to meet imminently to discuss the Chair's proposal for improving the Newsletter as agreed in February 2025

The Chair asked for a vote on the proposal - **No Vote**

- To form a Treuddyn News Committee with terms of reference agreed by the Council.

The Chair asked for a vote on the proposal.

In favour 4 Against 3

Carried.

It was agreed that Councillors B. Jones, E. Bech (Editor) and a member of the public (who has volunteered to help with the Newsletter) shall form the committee.

BJ "If we could leave the editor to press on with the Winter Newsletter"

The committee will prepare a procedure how the Newsletter will look, font size etc.

A draft 'Treuddyn News Policy' had been put together in December 2023.

The Chair asked for a vote that the committee compile the procedure and come back to council.

All in favour - Carried

- To review the cost of printing the Treuddyn News and to amend the Advertising fees and Senedd Member donations to at least cover the cost of printing the page.

Fees were discussed and it was proposed to increase the advert costs to: Full page £25 Half page £15

The chair asked for a vote in favour of the cost increase.

All in favour - Carried

- To notify the advertisers and Senedd Members that payment into the Council's bank account and an email to the Clerk is required before the deadline date and that the Clerk will respond to the email as a receipt. Senedd Member's articles are to be limited to one page.

The Clerk to email all advertisers – adverts are to be paid in full before going into the Newsletter.

The Chair asked for a vote on the above.

All in Favour – Carried

- Since the Senedd Members would be covering the cost of printing their articles, the invitation could be expanded to include all five North Wales Senedd Members and the local Member of Parliament representing Treuddyn Ward.

It was agreed that Senedd Members would not be invited for articles for the Winter Edition due to Senedd Elections be held in May 2026.

Discussion on hold until after the Senedd elections.

Cllr. A. Marshall also stated that he will step aside from trying to help improve the format and structure of the Newsletter.

6. Planning

[FUL/000846/25](#)

Proposal: Demolition of existing dilapidated outbuilding to be replaced with new garage and stores.

Location: Tyn- y- Groesfordd, Ffordd Nercwys, Treuddyn, Mold, CH7 4LQ

Treuddyn C.C Comments

No Objection

Town & Country Planning Act, 1990 (as amended)

Appeal by: Alan Gardner

Site: The Old Stables. Ffordd Llanfynydd, Treuddyn, Mold, CH7 4LQ

Appeal Reference: Case CAS-04575-J3B0Q3-LPA reference StaceyWynne/ENF1240123

The alleged breach of control is: Without planning permission the change of use of land for the storage and processing of timber.

Comments to be sent to the Planning & Enforcement Decisions Wales, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff, or by email by 31.10.2025

Councillors discussed the documentation in respect of the above site and agreed not to comment.

The council was not supporting or opposing the appeal.

7. K6 Telephone Box – Queen Street

Councillors are unsure what the telephone box could be used for. It would be nice to put something inside, but it was agreed this wouldn't work. It could be painted and tidied up and left empty.

The Clerk to fetch the K6 paperwork when purchased to the November meeting for further discussion.

8. Remembrance Service

Sunday 9th November 2025 at St. Mary's Church & the War Memorial - to confirm arrangements.

- Deeside Silver Band have confirmed they will be playing at the service.
- Parc y Llan will be taking part.
- Readers. Welsh – Cllr. A. Marshall (Chair) English - Cllr. C. Hughes
- A poppy is to be placed on the War Memorial gate.
- Wreaths have been ordered.
- Refreshments will be served in St. Mary's Church after the service.

9. Play Areas – Treuddyn & Coed-Talon

Queen Street play area. It was reported the house table in the toddler area had been set on fire. The incident had been shown on Facebook Treuddyn Community Group but was taken off.

The Clerk to speak to TCC Insurers.

There were no other issues reported.

10. Monthly Action Plan

Matters raised with FCC Streetscene – discussed and updated.

1. Ffordd- y- Rhos in front of pensioners bungalows. Tree roots have lifted the pavement.

It was reported a resident had tripped on a tree root and broke her foot.

11. Treuddyn C.C Summer Garden, Pots & Hanging Basket Competition 2025

Results.

First Prize £50 1 Queen Street – beautiful floral displays in a wide selection of pots

Second Prize £25 Erw Coch, Ffordd- y- Llan – stunning hanging baskets and well stocked borders

Third Prize £25 5 Ffordd Carreg-y-Llech - beautiful roses and bedding plant borders

Congratulations to the winners.

12. Correspondence – To acknowledge and note correspondence received.

1. Treuddyn C.C Insurance - Gallagher Insurance – Reply received from client advisor on the following matter.

Treuddyn C.C are looking to purchase a defibrillator for the small village of Rhydtalog. A resident has given permission for the defibrillator cabinet to be mounted on the house wall (external) and there would be electric available from the kitchen the other side of the wall.

Insurance Advisors reply: With regards to where the Defib is being installed, there is no issue with that. It is recommended that you check with a professional installer for this equipment about where it is being installed, especially if the defib causes an outage due to poor installation (Highly unlikely, but still worth checking).

It is also advised that the homeowner checks with their home insurance and electricity supplier.

This would need to be included in TCC Risk Assessments and must have a maintenance / inspection plan in place. A chat may be required regarding the costs, i.e. If the Homeowner charges you for the electricity used, how would this be worked out, if they do make sure that TCC have a written agreement in place.

The Clerk has received Defibrillator and cabinet costings from SADS UK.

This information to be shared with councillors.

2. BMX Track Maintenance and Refresh. A letter received from Clark & Kent Contractors who built the track offering a comprehensive maintenance package for the track. The package includes a full day on-site with a 3-man team carrying out the listed tasks.

The full cost of this maintenance visit is £1,250.00 (Ex. VAT)

It was noted that majority of the tasks are not required. The clerk to speak to Clark & Kent regarding the inspection of the surface and the walls.

3. PC 3832 Anna Preece

- Issues that often happen on Halloween and Bonfire night at this time of year.
- Night time burglaries with the evenings getting dark and people not leaving lights on.

If there's any issues/locations in particular to let the Police/PCSO's aware.

PCSO Enfys Roberts (94497) If the council could suggest suitable dates/times of upcoming council meetings to be added into the policing team's shared calendar.

Note: In the past the clerk has provided meetings dates and times, due to shift patterns PCSO's were unable to attend. Future meetings and dates for 2025/2026 will be sent.

4. Mayor of Saltney – Invitation to councillors to attend the Civic Service on Sunday 23 November 2025 at 3.00pm at St. Marks Church, Saltney.

Please inform the clerk if you wish to attend by the 13th November 2025.

13. Street Lighting

No faults reported.

14. Balances of bank accounts and to approve invoices for payment.

Current Account: £41,027.68 Reserve Account: £1,211.21

Payee	Details	Amount
Staff costs	October	£613.66
HMRC	Employer NI September	£25.60
C.J Thomas	Clerk's TCC office expenses	£218.24
M. Fisher	Cutting verges & BMX track	£260.00
	August Invoice	
M. Fisher	Cutting verges & BMX track	£345.00
	September Invoice	

Matthias	1 st prize TCC summer gardening comp cheque no: 2035	£50.00
Harding	2 nd prize TCC summer gardening comp cheque no: 2036	£25.00
Jones	3 rd prize TCC summer gardening comp cheque no:2037	£25.00
Royal British Legion	2 x Remembrance Wreaths cheque no:2038	£50.00

It was agreed the above payments are approved. The payment schedule was signed by the chair/vice chair and two bank signatories.

15. Community Councillors Reports

1. Ffordd Nercwys - Cllr. A Marshall reported the Tyn-y-Groesffordd road has gone bad.
No other reports received.

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 9.25pm

Chairman

18th November 2025