

CYNGOR CYMUNED TREUDDYN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held 21st July 2026 at Hafan Deg Community Centre, Treuddyn for 7.00pm

Chair: Councillor E. Bech

Present: Councillors: V. Speed, B. Jones, C. Swan, R. Cracknell & C. Hughes

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. Morgan, J. Smith, A. Marshall & E. Swan

2. To receive declarations of Interest

None received.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting – 16th June 2026

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

Proposed: Councillor C. Swan

Seconded: Councillor C. Hughes

Carried.

4. Reports arising from the minutes.

Item 10: Play Areas / Treuddyn: The new playhouse and springy has been installed in the toddler play area.

5. Consideration of a Council Working Party for School Safety Improvements.

The Council considered a proposal to establish an internal working party, in lieu of a formal subcommittee, to actively drive road and school safety improvements.

- Councillor V. Speed expressed support for general road safety initiatives but questioned the timing of establishing a working party. She noted concern that forming the group at this stage could inadvertently facilitate the approval of an ongoing planning application, rather than focusing purely on safety outcomes.

- Councillor C. Swan observed that the road conditions in question are typical of those surrounding schools throughout Flintshire. He Highlighted that, historically there have been no recorded injuries at this location. He advised that securing road safety improvements from Flintshire County Council (FCC) would be challenging and would require formal approval from both the headteachers and parents of the two schools. The Community Council should pursue a zebra crossing to maximise pedestrian safety, noting that hatched road markings would deter illegal parking.

It was suggested that an invitation be extended to Mr Anthony Stanford, FCC Highways Officer, to revisit safety proposals discussed by the Council several years ago.

It was also stated, while supporting the concept of a working party in principle, it was emphasized that the Council must first clarify what measures are permissible by consulting with the FCC Highways Department.

6. Planning Applications

There were no applications received for discussion.

7. Play Areas: Treuddyn & Coed-Talon

Treuddyn – It was noted that the playing field has been cut and the overall area is looking well-maintained and tidy. The play facilities continue to be well utilised by the community.

The Clerk was instructed to chase up the installation of the new, large-capacity litter bin with FCC Streetscene. Members noted that this request was originally submitted several months ago and reiterated that the Community Council has already ring-fenced the necessary funds to cover the purchase and installation costs.

The Clerk reported contact has been made with a tree surgeon to provide a quotation for the following maintenance on Treuddyn play area.

- Trimming back branches currently obscuring the on-site CCTV camera.
- Pruning the conifer branches encroaching into the toddler play area.

8. Monthly Action Plan

Matters raised with FCC Streetscene – discussed and updated.

1. Ffordd y Felin – The road has been disintegrating for several years, this was initially reported by the Community Council in February 2021. While FCC Streetscene formally inspected the lane and acknowledged the issues, the road surface continues to degrade.

It was stated it would be more cost effective for the road to be resurfaced than infilling the many dangerous potholes.

2. Ffordd yr Odyn near Pwll Farm. It was reported that along the lane near Pwll Farm, one reflective marker post has been completely knocked down. The remaining three posts are severely sun-bleached and faded to the extent that they no longer serve their safety purpose or provide clear visibility to motorists.

3. Link Path towards Queen Street. Cllr. C. Swan has cut back the right-hand side of the path.

4. The overgrown hedge vegetation encroaching over the footpath along the A5104 from the Sunspot Junction to the corner garage, which was forcing pedestrians to walk in the live carriageway.

The Clerk informed members that a contractor quotation had been obtained for the Council's consideration to trim back the growth. However, FCC have since cut back the hedge.

Members noted the volume of complaints from local residents regarding the wider decline in county-level maintenance. Residents' complaints are heavily concentrated around the neglected state of public footpaths, unresolved potholes and issues with recycling collections.

The Council discussed the level of services that are offered by FCC, and questioning whether local residents would oppose a higher precept to improve the village.

The principle of devolution operates on a tiered system to bring decision-making to the people it impacts. When a Local Authority scales back on non-statutory or lower-priority maintenance, Town and Community Councils are left with a difficult choice: step in and fund the service locally, or watch their villages decline.

9. Correspondence

1. The Council received introductory correspondence from Mr Sam Rowlands MS who was recently re-elected as the Senedd Member for the newly established Fflint Wrecsam constituency. In his communication Mr Rowlands introduced himself to the Council and formally offered his ongoing support.

Resolved: That the Clerk extend a formal invitation to Mr Sam Rowlands MS to attend a future Council meeting with a view to arranging a mutually convenient date.

2. The Council received a letter dated 3rd July 2026 from Mr Richard Roberts, Play Design Officer, Gwella. Mr Roberts apologised for the delay regarding the installation of the new Playhouse and Springer equipment, confirming that installation works are underway.
Mr Roberts is happy to meet to discuss the proposed spider climber.

10. Accounts for Payment & Treuddyn C.C Bank Balances

Current Account: £12,937.89 Reserve Account: £31,264.68

Payments in:

Reserve Account: 29/05/26	Interest	£21.08
30/06/26	Interest	£23.28

Accounts for payment

Payee	Details	Amount
M. Fisher	BMX track & Village verges June Invoice	£290.00
Staff costs	July	£540.46
HMRC	Tax & NI June	£98.80
Audit Wales	External Full Audit 2024/2025	£754.15
Flintshire C.C	Wheelchair/Equestrian Gates / Llanfynydd to Coed-Talon Bridleway. 50% cost shared with Llanfynydd C.C	£550.00
iViD Digital Security Systems	CCTV Treuddyn play park 12 months 4G Unlimited Data 02/08/26 to 01/08/27	£720.00
C.J Thomas	Deskjet 4322 all in one printer / 50% cost shared with Llanfynydd C.C	£34.99
The Defib Pad	Mediana A15 Adult & Paediatric Pads (School Campus)	£64.19
C.J Thomas	Office stationery / Printer Ink & copying paper	£40.75
Scottish Power	01.06.2026 to 30.06.2026	£387.96

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

11. Community Councillor's Reports

1. Street Lighting: The street light outside 'The Rookery' on Queen Street is currently out and requires repair.
2. Flintshire C.C has cut back the grass bank outside the school campus.
3. The Council noted that general maintenance of the verges remains inconsistent, with some areas cut and others missed. However, due to recent hot weather, grass growth has slowed significantly.
4. Community Speed Watch: The Chair reported that two members of the public have inquired regarding what is involved. The Council hopes they will formally join the group.

Treuddyn C.C Summer Garden Competition.

The Clerk reminded members about the upcoming garden competition and asked them to note any gardens they feel would be worthy winners.

The Chair brought the meeting to a close at 8.45pm

Chair

Date: 15th September 2026

