Minutes of Llanddeiniolen Community Council Meeting – 6 October 2026

Welcome and Prayer

The Chair, Gareth Hughes, welcomed everyone and a prayer was given by the Reverend Idris Thomas.

Present

The Chair, Gareth Hughes, together with Councillors Elwyn Jones, Jane Pierce, Elen George, Idris Thomas, Rhian Evans-Hill, Emma Chappell and Berwyn Parry Jones.

I. Lowri was unable to connect to the virtual meeting link.

Apologies

Sasha Williams, Lowri James and Gareth Griffiths.

Declarations of Interest

Please see the forms relating to declarations of interest based on financial grants.

Tyddyn Teg

It was a pleasure to welcome Conna Scrase to the meeting. Conna is one of the directors and an employee of Tyddyn Teg, a co-operative company that grows vegetables at Tyddyn Berth, near Bethel.

Conna gave an outline of the company's current activities, which include bread-making and a farm shop where they sell weekly vegetable boxes to customers. The company currently employs 13 people.

Recently, the company received grant assistance from the National Lottery to develop a Forestry Plan. This will include improving access for members of the community.

Conna explained that the farm covers approximately 13 acres, of which around 3 acres remain undeveloped. The intention is to develop this land by planting fruit trees, including apples, plums and nut trees.

They also plan to construct a single-storey educational cabin for training, meetings and wellbeing purposes, together with associated work such as walls and access improvements.

There is also a hope to work collaboratively with the County Council, Community Council and walking groups to improve the footpaths running through the land.

A planning application for this work has recently been submitted.

An interesting discussion followed on several matters, particularly the overgrowth of trees and reeds along the road between Bethel and the Crawiau road.

It was noted that the Community Council had made several attempts to contact the company to request that the overgrowth be cut back and had also contacted the County Council.

It was emphasised that the company must take responsibility for this, as do other neighbouring farmers. Conna wishes to ensure that this matter is addressed within the next month.

The Chair thanked Conna for attending and expressed the hope that there would be good co-operation in the future.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 September 2026

The minutes were confirmed as a correct record, and it was noted that all decisions had been made unanimously by the Council.

Jane Pierce (1) and Idris Thomas (1708) (2).

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Youth Clubs

A report was received from the officer regarding the current position of the parish youth clubs.

Deiniolen is doing well, with regular attendance. Numbers at Rhiwlas have increased to 6; however, more young people are needed. It is hoped that numbers will increase over the coming week.

An advertisement seeking people to run the club in Bethel had been published, but nobody had come forward so far. The job advertisement has therefore been extended.

Correspondence and Other Matters

Bus Shelter at Tai Croesion, Penisarwaun

During the meeting, a member of the public attended and presented a letter together with a petition requesting a bus shelter near Tai Croesion.

The Community Council has never previously received a request for a bus shelter anywhere in Penisarwaun.

However, the Clerk will contact Cyngor Gwynedd to establish whether it would be possible to install a shelter in this area of the village before taking the matter any further.

Christmas Lights

Following receipt of a letter from one of the villages, it was noted that the Council does not fund Christmas lights from its own budget.

However, an application could be submitted to the Council by a voluntary organisation within the village during the designated financial grant application period, provided that it follows the guidelines and rules of Llanddeiniolen Community Council's Financial Grants Scheme.

Planning

The following applications had been received:

* C26/0571/18/LL – Tyddyn Berth, Bethel

Planning application for the construction of a single-storey timber-framed educational cabin, including a covered decking area and accessible access ramp, for the purposes of community education, training, meetings and wellbeing, together with associated works.

No objection.

* C26/0525/18/DT – Rhos Aeron, Seion

Construction of a single-storey extension and balcony, together with associated alterations.

No objection.

* C26/0542/18/HY – Slate Museum, Llanberis

Upgrading the signage and interpretation throughout the entire site.

No objection.

Footpaths

It appears that officers from the Footpaths Department have already discussed the Tyddyn Berth footpaths and the footpath from Llanddeiniolen Church with the landowners.

In the past, although efforts had been made to improve these paths, cattle were present on part of the land and the ground was extremely wet. This had therefore been put forward as one combined footpath project in an attempt to secure a grant for improvements.

It also appears that several walking groups have expressed an interest in helping to improve the footpaths.

The Clerk will make further contact with the officers at Cyngor Gwynedd.

An officer has also visited the footpath from Rhos Wian to Waun. There is a section where water, or a small stream, runs across the route, meaning that the footpath is submerged beneath the water.

It was suggested that a few iron sleepers should be installed above ground level. The Clerk will discuss this with the relevant officer.

Confirmation has also been received that the signs on the footpath near Tai Arthur in Penisarwaun will be reinstated.

Financial Grants

A total of 19 applications were received this year. Of these, 13 were found to comply with the requirements of the grant rules.

This was unanimously accepted by the members present.

The following grants will be awarded this year:

Organisation	Grant
Bethel Indoor Bowling Club	£350.00
Clwb Bro Bethel	£350.00
Bethel Eisteddfod	£350.00
Bethel Snooker Club	£350.00
Deiniolen Village Committee	£500.00
Deiniolen Snooker Club	£350.00
Penisarwaun Community Hall	£500.00
Friends of Rhiwlas	£350.00
Rhiwlas Craft Club	£350.00
Clwb Rhiwen	£350.00
Rhiwlas Village Hall	£500.00
Eco'r Wyddfa	£350.00
Penisarwaun Eisteddfod	£350.00
Total	**£5,000.00**

Approval of Payments

The payments listed above were approved unanimously and signed by the Chair and the Chair of the Finance Sub-Committee.

Around the Table

Deiniolen and Rhiwlas

White road markings need to be repainted at the crossing at Lon Garnedd and Ffordd Deiniol, together with several junctions in Rhiwlas.

The Clerk has contacted the Council and will chase this matter again.

Tabernacl Road, Deiniolen

A request needs to be submitted to Cyngor Gwynedd for the entire road to be resurfaced.

The road has large potholes and is extremely dangerous. Several people walk along this road, including parents walking with young children to school.

Brynrefail

Access from Trem Eilian onto the main road in Brynrefail

It is impossible to see whether vehicles are approaching when exiting this access. A request needs to be submitted to Cyngor Gwynedd for the trees and hedges to be cut back.

The bridge on the road past the playground

A request had already been submitted for double yellow lines to be installed, as cars and vans are parking there and, in doing so, preventing the bus from travelling through the village.

A further request has now been made to shorten the proposed yellow lines slightly.

Everyone agreed with and accepted this recommendation.

The Clerk will contact the Council's department to confirm the arrangements.

Note: I have translated the minutes faithfully, retaining the original names, figures and decisions. A few phrases in the Welsh source appear to contain typing or formatting errors, so I have translated these according to their apparent meaning.