



Minutes of Meeting

**Minutes of Meeting of Llangunnor Community Council held in Babell Zion Chapel and virtually via Zoom
on Tuesday 16 December 2025 at 19:00**

Present: Councillors Matthew Williams (Chair), Elwyn Williams, Lee Whatley, Joan Evans, Graham Slate; Clerk, Amy Evans and one member of the public.

Via Zoom: Councillors Geraint Bevan, Scott Bayes and one member of the public

The meeting was convened to discuss the following agenda:

- 220) To receive apologies for absence were received from Cllr S. Bowen
- 221) To record all declarations of interest – Cllr E. Williams for item 231 in relation to Capel Philadelphia, Cllr G. Bevan for item 231 in relation to Gateway Trust and Cegin Hedyn and Cllr J. Evans for item 231 in relation to Llangunnor Church.
- 222) Chair's Announcements
 - Attended the fundraising Christmas Fair at Babell Newydd Chapel
 - New chief fire officer has been appointed
- 223) 12 Minutes - Public Participation – None
- 224) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 20th November 2025 **APPROVED** (2 abs)
- 225) Confirm results of 2024/2025 Audit – Unqualified reports – thanks for Clerk and Cllr S. Bowen for their hard work
 - *Comment from auditor: The balance of Line 12 in the Accounting Statement for the year ended 31st March 2024 has been restated from last year's audited balance. The Council have revalued their fixed assets downwards from £151,070 to £149,977, this is a downwards revaluation of £1093. We recommend that the Council discloses the value of the restatement in the Additional Disclosure Notes of the Annual Return. There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council's attention.*

Park & Environment

- 226) Update provided on drainage and culvert clearance and flood pump – Replies received from Ben Kathrens: Flood Defence and Coastal Protection Manager, Ian J Thomas of Carmarthenshire County Council.
 - a) **AGREED** to report recurring drain blockage outside Sorting office; this was cleared on 4th November by Post Office staff, request route to clear on heavy rainfall in autumn – proactive not reactive with sweeper cleaning on Babell Hill and Pensarn area
 - b) **AGREED** to feedback to Ben Kathrens: Changed circumstances with the amount of construction has happened in the area, looking at proactive not reactive
 - c) **AGREED** to do Facebook Post – provide information on the update

Events

- 227) Christmas Event update:
 - a) Event cost £146.44
 - b) Positivity from the community on the event going ahead
 - c) Thanks to Castell Howell for donation of selection boxes for the children – letter already sent
 - d) Suggestion of donation for John Robinson who provided Gazebo last minute **AGREED**

Web & Media

None

Personnel

Susan Holmes left the meeting room due to item being discussed

- 228) Recruitment of candidate: Clerk and RFO – Susan Holmes **AGREED** (1st Cllr E. Williams, 2nd Cllr L. Whatley)
 - Cllr E. Williams acknowledged the new appointment and wished the best of luck in the new role.

Susan Holmes re-entered the meeting room

Finance

- 229) Monthly Financial Report and schedule of payments for December 2025 **APPROVED**
- 230) Draft budget for 2026/2027 **APPROVED**
- 231) Donation requests –
 - Cllr G. Bevan confirmed that under Code of Conduct 12 (2) c, a Councillor can vote for if under £500



- Cwlwm – £60
- Kids Cancer Charity – £100
- Urdd – Cylch Committees - £60
- Llandyfaelog Cathedral Eisteddfod - £60
- Babell Zion Chapel - £100
- Carmarthen & District Youth Opera – £60
- Wales Air Ambulance – £100
- Tywi Gateway Trust – £60
- Urdd National – £100
- Llangunnor Church – £60
- Cegin Hedyn – £100
- Capel Philadelphia - £60
- Food Bank – Xcel – £150
- Food Bank – Christ Church - £150

AGREED Total spend of £1220 on donations (1 Voted against, 1 Abstention)

Other business

- 232) To receive reports from Members representing Council on other Bodies/Training.
- a) One Voice Wales – None
 - b) School Governors
 - Cllr J.Evans reported - Attended staff and finance meeting and the school is within budget, also attended Carols and the Christmas Fair this was well attended and run
 - c) Anything else – None
- 233) To receive correspondence and agree responses.
- a) Correspondence – One Voice Wales AGM Agenda, Constitution and Final Motions – noted
 - b) Correspondence – Member of the Public – Memorial Stone Grassy Area Maintenance – **DEFER** for discussion March 2026
 - c) Training Opportunity – One Voice Wales – Cllrs encouraged by Vice Chair and contact Clerk to book
 - d) Correspondence – Carmarthen Railway – this has been actioned in the wider community, the Community Council does not have the power to take action but **AGREED** Clerk will send an email to Network Rail regarding our concerns.
 - e) Correspondence – One Voice Wales – Biodiversity Grant – noted
- 234) To receive Report from County Councillor Cllr Elwyn Williams – Nothing further
- 235) Councillors' Reports
- a) Cllr M.Williams – None
 - b) Cllr L.Whatley – None
 - c) Cllr G.Slate –
 - Christmas tree from CTC was not as good as previous years – Neil Vaughan noticed this and placed additional lights and décor – letter of thanks to be sent (Cllr G.Slate to provide details)
 - Toilet placement is causing run off and it is getting muddy, perhaps the relocation of the toilet needs to be explored. Toilet is closed currently due to the adverse weather. Place on next agenda.
 - d) Cllr G.Bevan – Invitation to the opening of Y Seren – attended – good asset for the community, was very impressed
 - e) Cllr S.Bayes - Nothing
 - f) Cllr J.Evans – Candlelight service attended and did a reading representing the council
 - Login to Blaengwastod – light on the signpost is on in the day - Clerk to report
 - Towards Green Hill – potential squatting report to County Council – Potentially parked there for a few months - Clerk to report
- 236) Next full meeting to be held Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 19:00, Finance meeting will be held prior to this on Thursday 15th January 2026

20:22 - Meeting closed

Minutes prepared by the Clerk