

Minutes of the meeting of Dyffryn Cennen Community Council held on Wednesday 12th November, 2025 at 7.00 p.m. at Capel Tabernacl Festri, Ffairfach.

Present: Councillor L. Durgan in the chair

Councillors: D. Beynon, A. Freeman, P. Thomas, T. Amery, D. Saunders
County Councillor E. Thomas

Apologies: Councillor D. Greenish, Councillor L. Griffiths, Councillor B. Davies, Councillor D. Davies

3403 – Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising that were not included on the Agenda

Minutes were accepted as correct.

3404 – Declarations of Interest

County Councillor E. Thomas – Planning

3405 – Issues for the County Councillor

- (a) There is a lot of water on the roads in Trap, issue with the drains
- (b) Leaves covering the road at Broadoak.
- (c) Pot holes continue to be a problem at Trap, some were filled but with others the pot holes returned.
- (d) Cwmisaf – Tregib, road is coming away and the bend is dangerous.
- (e) Give Way Sign continues to be required by the bridge at Ffairfach, Awel Tywi.

3406 – Matters arising from the minutes

(a) Christmas lights

Councillor L. Durgan had met with the Clerk of Llandeilo Town Council in order to collect the Christmas lights. Further lights are required.

(b) Play Area

Councillor D. Beynon reported that there was a lot of soil to be removed from the Play Area. The ownership of the Play Area wall was discussed again briefly.

(c) Defibrillators

Nothing to report.

(d) Cornel y Tywysog planning application, Xmas Tree

No official planning consent had been received. Trees would be planted in the Spring also Linda agreed to plant the left over Daffodil bulbs in the Tubs. The Water Butt had blown over. Everyone was thanked for their work. The Clerk to enquire regarding insurance for the new purchases. The tree is looking amazing and Councillor D. Beynon had arranged for Christmas Decorations to be placed on the tree.

(e) Events attended by members

County Councillor E. Thomas had attended an event by the Dementia group.

(f) Benches Ffairfach Square

The benches needed replacing

(g) Remembrance Service

The Service was very well attended. Councillor D. Beynon had arranged for Poppies to be placed on the tree. Lowri was thanked for playing the last post and had agreed to play the music again next year.

(h) Christmas Tree

Councillor T. Amery and Councillor D. Beynon had agreed to place the lights on the Christmas Tree in Trap. The Clerk to contact the electrician to assist with the lights. The C.F.F.I. had agreed to prepare refreshments at the Hall.

(i) Ffairfach Railway Station

The issues had been reported but no response to date.

3407 – Correspondence

- (1) One Voice Wales Bulletin 12
- (2) One Voice Wales Practical Development Notes
- (3) Carmarthenshire County Council – Land management survey
- (4) Tefi/Usk/Tywi Pylon Group
- (5) Carmarthenshire County Council updates
- (6) Welsh Government change of election regulations
- (7) One Voice Wales cost of living crisis
- (8) One Voice Wales section 6 workshop

3408 – Finance

(a) Payments

Following cheques were presented and resolved to be paid:

Clerks wages and expenses	£ 330.50 cheque no. 0002170
HMRC	£ 80.00 cheque no. 0002171
DHL Gwynne Fencing	£ 960.00 cheque no. 0002172
Emroch Landscapes cheque no. 0002173 cancelled	
Emroch Landscapes	£15,480.00 cheque no. 0002174
T. Amery (Onnen studios)	£9,000.00 cheque no. 0002175

Cheque no. 002167 – The Dahlia Wood Ltd. was cancelled.

(b) Donations

Requests from the Urdd – Cyfle i bawb

(c) Signing quarterly income and expenditure reports/bank statements

Copies had been sent to everyone, signed at January meeting

(b) Budget 2026/2027 – precept

The precept was discussed briefly and would be discussed further at the next meeting. Due to the expenditure last month the Clerk requested Carmarthenshire County Council to pay the precept a month early, i.e. November instead of December. The Clerk stated that it would be necessary to increase the precept in order to cover expenditure between December and April, because we didn't have any reserves.

Audit 2024-2025**Auditor General's report and audit opinion**

I certify that I have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2025 of **Dyffryn Cennen Community Council**. My audit has been conducted

on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales and in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 (the 2004 Act) and guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales.

Audit opinion: Qualified

Except for the matters reported below in my Basis for Qualification, on the basis of my audit, in my opinion no matters have come to my attention to give cause for concern that, in any material respect, the information reported in this Annual Return:

- has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- that relevant legislative and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- is not consistent with the Council's governance arrangements; and
- that the Council does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

Basis of Qualification**Annual Governance Statement**

In my opinion, the Annual Governance Statement is not consistent with the Council's internal controls and governance arrangements for the year:

- Assertions 3 and 8: The Council has not taken action in relation to issues identified in previous years regarding non-publication of information.
- The Council does not publish on its website the information it is required to publish electronically by section 55 of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021
- The Council does not publish a register of members' interests as required by section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000
- Section 50 of the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 requires the Council to publish its audited accounts online. Regulation 5 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 requires the Council to publish the Annual Governance Statement alongside the accounts. Regulation 15 of the 2014 Regulations requires the Council to publish along with the accounts, any certificate, opinion, or report issued, given or made by the Auditor General. The Council has failed to publish its qualified audit reports from previous years.

Other matters and recommendations There are no further matters I wish to draw to the Council's attention.

3409 – Planning Applications/Footpath matters

Carmarthenshire County Council – ENF/02786 – Delfryn Cottage, Trap, SA19 6TP camp pods and lodges without planning permission

Carmarthenshire County Council – PL/10048 – Proposed ancillary outbuilding to provide gym, home office and carport – Llety Glyd, Ffairfach, SA19 6PF

Carmarthenshire County Council – PL/10022 – proposed stopping up of existing sub-standard vehicular access – Cysgod y Castell, Ffairfach SA19 6PF

Bannau Brycheiniog 25/23882/FUL – Proposal to create a stone wall to match existing wall, etc. – Llety Forge Barn, Llandyfan, SA18 2UB – decision notice for application

3410 – Any other business

Christmas get together – White Hart, Llandeilo. Councillor Alys Freeman to forward details to everyone via what's app. To be held on 10th December, 2025.

3411 – Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held at Capel Tabernacl Ffestri on Wednesday 10th December, 2025. The meeting to commence at 6.30 p.m. before proceeding to the White Hart.

Chair: _____

10th December, 2025

