LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2026

Present: Cllrs D Roberts (Chair), Haydn Williams, Terry Griffiths, John Jones, Wayne James

1. **Apologies**: Cllrs John Starzewski, Carl Atkins

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr James (personal) in relation to the proposed raised plateau (2972)

3. **Minutes:** Proposed as correct by Cllr H Williams and seconded by Cllr W James

4. **Matters Arising (not covered in separate agenda items)**

2968 – Vandalised thumb locks on the two noticeboards – Cllr Atkins not present to report on this.

2971 – Cllr James asked the Clerk to pursue the matter of what is considered 'adequate' as this was was Mrs Tapp Jones was told by her Housing Officer before she contacted the Community Council – Clerk wrote to Arwel Price and Carmarthenshire County Council street lighting department. No reply yet received from either. Clerk will send another email. Councillors agreed that there was nothing more they could do. Item is now closed.

2972 – Traffic calming measures in Llangain – An invitation to comment on a proposed raised plateau (speed hump) to be situated on B4312, Llangain to Johnstown road, centred at a location approximately 10 metres west of its junction with the unclassified road, U2137 was received from Carmarthenshire County Council. As the response was required before the 21st January, Councillors gave their views by email. The Clerk replied with a response agreed by the Chair, and requesting a meeting before any final decision is made. County Cllr Jones agreed to contact Mike Jacobs to follow up on the request for a meeting.

2975 – The HR sub-committee – Cllr Roberts proposed acceptance of the HR sub-committee terms of reference produced by Cllr Starzewski. Seconded by Cllr Griffiths. Unanimously agreed.

2980 – 2024/25 Audit – still awaiting response from Audit Wales

2983 – Fernhill, engagement from other local community councils – Clerk emailed both Llansteffan and Llangynog Community Councils on 28th November 2025 – No response from Llangynog. Llansteffan responded with interest in applying for a blue plaque.
Clerk write to both Community Councils again, suggesting a meeting to explore any thoughts about how we might proceed. County Cllr Jones will ask Nell Hellier at Carmarthenshire County Council heritage department if it is possible to impose a status on the building based on its history.

2984 – Biodiversity Plan – Cllr Starzewski is seeking approval to attend a One Voice Wales webinar at a cost of £42. All agreed. Cllr James read out the following message from Cllr Starzewski "A Biodiversity action plan will be written following a Zoom session with OVW on 22 January and will be submitted to the Council at the March meeting for approval."

2985 – Proposal to close Ysgol Llansteffan – Clerk wrote a letter of objection on behalf of the Community Council.

5. Draft Budget and Precept 2026/27

Cllr Roberts presented the previously circulated budget proposal. (Appendix 1)
Discussion regarding point 2.3 resulted in the following:

- Defibrillators – Advice to be sought from Tony Ward regarding best place to site new defibrillators. Cllr Roberts proposed we make a £250 contribution to Llangynog Community Council towards the cost of purchasing a defibrillator for North Llangain, near Cwt Malle farm but we defer the purchase of any further defibrillators until at least 2026/27
- Hall Bus Shelter – Cllr Roberts proposed we defer a decision until the second half of 2026/27. Cllr Williams had been told by Wyn Gruffydd from the Memorial Hall Committee that the cost of demolition of the existing bus shelter could be included in the next phase of the hall refurbishment. County Cllr Jones will make enquiries with Carmarthenshire County Council as to whether they would be willing to pay 50% towards the cost of replacement – estimated at £3000 in total.
- Dol y Dderwen bus stop – there was some confusion as to whether this is an official bus stop. It appears on the bus timetable. Cllr Griffiths proposed removing the grass, thus widening the pavement on both sides of the entrance to Dol y Dderwen. Cllr Roberts estimates that this is likely to cost closer to £2000 than the original £500 suggested by the resident who put forward the initial suggestion. The Clerk will write to Ian Thomas at Carmarthenshire County Council to see if they would undertake the work and invoice Llangain Community Council. Cllr Williams reported that the Community Council had suggested the removal of the narrow grass strips to CCC in 2015 and after a site meeting between Cllr Roland Jeremy (Ll.C.C.) and Mr Simon Charles (CCC), it was agreed to remove the grass and replace with tarmacadam when finances allowed. This was not followed up, possibly due to budget constraints as a result of Covid 19.
- Hedges and grass cutting in the park – need to get formal estimates. Cllrs Roberts and Griffiths will speak to local contractors. Cllr Roberts estimates approximately £1000.
- Supporting PTA with play park equipment over the £5k Pobl funding – initial enquiries by the PTA suggest replacement of the play tower would cost in the region of £11,000 but other equipment could be considered at a lesser cost. Cllr Roberts proposed adding an additional £2500 to the £5000 Pobl donation, giving a total budget of £7500 for equipment this year.

Acceptance of all of the above was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr Griffiths, unanimously agreed.
Cllr James presented the proposal to support the part time Post Office in Llangain (Appendix 3) and explained the reasoning behind the structure of the proposal based on advice from One Voice Wales. Cllr Griffiths proposed acceptance, this was seconded by Cllr Williams. Cllr James will now inform the postmaster that full Council approved the recommendations, and the Clerk will enter into a simple written funding agreement with the postmaster, with a view to commencing payments from 1st February 2026. Cllr Roberts will inform the Chair of the Memorial Hall Committee.
Cllr Roberts then talked through the proposed budget spreadsheet (Appendix 2) and the Clerk explained the three options for setting the precept. It was unanimously agreed to adopt Option 1, which will increase the precept by just over 27% to £25,261.00, which equates to a £17.79 increase to £83.05 for a Band D household.

6. Donations

Clerk will write to all recent recipients of donations to inform them that they now need to request donations. All requests will be considered at the March meeting. Donations agreed at this meeting:
Urdd 2026 Awards for all - £100.00
Carmarthenshire YFC - £75.00

7. Correspondence

- Society of Local Council Clerks – The Clerk Magazine
- Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

- Donation request from Urdd 2026 Fund for all Appeal – see Donations
- Invitation to an update for users from Llangain Memorial Hall – Clerk attended
- Email from Mary Tapp Jones regarding lighting at rear of Maesyrawel – see 2971
- Section 137 letter from Carmarthenshire County Council - noted
- Email from Carmarthenshire County Council regarding the 2026/24 precept - noted
- Email from Young Farmers requesting financial support – see Donations
- Email from Chair of Memorial Hall requesting a letter of support for their funding bid
- Clerk to write letter of support
- Email from Richard Leggett – update on footpath 25/11
- Cllr Williams reported this is an unused footpath that goes directly through a farmyard. The owner of Lletyrneuadd has been advised not to pursue an extinguishment of the footpath but rather the diversion route from the top of Maesyrawel along the hedge in a field accessing Lletyrneyuadd Road.
- Email regarding signage in Dol y Dderwen for information.
- Invitation from Carmarthenshire County Council to attend Community & Town Councils Community Liaison Forum meeting
- Other items of correspondence sent to Councillors since the last meeting, for information.

8. Planning Applications

Cllr Roberts proposed initiating a process to complete a Role of place plan for Planning. This would enable the Council after consultation with the Community to set out its strategy for planning within the area and share this with the Carmarthenshire County Council Planning authority. They key area for Llangain is the protection of Community assets to ensure there are amenities available for the growing population.

9. Finance

a) Approval of Payments

2986 – The following payments were approved:-

Susan Holmes	£ 942.37	Clerk salary November/December
UTK Solicitors (S Holmes)	£ 100.00	Money on account
Llangain Memorial Hall	£ 165.00	Hall hire for engagement day
Carmarthenshire County Council	£ 646.36	Street lighting replacement
R F Hunt, Llwyndu Farm	£ 70.00	Christmas tree
Tom Coath	£ 450.00	Grass cutting/ground maintenance

b) 2025/26 Finance Report & Budget Monitoring

Nothing to report, see discussion on Budget and Precept.

10. Reports from Sub-committees

a) Llangain Park – Cllr Roberts reported that there had yet to be a meeting with the County Council to discuss the lease and UTK had not been available to meet due to ongoing illness.

b) Business/Finance Planning

Community Engagement day, Tuesday 4th November – Cllr Roberts presented his report on the day (Appendix 4). Cllr James reported that flowers in the square and more signs stating ‘children playing’ would be welcome.

c) Human Resources

Clerk reported that a change of circumstances results in a requirement for the Community Council to register as an employer with HMRC and to set up a PAYE system for future salary payments.

11. County Councillor's Report None

12. Any Other Business

2987 – Clerk proposed she set up a Community Council Facebook page to allow for better communication with the community. Cllr Roberts would like a link to the minutes of Council meetings placed on the page once they are published on the website. All agreed.

2988 – Cllr Griffiths reported that the pothole on the S bend is back, Clerk to report.

2989 – Cllr Griffiths reported the issue of dog fouling in the park and its associated public health risk. Cllr James will obtain bi-lingual 'Dogs must be kept on a lead' signs.

2990 – Cllr Jones reported blocked ditches in several places along Lletyrneuadd Road.

2991 – Clerk proposed we move towards online banking to enable smoother payments. All agreed and Cllr Roberts will also become a bank signatory to enable easier second authorisation online.

2992 – Cllr James requested that everyone ensures the subject line in every email (internal and forwarded from external) properly informs what the subject/purpose of each email is.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 18th March 2026 at **6pm**

Appendix 1

Llangain Community Council
Finance Report
Meeting of Council held on January 21st 2026.

1. Introduction

1.1. This report has been compiled to inform the Council of the likely outturn position for the 2025/26 and the reserve position to be carried forward into 2026/27, and then the proposed budget for the 2026/27 financial year.

2.0 Likely outturn position for 2025/26.

2.1. The likely outturn position is set out in the attached appendix 1. It shows actual spend to December 1st 2025 of £4,836 with forecast expenditure of £7,176 for the remaining four months. This amounts to an initial forecast spend for the 2025/26 financial year of £12,012 against a budget of £20,049, an underspend of £8,037. There is a bill outstanding from UTK solicitors relating to 2025/26 which is yet unknown.

2.2 The main reasons behind this initial underspend relate to

- The complexities associated with the Council taking ownership of the Village field slowing expected expenditure levels.
- The gifting and fixing of the self closing gate in the park.
- Difficulties in operationalising certain items agreed in the budget plan e.g. newsletters and signs.

2.3 The Council has identified opportunities to reduce the expected underspend by committing non recurrent expenditure on items that match its Corporate priorities. The sums involved for some of the items are yet unknown, these include:

- The purchase of two additional defibrillators at an estimated cost of £2,800. Just £250
- The provision of a new Hall Bus stop. Next year
- The improvement of the Dol y Dderwen bus stop. £2k
- Hedge and grass cutting in the village field. £1k
- Supporting the purchase of equipment for the play park over and the above the £5,000 funding provided by Pobl. These funds are currently held in reserve. Plus £2.5k

3.0 Agreement for budget for 2026/27.

3.1. The Planning Committee together with the Clerk have proposed the budget set out in Appendix 1 for 2026/27. It is based on rolling forward the budget that was agreed for 2025/26 with the following proposed additions and reductions.

1. Add in £3,000 for the provision of extra clerk hours to provide additional capacity for sub committee meetings and to operationalise plans on behalf of the Council.
2. Remove the specific funding of £1,500 for a self closing gate but agree a maintenance budget of £1,800 for the park and other village assets.

3.2 The proposed budget for 2026/27 will be £22,326.

3.3 The reserve position will be determined once the list of potential investments as described in section 2.3 a to e are fully worked up. Before any additional expenditure is committed the reserve positions stand at £10,995. This excludes the ring fenced funding received from Pobl of £5,000, for the play park.

4.0 Impact on the Precept

For Sue to complete.

5.0 Actions

5.1 The council are asked to

a. Note the current and expected expenditure levels for 2025/26.
b. Note the reasons for the expected underspend against the agreed 2025/26 budget.
c. Agree a process to complete the analysis of and agreement to proceed (or otherwise) on the investment opportunities set out in section 3.2.
d. Agree the proposed budget for 2026/27
e. Agree the proposed precept for 2026/27.

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL **Appendix 2**

Draft Budget 2026/27 **Produced 1st December 2025**

	Budget 2025/26	Actual spend to date	Spend yet to occur	Estimated spend for 2025/26	Difference	Budget 2026/27
Expenditure						
2a. Statutory Activities						
Street lights/Loan repayment	£ 2,300.00		£ 2,300.00	£ 2,300.00	£ -	£ 2,300.00
Insurance	£ 350.00	£ 339.00		£ 339.00	£ 11.00	£ 375.00
Clerks salary/expenses	£ 6,500.00	£ 3,807.87	£ 1,884.74	£ 5,692.61	£ 807.39	£ 6,000.00
Additional Hours / Assistant Clerk						£ 3,000.00
Audit	£ 450.00	£ 204.00	£ 250.00	£ 454.00	-£ 4.00	£ 375.00
Chairmans allowance	£ 200.00	£ 11.50		£ 11.50	£ 188.50	£ 100.00
SLCC membership	£ 120.00	£ 120.00		£ 120.00	£ -	£ 125.00
One Voice Wales membership	£ 130.00		£ 130.00	£ 130.00	£ -	£ 135.00
Grass cutting	£ 650.00		£ 650.00	£ 650.00	£ -	£ 650.00
Rent for meeting room	£ 275.00		£ 200.00	£ 200.00	£ 75.00	£ 230.00
Comm's with Community - Website	£ 180.00	£ 161.00		£ 161.00	£ 19.00	£ 180.00
Estimated cost for elections	£ -			£ -	£ -	£ -
Councillors Allowance	£ -		£ 156.00	£ 156.00	-£ 156.00	£ 156.00
2b. Discretionary Activities				£ -		
Donations	£ 1,500.00	£ 130.00	£ 1,370.00	£ 1,500.00	£ -	£ 1,500.00
Seasonal decorations	£ 110.00		£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 40.00	£ 110.00
Chairmans chain	£ 40.00	£ 40.50		£ 40.50	-£ 0.50	£ 40.00
Miscellaneous	£ 500.00	£ 18.05		£ 18.05	£ 481.95	£ 500.00
Bench replacement Heol Smyrna	£ -			£ -	£ -	
Lease County Council Play Park				£ -	£ -	
Joint Consultation Memorial Hall				£ -	£ -	
Community Consultation Playing Fields			£ 165.00	£ 165.00	-£ 165.00	
Communications Plan				£ -	£ -	
▪Outsource plan creation	£ 75.00			£ -	£ 75.00	£ 75.00
▪Produce & Dist. Qtrly Newsletter	£ 600.00			£ -	£ 600.00	£ 600.00
▪Communicate one off hot topics	£ 150.00			£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Maintenance programme				£ -	£ -	£ 1,800.00
▪Clean Play Park Equipment	£ 60.00	£ 4.29		£ 4.29	£ 55.71	
▪Bus Shelter on Square	£ 40.00			£ -	£ 40.00	
▪St. signs, interpretative boards etc	£ 200.00			£ -	£ 200.00	
Safety Item - Play Park fencing	£ 1,524.00			£ -	£ 1,524.00	£ 1,500.00
Safety Item - Renew "dogs on Lead" sign	£ 95.00			£ -	£ 95.00	
Support for Community Assets	£ 2,500.00			£ -	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,500.00
Post Office Support				£ -	£ -	£ 1,820.00
3. Corporate Support Needs	£ 1,500.00				£ 1,500.00	£ 1,500.00
Total Expenditure	**£ 20,049.00**	**£ 4,836.21**	**£ 7,175.74**	**£ 12,011.95**	**£ 8,037.05**	**£ 25,721.00**

Income							
Precept	£ 19,639.00						
VAT refund	£ 360.00	£ 400.00					
Bank interest	£ 50.00	£ 60.00					
Other							
		£ 460.00					
Net Budgeted Expenditure		**£ 25,261.00**					
Current ending bank balance		£ 18,021.87					
Unpresented cheques		£ 1,440.66					
Estimated spend by year end		£ 7,175.74					
Estimated income by year end		£ 6,590.00					
Estimated reserve at March 2026		£ 15,995.47					
Estimated reserve at March 2026 excuding Pobl donation of £5k		**£ 10,995.47**					
Reserve at March 2025		£ 2,607.00					
Increase in reserve (excluding Pobl donation)		£ 8,388.47					
Increase in reserve (including Pobl donation)		£ 13,388.47					
Tax base for 2026/27	304.15						
Precept for 2025/26 Band D	65.26						
			Difference				
Option 1 - All budgeted spending is covered by the precept, the general reserve will be £5000 and the amount available for the other projects outlined in the accompanying paper will be approximately £6000 exclusing Pobl donation		£ 83.05	£ 17.79	increase		27.27%	Adopted 21/01/2026
Option 2 - All budgeted spending is not covered by the precept, the general reserve will be £5000 but we will not raise the precept this year, which would mean that there would only be £500 available for projects outlined in the accompanying paper excluding Pobl donation		65.26	£ -				
Option 3 - All budgeted spending is covered by the precept, the general reserve will be £5000 and the amount available for the other projects outlined in the accompanying paper will be approximately £9000 exclusing Pobl donation		£ 92.92	£ 27.66	increase		42.38%	

Appendix 3

LLANGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Report to Full Council
From: Finance Sub-Committee   Date: 6 January 2026   ]
Rental Support for Part-Time Post Office Service

Purpose
To seek approval for a small financial contribution to secure the continuation of a part-time Post Office and local shop service within Llangain.
Background
The service operates for three hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and provides essential local facilities.
The Village Hall Committee has advised that the hall is not financially sustainable, resulting in increasing hire charges and uncertainty over future availability of the premises. Without support, the service is at risk of leaving the village- see Finance Sub Committee paper attached for full details.

Community Benefit
The service:
- provides local access to essential Post Office and basic retail services including goods ordered by residents;
- reduces the need to travel;
- particularly benefits older residents and those without transport;
- The benefit is considered commensurate with the proposed expenditure.

Proposed Support
It is proposed that the Council:
- contributes £35 per week towards rent costs payable by the Post Office;
- pays monthly in advance to reduce risk;
- pays direct to the service provider, who remains responsible for all rental payments;
- allows the service to operate from any suitable premises within the community, if relocation becomes necessary.

Timescale and Risk
Funding to continue only while the service operates in the village.
Either party may terminate with three months' written notice.
Monthly payments allow flexibility should circumstances change.
Legal and Financial
Due to uncertainty over the future of the village hall, Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 is recommended as the appropriate power, providing flexibility regardless of premises. (As confirmed by OVW Dai?)
Estimated cost: £1,820 per annum.
Recommendation
That Full Council:
- Approves support of £35 per week, payable monthly in advance;
- Approves the use of Section 137 LGA 1972;
- Authorises the Clerk to enter into a simple written funding agreement including a three-month notice period.

Finance Sub Committee - **Support for Part-Time Post Office Service**

1. **Context**

Chairman of Hall Committee proposed to Chairman of Llangain Community Council that a modest annual amount to subsidise the rent paid by the Postmaster for space in the Memorial Hall would ensure the continued operation of the Post Office at Llangain Memorial Hall.

a. Current (and long standing) rental payable is £20 per week; Postmaster accepts this will have to be increased.

b. The increase to £60 per week, as indicated to him by the Chairman of Hall Committee, represents a 200% increase.

c. The Postmaster says it will "not be worth his while"to continue the service if he has to pay this amount.

d. The Postmaster has been told a room will be available for his use in the reconfigured building.

e. Current standard room hire rate is £10 per hour.

2. Salient Points

a. The finance sub-committee recognises:

i. the sterling work of the Hall Committee in keeping the Hall operational

ii. the essential service for the whole community provided by the Postmaster

iii. by financially supporting the service the Hall will receive an increased cash inflow and the Postmaster will continue to provide the essential services.

b. At present the Hall's financial stability is uncertain. This is exacerbated by the large debt it is currently paying for unpaid past electricity usage and the maintenance backlog.

c. To date the Hall and Postmaster operate without a written agreement.

d. It is hoped the current refurbishment and extension will enable the Hall to develop a sustainable operating model.

e. The Hall's current financial uncertainty represents a significant risk and a barrier to making an annual advance payment to subsidise rent. Similarly, an annual payment to the Postmaster would carry too much risk.

f. The Community Council should not become directly involved in the commercial arrangements between the Hall and the Postmaster.

g. Supporting the continuation of the unique benefit derived by the whole community from the post office and shop must not be seen as a precedent for any other regular hirers of the Hall.

h. The Chairman of the Hall has suggested the Postmaster pay £25 per week (representing a 25% increase) which seems reasonable. The current standard room hire cost of £10/hr for 6 hours per week would mean a subsidy of £35 per week. The Hall will receive an increase in income of £40 per week(being 200%) at current rates.

Risk Mitigation

i. To mitigate the financial risk (2 e. above) paying the rent subsidy direct to the Post Master on a monthly basis is considered the best option.

i. The Hall Committee should put a standing agenda item for the regular liaison meeting with representative from the Community Council to confirm receipt of the increased rent from the postmaster.

i. By not being party to any rental agreement between the Postmaster and the Hall, the Community Council removes the risk of any commercial dispute that may arise. [It is noted that detailed discussions on the new space being allocated to the Postmaster haven't been finalised]

Why a Rental Subsidy is Preferred (Section 137 Local Government Act 1972)

Legal basis (One Voice Wales guidance):
Section 137 may be used where no specific power exists, provided the expenditure benefits the community and is commensurate with that benefit.

Why a rental subsidy is preferable to a general grant:
- Directly supports the continued delivery of a defined community service (Post Office & local shop)
- Avoids providing unrestricted financial support to a business.
- Clearly links the council's expenditure to community benefit, not private gain.
- Easier to justify as proportionate and commensurate with benefit.

Why payment is made direct to the service provider:
- Ensures the funding is used solely to enable the service to operate
- Allows payments to stop immediately if the service ceases
- Provides transparency and accountability for public funds
- Reflects established practice accepted by auditors in Wales.

Relationship to Donations and Grants Policy:
- This support is not provided under the Council's Donations & Grants Policy.
- The policy limits donations to £300, restricts grants to capital projects and excludes applications from commercial organisations.
- The proposed rental subsidy is therefore correctly treated as service-related expenditure under Section 137 LGA, enabling support to ensure continued access to an essential community service in a proportionate and transparent manner.

Governance safeguards:
- Modest weekly amount paid monthly in advance
- Conditional on service delivery within the community
- Remains within the annual Section 137 expenditure limit.

Source: One Voice Wales – Good Councillors' Guide and advisory guidance on the use of Section 137 LGA 1972 for community and town councils in Wales

Feedback from Llangain Community Council Engagement Day held on November 4th 2025.

1. What are the actions you would like the Council to take above its statutory duties ?

- Encourage engagement of residents.
- Improve access from Heol Smyrna (hedgerows).
- Road Safety
    - Bigger & more signs "we live here" – 2 respondents
    - speed humps at school & on B4312
- Replace top layer tarmac outside #12 D y D
- Improve general appearance of village to provide feel good factor (flowerpots/planters/ cut back around signs)
- Explore opportunities to promote Fern Hill & link to Hall development
- Encourage services to be delivered in the village e.g. vaccinations, blood donation, primary care workshops: caring for dementia

2. What do you think are the priorities for Llangain CC over the next few years ?

- Develop the park.
- Reducing speeding on the main road.
- Improve communication.
- Prevent and clear road flooding.
- Hedgerows need attention.
- What are the results of the speedchecker on main road ?
- Create a Council fakebook page.
- Stop parking on school zig zags.
- Respond to expanding village (especially children).
- Become more visible & better communication.
- Improve street lighting on Heol Smyrna after chapel.
- Provide Allotments/Community Trees (Forest School)
- Biodiversity/ community garden.
- Improve general cleanliness – more bins.
- Provide financial support to encourage community members to get together e.g. subsidise computer literacy training.
- Make Pant y Dderwen bus stop safe.
- Keep us a close community – financially support local events.
- Support community facilities to meet fellow villagers/friends.
- Develop a kiddies Play Park area fit for purpose & a meeting place for youth.
- Communication – recognise not all residents read notice boards or website
- Develop a Community Orchard / collaborate with Lords Park & others.
- Maintain Rights of Way throughout the village, including replacing the style with a gate to access Parc Penycoed from Coedmor Avenue.
- Place a defibrillator on Heol Smyrna side of village (use the Phone Box) – some residents worried about crossing main road to get to the Hall defibrillator.
- "We Want a Park" – 3 school children wrote a verses
- Happy to support in a paid advisory capacity
- Happy to collaborate re Dylan Thomas connection

4. Any other observations ?

- Can you do anything about the pub ? Community buy out ?
- Cricket on the field ?
- More seating around the village.
- More dog poo bins and signs.
- Organised events eg Halloween, Bonfire night, village show
- Develop footpaths.
- Put meeting minutes on village noticeboards.
- Stick to the major issues.
- Ban dogs from the park ?
- Better inform residents with a regular newsletter.
- Not everyone is able to use a computer – put counsellor's contact details on notice boards.
- Noise disturbance – dogs Dol y Dderwen (D y D).
- Parking on bend in Dol y Dderwen is an issue of obstruction.
- Any influence of CC to reopen /sell/lease the pub?
- Long standing resident business owner extremely disappointed not to be asked to tender for current Hall extension.
- Mobile Library is a good addition & the fact it visits Ger y Capel.
- Safety concerns - additional traffic from D y D at the junction on Square.
- Bus stop needs hard standing across the grass.
- Lack of a Public House is missed for community engagement.
- Excessive car speeds through crossroads & other roads.
- Missing pavement between Ger y Capel & top of Heol Smyrna.
- Paddock field could be used as a community sitting area ?

5. Main Themes

- Improve look of village.
- Improve communication and continue to engage.
- Develop the Park.
- Tackle issue of speeding / road safety.
- Support Community Activities.
- Discuss future of pub with current owner.
- Maintain rights of way.

6. Suggested way forward

a. Council to select a range of issues that can be addressed in 2025/26 and early in 2026/27.
b. Council to review issues that can be delivered in the medium to long term and to assess deliverability, costs and complexities before including in Corporate plan.

7. Issues suggested for immediate action.

a. Arrange for hedgerows to be cut throughout village but in particular around the two crossroads.
b. Invest in flower pots, planters, bins etc.
c. Send out newsletters and arrange further engagement day in 2026 to update on issues and carry out a "you said, we did".
d. Obtain results of speedchecker.
e. Create Council Facebook page.
f. Discuss potential financial support of Community events.
g. Assess all rights of way and carry out corrective work.
h. Meet with owner of Public House.
i. Address Bus stop at top of Dol y Dderwen.