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Cyfarfod Meeting 9/2/26 Neuadd Goffa/Memorial Hall 7yh/7pm

Draft Minutes

- 1. Apologies** – Phil Roberts, Sarah Thomas-Morgan, Sian Godbert, Janet Charlton & Cllr Liz Roberts
- 2. Declaration of interest on any item on the agenda** – None
Code of Conduct – Chair reminded every body of the expected conduct
- 3. Minutes of the last meeting** – found to be a true record of the last meeting
- 4. Actions from the last meeting** –

Memorial Hall & Bryn y Bont - Meeting with CCBC Estates Team (E&AM) re future management options for the Hall 19/1/26. The agreement for discussion was the version dated 1976, the date when Betws Urban District Council became Aberconwy and later CCBC. The original agreement dates back to 1922 when the Memorial Hall was given to the community in memory of the fallen at World War 1 in trust to the then Betws y Coed UDC as Custodian Trustees. The original map includes the Hall, Bryn y Bont, Bryn Pair Gardens, now the rocky area in front of Cunninghams, and land to the rear of the Hall, Pont y Pair Car Park on which the Public toilets sit. Both Bryn Pair gardens and Car park have been taken over by CCBC. Resolved to wait until feedback from CCBC legal team was received before taking any action. The 1922 conveyance boundary lines were discussed and it was agreed that research into these by looking into archives could be necessary at some point. Money for outside counsel if required was put into the 26 budget.

Pont y Pair Car Park - Laurel cut back to the boundary and confirmation from Portfolio Holder that the repair of the potholes and evening charges are being pursued. The Rhydycreuau ALS Team have started on the work of clearing the litter and removing the build-up of rotting vegetation & weeds.

Pont y Pair bridge – cutting back of trees obscuring the view of the camera. Work completed.

Street Light/Station rd – no response

Conwy Tunnel/A55 closures contingency plan – is being pursued by the Portfolio Holder. Stakeholder meeting arranged for 23/2/26

Public Footpaths – reimbursement received as per the Footpath Maintenance scheme for work carried out during Autumn of 2025. Plan & costs required for 2026 work.

Monthly Pensioner's lunch for January – 4 meals delivered.

Ty Hyll bridge wall/continued closure of footpath – email received from Ramblers Wales requesting a letter be sent to Welsh Government objecting to consent for the continued closure of the path. Contact made with CCBC Legal Dept for an update and a request for the consideration of carrying out the necessary wall repair work to enable the re-opening of the path and to seek recompense when the details for driver involved in the accident or the rightful owner of the wall is discovered.

CCBC Summer Playscheme – discussion with Play Officer. School permission received to use the school site in wet weather. Cost will be £1500.

Swallow Falls – branch overhanging the A5 removed. Rhododendron removal - NRW have confirmed that SSSI consent will be required. Report received on a recent survey on the stretch of Afon Llugwy from Pont y Pair to Swallow Falls by NRW on the bryophytes and species of importance. The One Voice Wales Biodiversity Officer has also recently visited the site.

Waterloo Bridge – backlog maintenance. Email 26/1/26 The concerns of the Community Council relating to the condition of the bridge are acknowledged. As advised previously, the Welsh Government (WG) structures maintenance programme is managed on an All-Wales basis, adopting a priority ranking approach. To date, the structure has not met the threshold to achieve funding. The WG Structures Team are not aware of the reference to these works having been on the NMWTRA works programme since 2015.

The condition of the structure will continue to be monitored via the established two-yearly inspection regime. In addition, the latest condition data will be reviewed to inform the prioritised status of developing a repair scheme, subject to the availability of funding.

Winter Wellbeing Conwy 2026 grant – received. Training dates planned and advertised and a steady number of participants.

Cae Llan/St David's Hospice – 1st of August pencilled in the diary. Some further information received. To be discussed at agenda item 6.

Consultation on the proposed closure of Ysgol Betws y Coed – acknowledgement of Community Council's submission received upon request in an email dated 4/2/26

The consultation period has now ended, and Council officers are currently reviewing the responses received before preparing the Consultation Report.

The Consultation Report will:

- Summarize the main themes of the comments from all stakeholders and providing responses to them;
- Highlight views received from children and young people;
- Include Estyn's response and additional information;
- Identify recommendations on whether to proceed, modify, or withdraw the proposal.

Once completed, the report will go through a democratic process - namely the Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee first, and then the Cabinet.

Confirmation received that the reports will be presented to the Education and Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 June 2026, and to the Cabinet on 9 June 2026, due to the upcoming elections period.

The reports will be published a week before these meetings and can be viewed here: Committees and Meetings - Conwy County Borough Council

Updates will be sent to the Council if there is any further information.

5. Financial matters – Bank reconciliation, payment schedule, budget planning & book-keeping. Bank reconciliation and payment schedule scrutinised and approved. Expenditure and projects for 2026/27 budget plan discussed and agreed. Resolved to explore Scribe Accounts for Town & Community Council Finances for future book-keeping.

6. Swallow Falls, Cae Llan, Memorial Hall

Swallow Falls – visitor figures were up by 1500 in January 2026 compared to January 2025. A recent visit by One Voice Wales Biodiversity Officer was pleased with the site management. A visit to be arranged for all Community Councillors with a date in April/May to be agreed.

Cae Llan-Park run – work in progress to get a group together to drive the concept forward. Recent visit by the One Voice Wales biodiversity Officer as part of the future Biodiversity Management Plan who agreed that the balance of biodiversity and community open space is necessary and achievable here. Discussion re the enhancement of the corner nearest the Cae Llan Public Toilets and removal of the red telephone box.

St David's Hospice booking enquiry. Further information provided but the intentions for use still unclear. **Resolved to arrange a face to face meeting with the organisers.**

A percentage discount for use of the Cae Llan and the Memorial Hall by registered charities was discussed and agreed at 50%.

Memorial Hall & Bryn y Bont – Structural and Electrical surveys for the hall received with the work to be costed. Awaiting Engagement report.

Electrical survey of Bryn y Bont to be carried out w/c 9/2/26

7. Consultation on a name for the new houses at Pentre Du. - Following discussions with Ysgol Betws y Coed, Grwp Cynefin have received a number of creative and suitable name suggestions for the new development. Community Council's views invited on the list:-

Proposed names:

Dan y Coed, Gwel y Caeau

Caeau Glas, Hafan y Coed

Llethr y Coed, Cae'r Coed

Cae'r Afon, Afon Fach

Resolved to suggest Hafan y Coed/Dan y Coed or alternatively suggest Hafan Iddon; the original name for Betws y Coed being Betws Wyrion Iddon.

8. For information – North Wales Police report for January

Incidents of Note		
Offence Type	Date	Brief Circumstances
Traffic	09/01/2026	Road Traffic Collision on Station Road between a van and a parked vehicle following an argument between both parties. Suspect vehicle left the scene without providing insurance details, NWP would track down and arrest the suspect later the same day.

Completed Engagements	
Date	Details
31/01/2026	C3791 GETHIN MORRIS JONES and C4522 ERIN EDWARDS attended the Lantern parade.

Biodiversity report posted on the website as per regulation requirement.

CCBC Community Led Local Development-invitation to meet with portfolio holder and staff members to discuss any Council concerns or opportunities. **Resolved not to take up the invitation.**

Streetworks - Application for TTRO relating to temporary road closure on Old Church Road, Betws y Coed. The reason for the road closure is to facilitate works for CCBC ERF Flood Risk & Infrastructure on the 01/04/2026-31/03/2027. Please advise of any queries or observations. **Resolved that the order was necessary to complete the works without delay.**

Coed Cynhelir road – Caution, Walkers sign replaced.

Planning Appeal – TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

SITE: Hangin' Pizzeria, Unit 1, Station Approach, Betws y Coed. LL24 0AE

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: Enclose road side elevation of existing covered area with bifold doors and glazed screens

APPLICATION REFERENCE: NP4/11/377D PEDW APPEAL REFERENCE: CAS-04632-J5H62B

APPEAL STARTING DATE: 06.02.2026 APPELLANT'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. J. Potgeiter

The appeal is to be decided on the basis of written representations.

Any comments already made following the original application for planning permission (unless they are expressly confidential) will be forwarded to PEDW, copied to the appellant and will be taken into account by the Inspector in deciding the appeal.

Should the wish be to withdraw or modify earlier comments in any way or make any additional comments, or request a copy of the appeal decision letter, written representation should be made directly to the Planning and Environment Decisions Wales, Crown Buildings, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ, within 4 weeks of the appeal starting date (by the 06/03/2026) quoting the appeal reference number and submitting 3 copies of your letter. **Resolved to take the opportunity to modify the Council's original objection to the planning application.**

Notice posted in the Cae Llan Community Council Noticeboard 9/2/26

Eryri National Park Authority Community Forum – feedback from the recent meeting shared re LDP review process, update on Cynllun Eryri and future funding opportunities.

Urgent Matters

Path to Llyn Parc is obstructed by fallen trees and security/safety measures on one of the mine shafts' entrances tampered with making access possible. Resolved to report to NRW urgently.

Dog Fouling. Recent upturn in incidents across the village. Notices displayed at Pentre Du and a post which includes CCBC Public Protection telephone numbers for reporting incidents included on local facebook pages. **Resolved to write to Betws y Coed Tourism Association** to seek their support in educating guests at local hospitality venues that allow dogs by displaying notices within premises and distributing dog waste bags to guests with dogs at check-in. The Community Council, in partnership with CCBC, can provide a supply of bags which, after use, can be disposed of in any litter bin. Concluded that clean streets are essential in keeping our village clean and welcoming for everyone.

Date of next meeting – 9/3/26