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Cyfarfod/Meeting 12/10/26

Neuadd Goffa/Memorial Hall 7yh/7pm

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1. Apologies – Phil Roberts, Janet Charlton, Cllr Liz Roberts

1a Present – Chris Jones, Pippa Crawford, Ffiona Jones, Rachael Evans & the Clerk

2. Declaration of interest/Code of Conduct – no declarations of interest. The Chair reminded all of the Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of September Meeting – found to be correct record of the meeting

Actions from the September Meeting

Vacant Councillor seats (2 seats) – Resolved to renew posters in the Noticeboards.

One expression of interest. FAQ and application form provided.

A member of the community attended the meeting as an observer to better understand the role and the work of the Council.

Betws y Coed Railway Museum- Response received from ENPA- An expediency report (planning report) is being prepared to decide whether it is reasonable, proportionate, and in the public interest to take formal enforcement action against a breach of planning control.

On Monday 5th October, the Chairman of the Railway Heritage Trust visited the site, in particular the dilapidated carriages, and will provide a summary of his findings including whether the Trust could provide financial support. The condition of the bridge was also noted with intention to refer issues to the Network Rail Manager on the Wales Route. It is understood that a survey and list of works required are being prepared for the bridge with the intention to carry out the work during the winter.

Memorial Hall – Heads of Terms for the new lease of the hall and cottage currently with CCBC Legal Department. Third QS quote received for the external repair project.

Item 3d - Application for a pharmacy – A decision wasn't made at the Primary Care Panel on Tuesday 22nd September; the application is now expected to be considered at the next meeting on 20th October. Email sent to ask why the panel did not reach a decision on Tuesday 22nd September and whether, in the meantime, the Council has a role to play in relation to the meeting on 20 October. No response to date.

Item 5 - Swallow Falls/card payment system – This will be discussed at the earliest opportunity. Installation of the wireless control device. To be installed in the quieter part of the year.

Item 6 - Planning applications – response submitted as per resolved.

Item 8 TRO Old Church Road – response from ERF/Neighbourhood Services

A site assessment will be made with the intention to put forward a proposal for campervan/motorhome restrictions on Old Church Road. Once a proposal is drawn up the Community Council will receive a copy for comment. The introduction of any parking restrictions on the public highway requires the Authority to create a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which is a lengthy legal process and is subjected to a public consultation. The timescales for creating a TRO can vary, mainly depending on whether objections are received or not and can take up to a year to complete in some circumstances. However, we will aim to have the restrictions in place in readiness for next year's main visitor period.

4 **Financial matters.** Payment schedule and Bank reconciliation were scrutinised and approved.

NALC 26/27 pay award back dated to April was approved.

Potential precept calculations were displayed for discussion for consideration at budget setting.

IPRW – re-visited for those not present at the September meeting.

5. Swallow Falls –

Insurance. Confirmation from Clear Councils. Public Liability insurance check. Response received from Clear Councils who are happy to agree Public Liability cover here. They insist that the steps will need to be regularly checked and cleared, with risk assessments in place. This is routine standard practice at the Falls.

Resolved to purchase and install additional signage for safety barriers and the compound gate.

Contact made with the family of the gentlemen remembered by the large bench overlooking the head of the Falls which is in poor condition. The family's wish is to restore the bench and are trying to contact the original maker. **Resolved to give a deadline for the restoration to be completed by the opening of the Falls for the 2027 season.**

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Ancaster Estate have requested the gross income figure for April to September. These will be available upon receipt of Kashing/Card Payment.

Winter work arrangements – **Resolved - 2 hours per week as per previous years with an understanding that where there may be emergency situations these will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.**

Memorial Hall – update. Insurance particulars received from one QS contractor.

Awaiting the Heads of Terms from CCBC.

Cae Llan –

Fireworks event - Meeting with Ignite on site and recommendations noted and acted upon. Additional volunteers required for the evening of the event.

MWT have kindly paid for the hire of a light tower on the night on the condition that the Council will be responsible for it while on Cae Llan.

The Chairman's has chosen MND as the charity to benefit from the fundraiser bucket donations. Contact made with the Organisation who will provide collection buckets.

Glow sticks ordered and received

The owners have permitted the closing of the Royal Oak drive. Residents of Royal Oak farm and others who use the drive to access their homes, will be notified.

Safety Advisory Group - documentation provided and circulated to SA Group members. One enquiry by NMWTRA re potential winds resulting in smoke drifting across the A5; addressed by assurance that Ignite will advise on the evening and if necessary, event will be cancelled.

Advertising Banners displayed on screen - amended and approved.

Biodiversity Corner – Quote received from MK Enterprise for the construction of the timber work @ £5165 which includes £50 for 1 boulder if required. **Resolved to accept the quote for £5115 i.e. without the boulder.** The Standing Order regulation requiring 3 quotes for works over £5k was considered and resolved in this instance to accept the quote due to the small amount over the threshold, the bespoke nature of the work by a local company and keeping the pound local.

ENPA contacted to seek approval of the concept design and to work in partnership with the Biodiversity Team on a suitable planting scheme.

6 Planning application

Application Number: NP4/11/L217C. Conversion of chapel into climbing wall centre with associated café area. Capel Bryn Mawr, Betws y Coed. LL24 0BN

Resolved to support the application

7. North Wales Police report & British Transport Police Report

Local Report for the area of: BETWS-Y-COED

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Person Providing Report: JACK GREENHALGH

Date of Report: 08/10/2026

	Burglary Residential	Theft / Shoplifting	ASB	Traffic
Incidents last 1/4	0	0	0	2

Incidents of Note		
Offence Type	**Date**	**Brief Circumstances**
Traffic	25/09/2026	Report of a single vehicle damage only collision on Holyhead Road.
Traffic	29/09/2026	Report of a HGV colliding with overhead cables on the A5.

Additional Information

Completed Engagements	
Date	Details
14/09/2026	**Inspector 3237 Joeseph Dunn visited Betws-y-Coed to speak to local businesses and councillors.**

Future Engagements	
Date	Details
07/11/2026	**Officers/PCSOs from the Conwy and Denbighshire will be in attendance at the Betws-y-coed fireworks display.**

BT Police Officer recently conducted a visit to the village and called in to speak with a number of retailers regarding the association between youths who travel into the village by train, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour.

The general consensus among the shopkeepers was that the majority of reported incidents have been caused by the same group of youths. Following these discussions, available CCTV footage was reviewed and a number of the individuals involved identified.

Two of these individuals are currently subject to railway exclusion measures and are banned from rail transport until early next year. Breaches of their Warning Intervention Plans (WIPs) have been reported and are currently being dealt with by British Transport Police (BTP) alongside other offences linked to these individuals.

Retail staff advised that incidents have noticeably reduced since the youths returned to school.

8. Beaver Bridge/A470 – Following the recent 9th road traffic collision involving the bridge, it was **Resolved to arrange a multi-agency meeting to discuss what measures can be applied to reduce traffic speed on approach to the bridge and potentially further along the A470 to the junction with the A5.**

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9. Festive Lights – Licence document completed and returned to North & Mid Wales Trunk Roads Agency.

10. For information – Following the success of the 2025 Convoy of Lights, the organising group are considering a repeat event again this year on Saturday 5th of December. Last year the switching on of the Christmas Lights was made in coordination.

11. Urgent matters

Two street lights at Miner's Cottages have been out of order for weeks despite numerous reporting of the issue. Clerk to escalate the issue.

Inspection of paving slabs along the paths in Cae Llan require inspection as some appear to be a potential trip hazard.

12. Date of next meeting 9/11/26

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