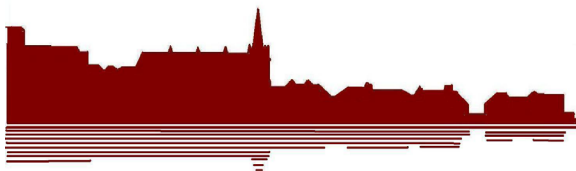
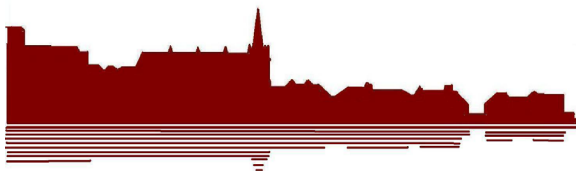


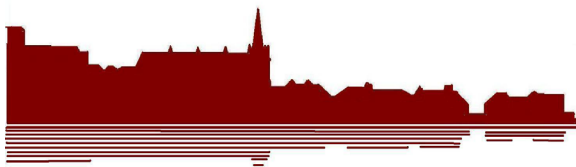
Minutes of the Meeting of Council	
Held at Penclawdd Community Centre	
On Thursday, 16th July 2026 at 7.00pm.	
Present:	Councillor Paul Tucker (Chair) presided
Councillors:	Russell Garrington, Sarah Hughes, Melissa Roberts, Mike Sheehan and Andrew Williams.
Officers:	Jeremy Parkhouse - Clerk to the Community Council
Also Present:	Will Evans, Richard Evans, David Jones and Nicola Jones.
34.	Apologies for Absence
	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Huw Davies, Leanne Davies and James Matthews.
35.	To Receive Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests
	In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by Llanrhidian Higher Community Council, the following interests were declared: -
	Councillor Paul Tucker and the Clerk declared personal interests in Minute No. 42a – Grants & Donations.
	Councillors Russell Garrington, Paul Tucker, Andrew Williams and the Clerk declared personal interests in Minute No. 42b – Annual Fees / Pitch Hire Costs 2026-2027.
	Councillor Paul Tucker declared a personal and prejudicial interest, made a statement and left the meeting prior to any discussions and decision making in respect of and Minute No. 39 – Swansea Council Issues b) Planning Applications for Consideration – Planning Application No. 2026/1049FUL - Retention of a mixed-use petting farm and agricultural operation at Highfield Farm Barns, Cilonnen Road, Llanmorlais, SA4 3UH.
	Councillor Andrew Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the meeting prior to any discussions in respect of Minute No. 38 – Public Question Time and Minute No. 39 – Swansea Council Issues b) Planning Applications for Consideration – Planning Application No. 2026/1049FUL - Retention of a mixed-use petting farm and agricultural operation at Highfield Farm Barns, Cilonnen Road, Llanmorlais, SA4 3UH.



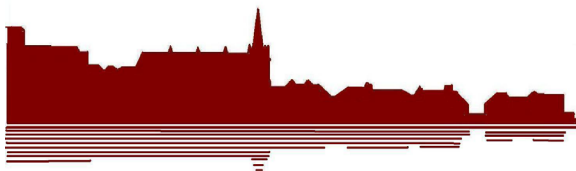
36. Minutes	
	Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 18 th June 2026, be approved and signed as a correct record.
37. Chair's Announcements	
	There were no announcements.
38. Public Question Time	
	Will Evans and Richard Evans (applicants) asked for the support of the Community Council in respect of Planning Application No. 2026/1049FUL - Retention of a mixed-use petting farm and agricultural operation at Highfield Farm Barns, Cilonnen Road, Llanmorlais, SA4 3UH.
	The advantages of the petting farm were outlined, along with the educational, community, sustainable and economic benefits of the proposal. The diversification of the farm was highlighted, along with on-site parking, pre-booked only sessions, allowing time after sessions to allow traffic to clear and limiting visitor numbers.
	The Chair thanked the applicants for presenting their application.
	David and Nicola Jones (Objectors) asked for the support of the Community Council in objecting to Planning Application No. 2026/1049FUL - Retention of a mixed-use petting farm and agricultural operation at Highfield Farm Barns, Cilonnen Road, Llanmorlais, SA4 3UH.
	They highlighted the large increase in visitor numbers to the site, the increase of traffic in the area which also brought parking issues, their lack of privacy which has impacted upon their family and safety issues relating to the increase of traffic. They added that in their opinion, the business was not a working farm and there was no evidence to prove this. It was a visitor attraction which had increased its opening hours, noticeably increasing traffic and had impacted on their lives and the community.
39. Swansea Council Issues	
	b) Planning Applications for Consideration.
	Planning Application No. 2026/1049FUL - Retention of a mixed-use petting farm and agricultural operation at Highfield Farm Barns, Cilonnen Road, Llanmorlais, SA4 3UH.



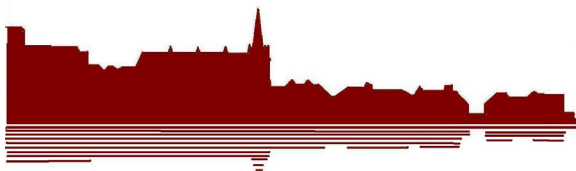
	Councillor Paul Tucker declared a personal and prejudicial interest, made a statement which outlined the history of the site. He left the meeting prior to any discussions and decision making regarding this item.
	(Councillor Mike Sheehan (Vice Chair) presided)
	The meeting discussed the positives and negative issues raised by the applicant / objectors and Councillors commented upon the benefit of receiving both points of view.
	The Clerk was requested to draft a statement which outlined the Community Council's position, outlining that the Council neither objected nor supported the application. However, that statement should also comment on the following: -
	Opening Hours – As the Community Council is sympathetic to the loss of privacy by the neighbouring property, this could be addressed by limiting the opening hours (close at 5pm).
	Limit burning of waste on site to reduce the environmental impact.
	In response to environmental and safety concerns raised by residents, no parking be allowed on grass verges / outside the neighbouring properties, particularly to allow safe passage to emergency vehicles / emergency personnel.
	The environmental impact upon the AONB by the increased traffic and visitors be noted by planning.
	Install discreet barriers / fencing to protect the privacy of the neighbouring property.
	Resolved that: -
	1) The Clerk drafts a statement on behalf of the Community Council and circulates to Councillors for comment.
	2) Once agreed, the statement be added to comments on the Swansea Council Planning Portal.
	(Councillor Paul Tucker (Chair) presided)
	40. Community Reports – South Wales Police
	There were no South Wales Police officers present.



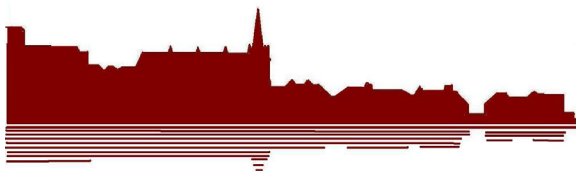
41.	Reports of the Clerk		
	a) Accounts for Payment / Quotations		
	The accounts for payment were provided at Appendix A of the report.		
	The following were also discussed: -		
	<u>Additional Expenditure</u>		
	£108 – FEC Nener Ltd – 3 x key security boxes for Llanmorlais Changing Rooms. £28.10 – Crofty Supermarket & Post Office.		
	<u>Additional Income</u>		
	£28.32 – Reserve Account Interest. £2.08 – Projects Account Interest. £1,600.00 – New Burial Plot at Mount Hermon Ceremony (Non-Resident).		
	<u>Quotations</u>		
	A list of quotations was provided at Appendix A.1.		
	1) The payments / additional payments / amendments be approved.		
	2) The payments paid since 16 th June 2026 meeting be noted and agreed.		
	3) The income / additional income be noted.		
	4) The bank reconciliation, bank transfers and bank account balances be noted and agreed.		
	5) The Clerk be given authority to make appropriate bank transfers during August 2026, to ensure sufficient funds are available.		
	6) The CCLA investment income be noted.		
	7) The actions in respect of the following quotations be approved / noted: -		
		Quotation Details	Action
	1.	Removal of ivy from fence at Parc Dan Y Graig and treatment of the roots.	Resolved that the quotation provided by JK Gardening Services for £1,950 plus VAT, be approved.
	2.	Repair of grave at Parc Hendy Cemetery.	Clerk to provide additional quotes for a retaining wall in September 2026.



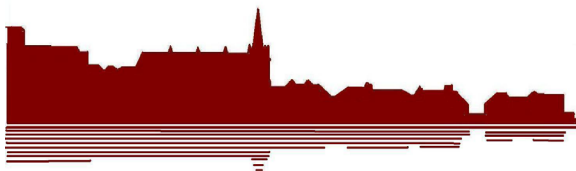
	3.	Removal / replacement of stock fencing at Graig Y Coed.	Resolved that the quotation provided by Jonathan Davis & Son for £951.50 plus VAT, be approved.
	4.	Replacement of tennis court fencing at Llanmorlais.	Quotations awaited.
	5.	Cutting Graig Y Coed Paths.	Resolved that the quotation provided by Jonathan Davis & Son for £910 plus VAT, be approved and the work be added to the Ground Maintenance Contract (3 cuts per annum).
	6.	Replacement Rugby Posts at Graig Y Coed.	Resolved that 1) Councillor Andrew Williams confirms if Swansea Council could provide the old St Helen's posts (if available). 2) The quotation provided by Jonathan Davis & Son for £1,595 for 5m aluminum socketed posts and £1,343.20 plus VAT to remove the old posts and fit the new posts, be approved
	7.	Clearance of run-off ditch at Llanmorlais Recreation Ground.	Awaiting quotation. Jonathan Davis & Son would discuss with the owner of an adjoining field to ensure the drainage in that field is effective, prior to proving a quotation.
	8.	Repair of Metal Door at Bowls Pavilion.	Awaiting quotation.
	9.	Mapping for St Gwynour's Cemetery.	Awaiting quotation.
	10.	Skip Purchase for Penclawdd Recreation Ground.	Resolved that the Clerk obtains an appropriate price for an 8-yard skip and the issue be discussed further in September 2026.
	11.	CCTV hard drive at Bowls Pavilion.	Resolved that the quotation provided by



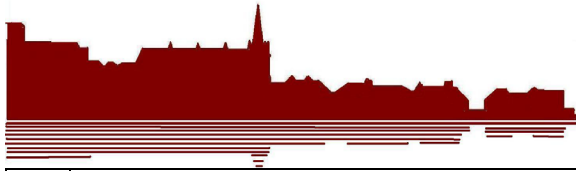
		PES for £165 plus VAT, be approved.	
12.	Electricity rates at Graig Y Coed, Memorial Gardens and Llanmorlais.	Resolved that the rates provided by Utility Aid for Memorial Gardens, Graig Y Coed Pavilion and Llanmorlais Changing Rooms, be approved.	
13.	New posts & topsoil at Parc Hendy Cemetery.	Resolved that 1) the quotation provided by Jonathan Davis & Son for £341.60 plus VAT, be approved. 2) The Clerk obtains a price for 'no parking on the verge' signage.	
14.	Playground works following annual inspection.	Noted the comments provided by Jonathan Davis & Son in respect of the Top Bearing Assembly on Pendulum Swing at Penclawdd Playground. Resolved that 1) The quotations provided by Jonathan Davis & Son for £730 plus VAT for Penclawdd Playground and £690 plus VAT for Crofty Playground, be approved. 2) A photograph of the Top Bearing Assembly on Pendulum Swing at Penclawdd Playground be provided.	
15.	Clearance of vegetation between the tennis courts and MUGA at Llanmorlais Recreation Ground.	Awaiting quotation.	
b) To Monitor the Council Budget 2026-2027			
The Clerk presented the up-to-date Council budget spends for 2026-2027.			
He added that the 2025-2026 files would have to be transported to Audit Wales in Cardiff early in August 2026.			
Resolved that the report be approved.			



	c) Correspondence
	The correspondence reported by the Clerk was provided at Appendix C of the report. All correspondence was noted and actions / comments were made in respect of the following: -
	1) Item 6 – Somerset Trust – Resolved that the Clerk seeks an update from Somerset Trust regarding the request to purchase the car park.
	2) Item 11 – Laugharne Township Community Council – Cockling Issues – Resolved that the Clerk requests donations from the cockle buyer towards the upkeep and appearance of the local villages and includes a code of conduct in respect of use of the Foreshore Car Park.
	<u>Additional Correspondence</u>
	St David's Church, Wernffrwd – Thank you letter for hanging baskets outside the Church.
	d) Work Plan 2026/2027
	The report was provided for information.
	e) Community Council Action Tracker
	The report was provided for information. The following were discussed: -
	Item 10 – Blocked Up Windows at Belle Vue Studios – Councillor Melissa Roberts requested an update. Councillor Andrew Williams stated that he had previously contacted the Area Planning Manager for an opinion and was still awaiting a response.
	42. Committee / Working Group Reports
	a) Finance & Events Committee – Grants & Donations
	The Finance & Events Committee presented a report which sought approval of grants and donations previously agreed by the Committee.
	Resolved that grants be made to the following under the Power of Well-being (Local Government Act 2000): -
	1) Penclawdd Brass Band - £920.
	2) Llanmorlais Community Hall - £1,000.



	b) Finance & Events Committee - Annual Fees / Pitch Hire Costs 2026-2027
	The Finance & Events Committee presented a report which sought approval of the Annual Fees / Pitch Hire Costs 2026-2027. The proposed fees and costs were provided at Appendices A and B.
	Resolved that the Annual Fees / Pitch Hire Costs 2026-2027, be approved.
	43. Council Property / Community Projects / Burial Grounds
	The Clerk presented a report regarding Community Council property, community projects and burial grounds. The following were discussed: -
	Ground Maintenance Contract – Possible extension. The Clerk stated that he would seek advice from One Voice Wales and SLCC.
	44. Swansea Council Issues
	a) Report of the Penclawdd Ward Member
	Councillor Andrew Williams (AW) provided a written report regarding the issues he had been involved with during the previous month. The following were also discussed: -
	• Weed Spraying – Procurement had been delayed in awarding the contract which had resulted in a delay to the required works.
	• Verges – Councillor Paul Tucker highlighted that the verges before Llanmorlais Cross. Councillor Andrew Williams stated that this would be completed in September.
	• Hedges – It was added that the hedges from Llanmorlais Cross to Wernffrwd Cross required cutting back.
	c) Footpaths
	Councillor Andrew Williams stated that the contractors appointed by Swansea Council had cut the local footpath network.
	45. Outside Bodies
	• Gower National Landscape Advisory Group – Councillor Paul Tucker attended on Monday, 22nd June 2026.
	• One Voice Wales – Swansea Area Committee – Councillor Russell Garrington attended on Monday, 13th July 2026.



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	The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.
	Chair