

Draft Minutes of an Extra Meeting of Llangors Community Council
Held on Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 18:15 at Llangasty Village Hall

Members Present: Cllr A Jevons (Chair), Cllr D Scully (vice-Chair), Cllr C Owen, Cllr S Bailey, Cllr D Jones, Cllr G Beaven.
In attendance: Hannah Davies (Clerk)

1) Welcome and participation rules for the meeting – Chair

The Chair, Cllr A Jevons welcomed everyone to the extra meeting of the Council and reminded all in attendance of the participation rules for the meeting. This includes having comments passed via the Chair.

2) Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr H Quarrell. Cllr C Preece was not in attendance.

3) Declarations of Interest for agenda items as per Members' Code of Conduct

Cllr A Jevons asked if there were any declarations of interest relating to agenda items, there were none.

The Register of Members Interest is available to view at: <https://llangors.org.uk/community-council/minutes-agendas/>

4) Consideration of Reserves Policy

The Clerk had circulated the draft Reserves Policy prior to the meeting; the draft had been initially discussed at the meeting in October. The purpose was to allow discussion around any additional needs and requirements and enable the policy to be agreed at the monthly meeting, if all members were happy with the considerations included. Councillors discussed the figures required for reserves, this includes general reserves (a proportion of the precept amount). Items listed for earmarked reserves were discussed regarding amounts and necessity. This included any anticipated tree work in St. Paulinus Churchyard and a replacement circular bench at the triangle in Llangors.

The Clerk had raised to Councillors that regarding the circular bench at the triangle in Llangors, it may be more appropriate to look at accumulating funds to replace this asset, rather than a large one-off spend. The Clerk's reasoning for this was due to the proportion of the precept this single item would account for, and whilst it will be of benefit to some in the community, it will not be of unanimous benefit and it has been absent for over 12 months with no reports being raised of it being reinstated until now. There does not appear to be a record of the Community Council having purchased a bench previously. The Clerk was mindful of how proportionate the figures are. Councillors were in agreement that there was no need to allocate any reserves and decided to add £1300 to the budget line regarding asset repairs, renewals and additions and this could also be discussed when plans for a public consultation take place in order to assess public feeling in regards to the item.

Councillors concluded they were happy with the draft Reserves Policy. This will be brought to the Monthly Meeting for formal approval, due to commence following this meeting.

5) Consideration of draft budget for financial year 26/27

The Clerk had circulated the draft budget for the financial year 26/27 prior to the meeting. This had been drafted by the Clerk and the Chair had reviewed previously. At the meeting in October, there were points raised for consideration and there had been time allowed for further research into specific areas including the circular bench on the triangle in Llangors, and tree work in St. Paulinus Churchyard. The notes accompanying the budget were looked over and Councillors given opportunity to ask for clarity on any points.

Cllr G Beaven raised that as the Community Council's Groundscare costs had risen, it would be worth considering raising the grant amount to incorporate a rise in the maintenance and Groundscare that the Churchyards are also

experiencing. There are three regular grant requests received from local Churchyards. This would bring the grant figure per Churchyard from £125 to £150. This results in an increase of the budget for grant funding from £1650 to £1725.

Cllr C Preece joined the meeting at 18:47 and gave apologies for being late.

The Clerk had advised previously that the accounts appear to be accruing further funds this financial year due to underspending. Large reserves had been accumulated from time spent without a Clerk in employment (over 12 months, ending in April 2024) but these had continued to rise over the past couple of years. In light of the budget, the Clerk advised that the precept amount this year should be reduced. In consideration of earmarked reserves, monies held and projected spending, this was recommended to be reduced to between £18,000 and £20,000 (the precept has been set at £23,000 since the 23/24 financial year). This would be brought to the Monthly Meeting for consideration and approval, due to commence following this meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19:05.