MINUTES of the proceedings of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held at Nannerch Memorial Hall on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors H Morgan (Chair), J Costidell (Vice Chair), J Byrne, G Williams, K Weston and J Morgan-Millington. Jeanne Penn, Clerk.

1. **Public Participation.** The Clerk confirmed that there had been no requests for remote access to the meeting.

2. **To accept apologies for absence.** County Councillors A Parkhurst.

3. **To record declaration of interests from members on any item to be discussed.** None

4. **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting 4th September 2025.** The minutes of this meeting of Nannerch Community Council were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

5. **To receive updates on progress from previous Minutes:**

SmartWater signage. North Wales Police (NWP) had contacted the Clerk to ask for exact location and position of the signs along with the size, so that FCC could approve they would be erected in accordance with regulations. **Action**: Clerk to liaise with FCC and NWP.

Village Information Board in the Phone Kiosk. The Chair would continue to liaise with the designer.

Armistice commemorative structure. The Chair had responded to the queries from the manufacturer and had informed Mr Archdale of progress.

Motorists and speeding. County Councillor Parkhurst had provided a written update-see item 11of these minutes.

Gwella Match Funding. The Clerk informed Councillors that she had notified both the Chair of NSC and Richard Roberts at Gwella of the current position as reported in last month's minutes and both had acknowledged their understanding of the situation.

Bulb Planting. The Clerk had purchased the bulbs (daffodils, crocuses, irises and snowdrops) and the village planting session had been agreed for this coming Saturday afternoon, 4th October, subject to any updated weather alert.

6. **To receive police update and raise any matters.**

Crime statistics for July 2025 were 1 other theft and 1 possession of weapons.

7. **To receive Streetscene update and raise any matters**

An action plan had been received from Neil Hickie on 28th September with 3 actions remaining, relating to potholes in Llandyrnog Road, Ffordd y Waen and Trefechan Lane. Regarding the amount of potholes requiring repair and the time it was taking to action, Mr Hickie had confirmed

by email to the Clerk that he inspected on average a hundred and fifty roads per month and was allocated a Pothole Repair Team one day per week to repair the recorded potholes in five Communities and one Town within his area.

Mr Hickie also noted that as regards the additional issues reported at last month's Community Council meeting:

- The dangerous tree down the byway was reported to Dewi Ellis and Public Rights of Way. Mr Hickie had walked the byway this afternoon and confirmed that the danger from falling limbs had been removed and it appeared that work to remove the remainder of the tree was ongoing

- The drainage ditches which needed clearing again by Hawthorn Cottage had been listed and planned for late Autumn

- He had called and informed the resident at Pentre House (next to the Memorial Hall) of the concerns regarding the laurel tree protruding into the road and the hedge encroaching onto the footpath from Village Road onto the estate. The resident agreed to contact her landlord to have the issues addressed.

- He had inspected the potholes on Little Wheeler Hill on the road going down to the A541 today and none met the "present intervention level" for pothole repair; he had secured that section of road to be resurfaced which is marked up in readiness.

- He confirmed that the pothole repairs were complete on Bryn Golau/Sarn Mill Hill. The installation of a crash barrier had been requested by the Community Council numerous times. Councillor Parkhurst had suggested was that if a barrier was not feasible, a kerb should be considered so that if a vehicle slides down the ice it might bounce off the kerb and proceed down the lane rather than going over the edge. Councillor Parkhurst had reminded Mr Hickie via email that Darrell Jones had responded in May last year noting that as there had been no fatalities, no work would be approved by FCC. Councillor Parkhurst maintained that the response was not acceptable as putting in a kerb shouldn't be a major job and would help to make the road safer in icy conditions.

8. Flintshire County Council Planning Matters

No planning applications had been received. The planning application FUL/000603/25 relating to side, rear extensions and internal alterations at Bwlch y Creigiau, Ffordd y Cwm, CH7 5RW, had been approved by FCC on 4/9/25.

9. Financial Matters

The schedule of payments and supporting invoices for September 2025, totalling £964.84, had been reviewed and **approved** by all Councillors, and was signed off by the Chair and Vice Chair at the meeting as follows:

Payee	£	Payment method	Power
Clerk net salary Sept 25 plus backpay	307.56	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
HMRC Clerk's PAYE	77.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk allowance and travel	27.80	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk printing	6.49	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Gordon's Gardens	60.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111
Clerk-refund for bulbs	145.49	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111
Wales Audit Office **	270.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S151
RBL Poppies	70.50	BACS	LGAct 1972 S137
TOTAL	**964.84**		

** Note that this payment is for an invoice relating to an audit carried out for 2020/21; outstanding payment had only been identified in July 2025 by WAO due to a data cleanse exercise.

The Clerk advised that the External Audit report for 2024/25 had not yet been received.

10. Clerk's Update - Correspondence and other items.

The Clerk had previously circulated the DBCC Draft Annual Remuneration Report for 26/27 which was **noted** by Councillors. The Clerk explained that no amendments of allowances were planned for Community Councillors during the next financial year.

The Clerk had already circulated NRW's Consultation on the proposed Glyndwr National Park to Councillors. Both the Chair and County Councillor Parkhurst had already attended meetings organised by NRW. The consultation remained open until mid-December so the Chair had requested an 'Executive Summary' of the 7 recently published documents for further consideration and discussions at the November meeting. **Action:** Clerk to agenda this item for the next Community Council meeting.

11. Reports and Updates from other meetings.

In County Councillor Parkhurst's absence, he had sent an update to this meeting as follows:

***Potholes**. I have been chasing Neil Hickie to give priority to the awful potholes throughout Nannerch. I also raised at FCC's Full Council meeting last week why we haven't seen an appreciable improvement in the state of our roads in view of the additional Welsh Government funding that is now available. This formal question evidently prompted FCC to issue a press release resulting in an article in The Leader: The Flintshire roads to be resurfaced in coming months | The Leader. Village Road north to the A541 is included in Phase 1 of this year's Resurfacing Programme. There should be further news forthcoming about Phase 2 of the Programme.*

***Erw'r Llan Speed Limit**. Following FCC's confirmation early last month that there will be a local consultation on reducing the speed limit I informed FCC officers of the formal resolution passed at last month's Community Council meeting and have chased them for an update on progress.*

***Speed Strips on Village Road between the Church and the Cross Foxes**. I have not had a response on the outcome of FCC's road safety officers' meeting about this so I have escalated this higher up to try to quicken the pace.*

***Recycling Roadshows**. FCC's Recycling team is keen to attend local events across Flintshire to help promote recycling and raise awareness of the services they offer by providing: a short PowerPoint presentation on recycling; free recycling equipment for residents; information and advice on other council services*

If the Community Council would like the Recycling team to attend any community events, please email kerbsiderecycling@flintshire.gov.uk as soon as possible.

***Digital Support Squad**. Drop-in sessions between October and December are being held to help residents with accessing the internet or email; keeping in touch with family and friends; learning about things that interest them; supporting friends, family or neighbours who are less digitally savvy; or anything else digital. Further dates, including in the Mold Connect Centre, are planned in the New Year.*

***School Funding**. During FCC's budget debate in February when Full Council rejected my amendment to use part of a £1.2m windfall from Welsh Government on schools (as well as reducing the increase in Council tax and maintaining the small budget for public toilets), a compromise was agreed that any additional funding from Welsh Government following settlement of the teachers' pay claim would go straight to schools. Last week I discovered that FCC intends to keep the extra £0.5m expected from Welsh Government, despite school reserves having reduced by 89% in the past year. At last week's Education Scrutiny meeting I protested about this with the result that Cabinet will now reconsider their position.*

The Chair advised Councillors that he had attended the OVW Biodiversity Plans meeting on 24/9/25 and reported this had been very useful to ensure that our Biodiversity Report and Action Plan, due by December 2025, was compliant. Additional support from OVW's Biodiversity Officer had been offered and the Chair would submit the documentation for review and approval at November's meeting. **Action**: Clerk to add this item to the next agenda.

12. Village Items.

AED Checks. The Chair confirmed that he would be carrying out checks on the 3 defibrillators in accordance with the regular schedule.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 6th November 2025 at 7pm.