MINUTES of the proceedings of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held at Nannerch Memorial Hall on Thursday 6th November 2025 at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors H Morgan (Chair), J Costidell (Vice Chair), J Byrne, G Williams and J Morgan-Millington. County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst, and Jeanne Penn, Clerk.

1. **Public Participation.** The Clerk confirmed that there had been no requests for remote access to the meeting. Members of the public Roger Morris, Owen Thomas and Richard Cartwright were in attendance and welcomed to the meeting.

2. **To accept apologies for absence.** Councillor K Weston.

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

4. **Nannerch Plough.** The Chair agreed with the 3 members of the public present that this item could be discussed at the start of the meeting. Mr Morris, a former resident of Henfaes in Nannerch, was requesting consideration by the Community Council for a plough originally used in the village to be restored and mounted on a plinth near the smithy. He had submitted a history of the plough, along with photographs, as follows:

I left Henfaes in 1969 at the age of 22. During my time there my father Tecwyn competed in several ploughing matches with a horsedrawn plough made in Denbigh and won several British championships. Before he retired my father was left a plough by his cousin Bob Morris of Talacre; this plough was made by Richard Cartwright's Grandad at the smithy in Nannerch in 1906. My father took this plough to the British championships and won, he then decided he should give it back to Bob Morris' family on the Llyn peninsular where it has remained until this day where the family have decided to part with it. It is now at my nephew's farm at Calcoed, Brynford while we decide what to do with it. As well as ploughs Mr Cartwright used to make items such as door knockers and gates and exhibit them at exhibitions around the country. It was at one of these exhibitions that the then prime minister Lloyd George purchase a door knocker and subsequently commissioned Mr Cartwright to make a set of wrought iron gates for a home he was building at Criccieth. The gates and the door knocker still exist at the home which is now a nursing home. The blacksmith's name and Nannerch Smithy are clear printed on the plough, it is believed to be the only one in existence, besides myself there are a number of people who would love to see it possibly mounted on a plinth near the smithy, they include Richard Cartwright, Brian Bennett, Richard Morris, Owen Thomas, and the late Bill Woodhouse. There is no purchase charge but as it has been neglected for many years it a bit of restorative work and a coat of paint to get it back into a reasonable condition to be mounted, I am quite willing to contribute to the cost of this subject to permission and sufficient interest.

The Clerk drew attention to considerations including the likely costs of restoration, purchase of the plinth, plaque and transport; ownership of the land/permission of any landowner for siting the plough on the plinth; transfer of ownership of the asset to the Community Council and additional costs of insuring it; maintenance and responsibility for replacement in case of theft or damage.

A discussion ensued regarding the possible places for siting the plough and it was agreed that Councillors would look into this in more detail. Mr Morris and his friends made some suggestions about the restoration work and noted they had useful contacts who could undertake these things.

Councillor Byrne offered to donate a stone for the plinth. The Chair explained that the Community Council's budget was already agreed and allocated for the current financial year which included a substantial sum for the armistice structure. In addition, a further upgrade of the MUGA was being explored so funds available for consideration of such a project as this would be limited. Councillors were in agreement to this proposal in principle but asked Mr Morris for a project plan with likely costings so that the matter could be considered further at a later meeting.

5. **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting 2nd October 2025.** The minutes of this meeting of Nannerch Community Council were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

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

SmartWater signage. Darell Jones, Operation Manager for Streetscene, had recently requested some additional information which the Clerk had provided about the number and size of signs, proposed locations, responsibility for the signage and public liability cover. Sgt Carrington had identified that Core Highways (Rhuddlan) would install the signage as they were familiar with the local authority's signage rules and regulations.

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

Armistice commemorative structure. The Chair noted that the tank had been casted but had suffered some damage which would be repaired, then the subsequent enamelling or powder-coating would incur an additional cost.

Bulb Planting. Daffodil, crocus, iris and snowdrop bulbs planting had taken place on Saturday 11th October by Councillors and local residents.

Biodiversity Report and Biodiversity Action Plan. The Chair had circulated 2 reports to Councillors, our Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) for the period 2022-2025 and the draft report which needed completion by the end of the year. The Chair expressed his thanks to Sam Langdon from OVW for his assistance in preparing these documents. It was **agreed** that the Chair and Clerk would complete in readiness for approval at next month's meeting.

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

Crime statistics for August 2025: 1 violence/sexual offence.

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

An action plan had been received from Neil Hickie on 4th October with only 2 actions listed, one noted as 'ongoing' relating to potholes in Llandyrnog Road, and the other regarding clearing of drainage ditches by Hawthorn Cottage. It was unclear whether this latter action had been completed and so it was **agreed** that the Clerk would seek clarification from Mr Hickie. Councillors expressed their concerns that actions had been removed from the current list without assurances that items previously listed had been addressed. It was therefore **agreed** that the Chair and Vice Chair would review the pothole situation around the village and report back to the Clerk for raising with Mr Hickie and Darell Jones.

9. Flintshire County Council Planning Matters

No planning applications had been received or decisions made by FCC.

10. Financial Matters

The schedule of payments and supporting invoices for October 2025, totalling £405.61, 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 Oct 25	265.12	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
HMRC Clerk's PAYE	66.20	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	40.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111
TOTAL	**405.61**		

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

Councillors **approved** the 6-month cash book alongside quarter 2 bank reconciliation, noting that, at 30/9/25, the current account stood at £3,502.01 and the reserve account stood at £16,874.11. A total of £20,376.12

The Budget Monitor showing progress against budget for the 6 months to 30/9/25 was **reviewed** by Councillors. The Clerk reported on some adjustments for consideration as follows:

- a further £400 being included under 'Budget' heading, to reflect the delayed Wales External Audit invoice from 2021, paid in October 2025. New proposed budget is therefore £1200.
- Under 'FCC match funding' heading, whether including an amount (note that estimate from NCC is currently £5000 if the proposed upgrade to the MUGA is progressed) into this budget to add to any grant/donation given to the sports club for the MUGA upgrade
- Under 'website' heading, including an additional amount of £50 to cover 'hosting' costs, to take it to £230
- Under 'VAT reclaim', a notional amount of £100 should be included in this budget, as there wasn't any figure included previously

Regarding progress against budget at this half yearly point, The Clerk reported that:

- Clerk's salary and expenses should come in significantly under budget at year end, as Clerk is becoming more proficient and experienced, with a likely £1k plus underspend

- The Chair and Councillor allowances (£1550 budget) are unlikely to be utilised but must always be factored into the budget
- The noticeboard replacement (budget £1500) could be deferred to the year 26/27

Giving full consideration to the above information, Councillors **noted** that there may be an underspend of between £4000 and £5000 and **agreed** with all the proposals outlined by the Clerk, including an amount of £4000 being allocated to 'FCC match funding' budget head.

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

The NCC Policies of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, FOI Publication Scheme, Investment Strategy and Internal Controls had been reviewed by the Clerk with no updates required since the previous year. These policies were **noted and approved** by Councillors.

The Annual Risk Assessment for 2025-2026 had been reviewed and updated. This document was **approved** by Councillors.

In view of the current NRW consultation on the proposed Glyndwr National Park, the Chair had circulated summary documents and advised Councillors that he had reviewed the various new reports commissioned on the potential positives and negatives. He noted that for Nannerch which is already within the National Landscape (AONB), there would be little change.

The opportunities were noted as: protecting and enhancing landscapes; supporting climate and nature recovery; boosting sustainable, nature-friendly farming; providing long-term funding security, planning and economic growth; supporting health and wellbeing; protecting cultural heritage; allowing better community engagement; leaving a long-term legacy for future generations.

The risks were noted as: tourism pressures; lack of affordable housing; planning restrictions; perceived loss of control; access-related conflict; transition issues; administrative complexity

Councillors concurred with these views and agreed they were largely in support of the proposal to a new National Park. It was **agreed** that the Chair and Clerk would submit these comments as part of the consultation process.

FCC Joint Standards Committee had been held on 3/11/25. Whilst no one from this Council had been able to attend, a matter added to that meeting was for all Town & Community Councils to consider adopting OVW's Model Local Resolution Protocol. This document is not mandatory, but intended to be used in the case of low-level internal complaints (Councillor and staff). It was **agreed** that the Clerk should review the protocol in more detail and advise in due course if she thought it would be useful.

The meeting dates for 2026 had been circulated as follows: Thursdays on February 5th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 14th, June 4th, July 2nd, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd. These dates were **approved** by Councillors, including the May date of 14th which is the second Thursday of the month because of local elections being held the previous Thursday, 7th May 2026.

FCC had sent their winter preparations letter to all Town and Community Councils. It was once again **agreed** to nominate the Vice Chair as the local representative to receive daily details of the

proposed gritting actions together with an accurate weather forecast for the area, at 1pm each afternoon.

12. Reports and Updates from other meetings.

County Councillor Parkhurst advised the meeting as follows:

- The speed strip through the village had been installed for a week commencing 6/10/25. He would chase up the results and update Councillors.
- He would ensure that extending the 20mph speed limit on Erw'r Llan remained a FCC priority.
- He would ask Mr Hickie for an update on the request for a barrier on Sarn Mill
- FCC issues of note were: the public toilets closure consultation was now live; vehicles involved in the depot fire had been replaced; the subject of County Councillor allowances as recommended in the DBCC had been debated; proposals to have a super catholic school remained under discussion; extra funding had been added to the education budget for schools.

13. Village Items.

AED Checks. The Chair confirmed that he had undertaken checks on the 3 defibrillators in accordance with the regular schedule.

Dog Fouling Signage. The Vice Chair had acquired some FCC signage and would discuss with the Chair regarding positioning.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 4th December 2025 at 7pm.