MINUTES of the proceedings of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held at Nannerch Memorial Hall on Thursday 2nd July 2026 at 7pm.

PRESENT:

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

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

2. **To accept apologies for absence.** Councillor Jasmin Morgan-Millington**.** County Councillor Andrew Parkhurst would be arriving later this evening; he subsequently arrived at 7.20pm*.

3. **To record declaration of interests from members on any item to be discussed.** Councillor J Byrne declared an interest in item 8**.

4. **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting 4th June 2026.** 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:**

Village Information Board in the phone kiosk. Councillor Costidell **agreed** to pursue this item.

Armistice commemorative structure. The Chair would be collecting this item imminently and the Community Council would need to choose a suitable place to put it in the village

Historic plough. John from Coed y Brian had taken ownership of this project and was working on the renovation.

Tree damage and repairs. As this Council had received advice that any reparation work was outside its remit, suggestions of contractors and quotes to make good the damage to the wall and the bus shelter would be forwarded to the owner of the land in due course.

Noticeboard Replacement. The Clerk had received a quote from Signs Workshop in Dolgellau for a new oak noticeboard. Including mounting posts and inscription with 'Nannerch Community 2026', this would cost in the region of £1,200. An amount had been put in the budget in 2025/26 (and carried forward to the current year) of £1,500, so it was **agreed** to place the order. Councillors agreed to explore options locally for installation of the noticeboard.

6. To receive police update and raise any matters.

Crime statistics for May 2026 had not yet been made available on the Police website. Councillor Willliams asked for an update following the speed strips being put on the A541 in the 40mph sections on several occasions in June. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would pursue this.

7. To receive Streetscene update and raise any matters

A report had been received from Ben Corran on 2nd July with outstanding actions noted as follows: signpost replacement on Village Road by Memorial Hall; leaning tree branch above Nannerch

Mill; 'Titan kerbs' request on Sarn Mill; Pothole repairs on Llandyrnog Road (Wal Goch)-part complete, Ffordd y Waen and Village Road-part complete; Japanese Knotweed on Ffordd y Waen; vehicles stopping on slip road from A541; verge cutting on Little Wheeler Hill.

Additional items noted at the meeting were street cleaning required on Village Road on war memorial side due to amount of debris, and tarmac missing from an inspection hatch on A541 Denbigh Road by The Grove. The Clerk **agreed** to report to Streetscene.

8. Flintshire County Council Planning Matters

Regarding planning application FUL/000436/26 and LBC/000390/26 for proposed extension, rebuilding of outbuilding, oak framed garage and new timber gates at Pen yr Erw, Pen y Felin CH7 5RW, Councillors requested the Clerk to respond to FCC to ask that the footpath running through the property remains open and full access is given at all times.
***Note that Councillor Byrne remained in the room but took no part in this discussion*

Regarding application FUL/000468/25 for proposed formation of vehicular access at Rising Sun, CH7 5RH, it was requested that reassurances were given that the new access point has permission. The Chair asked that comments were provided directly to the Clerk so that she could respond to the application.

9. Financial Matters

The Clerk noted that she had met with DoodleIT last month regarding a 'refresh' of the Community Council's website, enabling it to be more user friendly and in line with legislative requirements. The quote received and circulated to Councillors, purely to work on the Community Council's section of the website, was £150. Councillors **approved** this payment as part of the schedule below.

The schedule of payments and supporting invoices for June 2026, totalling £1,429.92, had been reviewed and **approved** by all Councillors. Note was made that the Clerk's salary and HMRC payment for August (during recess) would need approval this month. The schedule was signed off by the Chair and Vice Chair at the meeting as follows:

Payee	**£**	**Payment method**	**Power**
Clerk net salary July 26	308.00	SO to be paid on 18/7/26	LGAct 1972 S111/112
HMRC Clerk's PAYE July 26	77.00	SO to be paid on 18/7/26	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk net salary Aug 26	308.00	SO to be paid on 18/8/26	LGAct 1972 S111/112

HMRC Clerk's PAYE Aug 26	77.00	SO to be paid on 18/8/26	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk travel June 26 (at 55p/mile)	12.10	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk homeworking allowance June	26.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk printing June 26	6.49	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Gordon's Gardens June 26	75.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111
DoodleIT website refresh	150.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S142
J Costidell (refund for plants and grass seed)	61.53	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111
Defib Store-2 sets of replacement pads	328.80	BACS	LGAct 1972 S137
TOTAL	**1,429.92**		

The cash book for quarter 1 (April to June 206) alongside the bank reconciliation for the same period had previously been circulated to Councillors for review. The closing balance at 30th June 2026 was £17,006.19, with £13,374.97 in the reserve account and £3,631.22 in the current account. Councillors **approved** the bank reconciliation.

An amount of £3,000 had been received from Nannerch Sports Club since the last meeting, in respect of the MUGA backboard upgrade. Councillors were reminded that this was part-reimbursement for the FCC match funding project, whereby the Community Council had paid the initial £5,000.

The Clerk advised Councillors that she had commenced working towards the major triennial external audit, due for submission by 8th August 2026. Note was made of the large amount of information required, which felt disproportionate to the size and budget of this Council. Despite 4 emails and one personal call by the Clerk with Deryk Evans at Wales Audit over the past 6 months, the invoice remained outstanding for the external audit 24/25, completed last November.

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

FCC funding for Natural Environment Projects.

Following Nannerch Community Council being allocated funding for nature action, it was **agreed** that the Clerk and the Chair should now have a site meeting with Sophie Roberts, FCC Assistant Biodiversity Officer, to explore ideas. Councillors noted that matters for consideration should include areas by the pensioners bungalows, and on the bank coming into the village from the A541. FCC had already designated an area by the old station house a 'wild verge' which Streetscene should not cut. The Chair also noted that swift boxes may be an option for this project, as well as priority for managing and eradicating Japanese knotweed from Ffordd y Waen area.

Afforestation revised proposal

Luke Cross from Tilhill Forestry had provided an update to the Community Council to consider regarding a change in species for the afforestation proposal at Penbedw Ucha. This was discussed with Stuart Jones, FCC's Public Rights of Way Officer, who also had input to the revised proposals. Councillors noted that there was little information or clarity about the actual species of trees in the revised proposal. It was therefore **agreed** that the Clerk would report these concerns to Luke and ask him to make direct contact with the Chair to discuss further.

One Voice Wales Area Committee Nominations

It was **agreed** that the Chair would be the nominated representative for these quarterly meetings going forwards. The Clerk would notify OVW of the Chair's details.

OVW Training modules

The Clerk circulated details of these free or subsidised places to Councillors for consideration.

11. Reports and Updates from other meetings.

County Councillor Parkhurst reported on key developments at FCC, notably: the catholic schools' consultation being underway, and two by-elections being held next week in Connah's Quay and Argoed & New Brighton wards. He had attended a presentation to launch the Young Carers Charter whereby 3 young people who as carers gave passionate and articulate information about their roles, expressed gratitude to FCC for all their help and support. More locally, Councillor Parkhurst was continuing to pursue setting up a meeting with Lee Shone regarding road safety issues in the area. He was awaiting confirmation from Katie Wilby regarding the 20mph extension in Erw'r Llan. He also reported on a positive outcome for residents in the Bryn Goleu area on recent missed black bin collections.

12. Village Items.

AED Checks. It was noted that the 3 defibrillators remained emergency ready; The Chair would check again when replacing the pads on 2 of the devices in the next couple of weeks.

Gardening. Following Gordon Thompson noting he would be retiring from gardening duties at the end of this year/beginning of the next year, it was **agreed** that consideration would be needed to find a replacement going forwards. The Clerk would add this item to the agenda in September for a full discussion.

Village Website. Whilst outside the Community Council's remit, note was made that the Nannerch village website would benefit from an update, with the current information requiring review by those responsible for each part of the site. Janet and Gareth, in their capacity as village residents, agreed to take this forward.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7pm.