MINUTES of the proceedings of the Meeting of Nannerch Community Council held at Nannerch Memorial Hall on Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Councillors H Morgan (Chair), G Williams (Vice Chair), J Byrne, J Costidell, J Morgan-Millington and K Weston. Jeanne Penn, Clerk, and Councillor Parkhurst. Members of the Public: Gordon Thompson, Sharon Davies, Paul Davies and Pam Warren. PCSO Lona Roberts from North Wales Police.

1. **Public Participation.** The Clerk confirmed that there had been no requests for remote access to the meeting. The Chair welcomed members of the public and PCSO Lona Roberts (in place of PCSO Hannah Roberts) to the meeting. The Chair advised all present that the meeting should not be filmed or recorded in any way.

2. **To accept apologies for absence.** None

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

In view of the attendance of members of the public and the PCSO, the Chair agreed to take matters relating to their attendance, alongside those considered high priority, at this stage of the meeting:

Complaints Policy and Local Resolution Procedure. The updated OVW Local Resolution Protocol (for issues raised between Councillors or issues raised between staff and Councillors) and the Complaints Policy (for members of the public to complain about the Council) -previously circulated to Councillors- were **approved** and would now be made available on the website. The Clerk informed the meeting that any reports made by members of the public regarding Councillor Conduct would automatically be referred to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

Replacement Gardener. Gordon Thompson addressed the meeting, explaining that he would be retiring from gardening at the end of the financial year. Gordon had worked for the Community Council for 14 years, and the Chair thanked Gordon for his years of service and all his hard work during this time. An expression of interest had already been received to continue with the gardening, so the Clerk had requested an indication of his hourly rate for consideration at the next meeting. Gordon would update the gardening location map alongside discussions with one of our Community Councillors and would be keen to meet and shadow the new gardener to ensure a smooth handover. This position was **noted** by Councillors. Gordon left the meeting at this point.

Memorial Hall update. Pam Warren, Treasurer of the Memorial Hall Committee, updated Councillors on the current financial position of the Memorial Hall. She explained that finances had become tight since losing the income from the GP presence at the Hall, and the increase in utility costs and business rates. The Hall hoped to become self-sufficient in the years ahead and the Committee were making improvements to attract new users. Pam had already submitted an expression of interest to the Clerk for a request for a financial donation and would supply additional supporting information and audited accounts in readiness for the annual consideration of donations/grants to community groups in December. Pam welcomed the Community Council's use of the notice board in the hall.

PSCO Lona Roberts. The Chair gave PCSO Roberts a summary of several issues raised by a resident with this Council relating to antisocial behaviour and antisocial motoring behaviour. The Chair acknowledged that whilst these matters were outside the jurisdiction and responsibility of the Community Council, they were all subsequently reported to the relevant authorities. The Chair noted frustrations when feedback from other agencies was not, or could not, be shared with this Council for a variety of reasons. The Chair gave examples such as issues raised at police surgeries, and Go Safe comments following results of speed strip monitoring.

Lona explained that she was unable to divulge certain information or confirm any details regarding complaints made to the Police. She did however explain actions that could be taken, for instance, several parts of intelligence gathered about one vehicle may lead to the driver being stopped. Lona explained that antisocial driving is a Flintshire wide concern, and the Police undertake regular patrols in the area, including an active presence in Nannerch.

Lona then took questions posed by members of the public and Councillors at the meeting relating to: audio facility on traffic cameras; advice for people who feel they are being targeted by the Police; establishing what information is being held by the Police about individual members of the public; making complaints about the extent of privately-owned recording footage; reporting of allegations of criminal activity.

The Chair thanked Lona for attending. Lona, Sharon and Paul left the meeting at this stage.

4. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting 2nd July 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. A draft of the information had been received by the Chair and would be forwarded to Councillor Costidell for agreement.

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. The Chair was awaiting an outline quote for repair of the wall. 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 new oak noticeboard and mounting posts had recently been delivered to the Chair's address. The Chair asked for volunteers to assist with installation of the noticeboard.

6. To receive police update and raise any matters.

Crime statistics for July 2026 had not yet been made available on the Police website. In May, there was 1 possession of weapons and 1 violence/sexual offence reported; in June, there was 1 public order offence and 1 violence/sexual offence.

7. To receive Streetscene update and raise any matters

A report had been received from Ben Corran on 1st September, noting that Neil Hickie had now retired, with Ben working 2 days per week on Streetscene matters for the local area. The outstanding actions were listed 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-part complete; Japanese Knotweed on Ffordd y Waen; vehicles stopping on slip road from A541; dog fouling.

Councillor Costidell requested horse rider warning signs at prominent locations on narrow roads and blind corners. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would seek Ben's views on this request, alongside Councillor Costidell exploring where to locate.

8. Flintshire County Council Planning Matters

No planning applications had been received or made since the last Community Council meeting in July.

9. Financial Matters

The Clerk noted that the Local Government Services Pay Award for 26/27 had been distributed to Councils in August. The Clerk's pay on SCP13 was now £15.56/hour. Councillors **approved** this pay award and back pay to the Clerk and HMRC (for PAYE) as part of the schedule below, which would be paid by BACS in this instance.

The schedule of payments and supporting invoices for July & August 2026, totalling £2,069.30, had been reviewed and **approved** by all Councillors. The schedule was signed off by the Chair and Vice Chair at the meeting as follows:

Payee	**£**	**Payment method**	**Power**
Clerk net salary Sept 26	311.20	SO to be paid on 18/9/26	LGAct 1972 S111/112
HMRC Clerk's PAYE Sept 26	77.80	SO to be paid on 18/9/26	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk backpay April- Aug 26	16.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
HMRC Clerk's backpay PAYE April -Aug 26	4.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk travel July 26 (at 55p/mile)	2.20	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112

Clerk homeworking allowance July & August	52.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Clerk printing July & Aug 26	12.98	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111/112
Gordon's Gardens July & Aug 26	75.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111
Audit Wales (external audit 24/25)	185.60	BACS	LGAct 1972 S142
Signs Workshop (noticeboard)	1,200.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S144
Memorial Hall (hire Feb-June 26)	50.00	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111
Huw Morgan (refund for 2 bags of top soil for memorial area)	82.52	BACS	LGAct 1972 S111
TOTAL	**2,069.30**		

Receipt from FCC of £5,500 into the bank on 28/8/26, this being the second installment of the precept, was **noted**.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the external audit information had been submitted on 8th July 2026. The auditors had subsequently requested additional information from the Clerk on two separate occasions, which had been supplied. Councillors **noted** this position.

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

FCC funding for Natural Environment Projects.

Following Nannerch Community Council being allocated funding for nature action, the Chair had a site meeting with Sophie Roberts, FCC Assistant Biodiversity Officer, on 17/7/26 to explore ideas. Following this, Sophie had agreed to pursue land ownership and land management responsibilities, and now wished the Community Council to prioritise 4 potential projects. After discussion, it was **agreed** that the first priority should be bat/bird boxes on the Memorial Hall, subject to the Hall's agreement, with the second priority being the wildflower/reduce mow areas in Village Road. There was also an opportunity for residents to attend an orchard pruning training course. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would confirm these priorities with Sophie, including the pruning training, and invite her to a future Community Council meeting to discuss the projects in more detail.

Documents for Approval

The Asset Register 2026/27 was **approved** and would now be made available on the website.

Complaint Received.

A resident had submitted complaints to the Clerk in late July/early August regarding lack of action from the Community Council on matters relating to antisocial behaviour including motoring incidents. The Clerk had undertaken an investigation, seeking advice from OVW, SLCC and FCC Monitoring Officer, and had formally responded to the complainant. The Clerk had advised the

complainant of the appropriate next steps, alongside other matters, to be raised with the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. This position was **noted** by Councillors.

FCC Temporary Traffic Notice.

"From 5th October 2026 for 5 days, no vehicles shall proceed between its junctions with Penllan Junction A541 and Ffordd y Waen for a distance of 325 metres. This is to facilitate civil maintenance works with associated works for M J Quinn." Councillors **noted** this information.

FCC County Forum meeting and proposed Shared Community Charter.

The Clerk was unable to share information with Councillors, as the meeting she was due to attend on 2/9/26 had not gone ahead. It was **agreed** to include this as an agenda item in due course for the Clerk to update Councillors, following the next proposed meeting on 29/9/26.

11. Reports and Updates from other meetings.

County Councillor Parkhurst reported that FCC had been in recess for part of the summer; he did however note that the Estyn school report was not as positive as first thought, and also that progress in adult social care had not made as much progress as FCC would have liked. He also identified that ChatGPT was making complaints easier to submit which increased the workload in this regard. On Nannerch matters, Councillor Parkhurst reported on the success story of the extension along Erw'r Llan of the speed limit of 20mph. He had met with Lee Shone and noted that signage was available to indicate the presence of horses and riders at key locations on roads in the village. He was also looking into the procedure for 'quiet road status' and would report back in due course.

12. Village Items.

AED Checks. The Chair confirmed that pads had been changed in 2 locations and all remained emergency-ready.

Resident's email re vehicle noise pollution. The Clerk received an email on 18/8/26 from a resident, representing a group of residents, regarding noise pollution from antisocial driving in the village. Having sought advice from FCC, the Clerk had replied to the resident to explain that this does not come under the Community Council's remit, nor FCC's noise nuisance department. FCC advised that the resident should report the issue online to the Police, or via their non-emergency number. This information was **noted** by Councillors**.**

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7pm.