

CYNGOR CYMUNED SESSWICK / SESSWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Sesswick Community Council Meeting to be held on **Friday 24th July 2026 at 6.00pm**
at **Piercy Hall Marchwiel.**

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DRAFT MINUTES

For minute book 1456

Present Cllr H Rowland Chair Cllr S Whitby Vice Chair

Cllr R Jones Cllr S Glover Cllr E Theunissen

In Attendance Cllr J Pritchard WCBC by Zoom F Collins Clerk

26/169 - **Apologies for absence** Cllr S Jones

26/170 - **Declarations of interest** None

26/171 - **Public Participation**, standing orders 3e-3k.
None received

26/172 - **Confirmations of previous minutes (meeting of 15th May 2026)**

Proposed RJ **Seconded** SW

26/173 - **Matters arising** from Minutes of 15th May 2026

- **Speed camera report** update to police and others. RJ reported on the information submitted to Go Safe and that a speed check should be carried out by N Wales police in September due to the high speeds that were being recorded. **ACTION** RJ to send the police the downloaded speed summary but accompanied by a simplified speed summary. **ACTION** – Agree GO Safe date for September visit.
- **Community speed watch** group status update. RJ currently has no new volunteers beyond the existing small group of three individuals
- **Face Book update.** SG reported on metrics showing 321 views and 21 clicks in the last 28 days, including engagement about Wrexham City of Culture and Stephen's Open Garden.
- **Street lights** update. Clerk reported that Scottish Power charged £70 for the final payment when it should have been £2. Following the move to EcoTricity the situation is now improving. **ACTION** clerk to contact Ecotricity to ensure bills are sent to the clerk's email address and not RJ's. Invoices to be stored on SCC laptop.
- **Missing road signs**, with JP is scheduled to meet with Wesley Waters regarding ongoing sign replacement work that is separate from the PIP application.
- **Dog rescue operation@ Maelor Works** Clerk had received a response from RSPCA noting the issue and reporting that a licence to operate was not required. WCBC indicated it would be handled under change of use applications when decisions are made re. Maelor Works site, and suggested options for residents would be to report noise complaints using a council-provided app. **ACTION** SG and SW to liaise concerning the noise monitoring app and to post information on SCC Face Book and Website on the process for complaints on noise nuisance.
- **Fly tipping /litter** on road near Gasworks entrance to site – Reported to WCBC - this is on a private road where lorry drivers are reportedly leaving trash – responsibility of land owner.

Also, fly tipping is a regular occurrence along Talwrn Lane - noted that reported incidents to WCBC do get cleaned up.

- **Zurich Insurance** – Clerk reported that alternative quotations had been sought with other brokers who had all advised that the Zurich was the best available. SCC paid the premium of £400.88.
- **Audit Wales Fees** from previous years. Councillors agreed not to make further payments until the AW claims are resolved. The current position is as follows :-
 - 2020/21 Basic Audit £286 Outstanding
 - 2021/22 Full Audit £1000 In dispute
 - 2022/23 Basic Audit £200 Paid 2/1/2024
 - 2023/24 Basic Audit £200 Outstanding
 - 2024/25 Full Audit Not signed off by AW and no invoice received to date.
- **Internal Audit 2025 /26** Report raised 2 two matters- no Risk Assessment had been presented and that the reserves at 31st March were too high. Noted that this was due to the provision for AW fees currently in dispute and the delay in submitting clerks time sheets for payment. This is now accepted and signed off by Internal Auditor.
- **Audit Wales 2025/26** The clerk reported that the Annual Return is expected to be submitted during August 2026, it being delayed as the clerk was in hospital throughout June until 10th July.
- **Website** – policies - RJ reported that all policies on the website have been updated.

26/174 Vacancy for councillor update.

- Notice Posted - requesting nominations for election – none received.
- Notice Posted – requesting nominations for co-option - No interest shown to date.

26/175 Consideration of other business.

Decisions taken between meetings as authorised under standing order 27

RE a resident's complaint about potholes and other issues, SCC had written in support to WCBC. The response received indicated that the council's processes were correctly carried out. Councillors thought that more action could have been taken.

A discussion followed about a STOP NOTICE, which could be issued against the unauthorised developments at the Maelor Works site, and councillor Pritchard reported that in discussions with an officer from the Welsh Government at a recent seminar, the officer's opinion was that a stop notice could have been issued by now - SCC to investigate further.

Pot holes

A councillor reported that a personal claim had been made to WCBC for damages due to potholes on the Holt Road, but it had been rejected by Zurich (Insurance used by WCBC), which brought into question whether a claim by SCC or against SCC would be honoured by Zurich, should a one arise in future.

26/176 **Finance.****A. Invoices and cheques. Drawn since last meeting**

Company	Details	Chq. Number	Amount
Vision ICT	Web Registration	000853	£24.00
D Jones	Grass Cutting	000855	£60.00
		000856	Cancelled
WCBC	Street Light Maintenance	000857	£36.95
Zurich Ins	Council Indemnity etc	000858	£400.88

B. Bank Financial Statements to date. 30 June 2026

Current Account	£4441.62
Reserve Account [Int rec'd £7.24]	£5102.67

C. Budget Actual / Forecast 2026/27 Quarterly report

Papers had been distributed for updated information of YTD Expenditure against Budget .

26 /177 **Planning Applications**

P/2024/0176 - Maelor Works certificate for an existing use or operation (In retrospect).
Pending

P/2022/2024 /0820 - Maelor Foods Noise mitigation on site to be carried out. Pending
P/2025/0234 2, Sunny View LL13 OUB -Single storey rear extension and vehicular access.
New separate access denied.

P/2025/0709 Bedwell Cottage Two story extension and side extension. Pending
P/2025/0886 Bridge over Clywedog S. of WIE in retrospect. Noted - Amended plans have been received in respect of the above application. Full details are available on the Council website - Search planning applications.

P/2026/0207/8 Pickhill Farm Amended plans have been received in respect of the above application. Any comments regarding these amendments should be received by Planning Dept. by 22 July 2026. Search planning applications.

ACTION Clerk to alert members to new planning applications and report on those pending at subsequent meetings, and to alert members on any other matters, which require urgent attention or an urgent decision.

26/178 Reports from other meetings and courses attended.

HR, as Chair, attended a workshop on Audit Wales procedures, following the clerk's previous attendance on the same workshop. Work shop tutor to forward email with a breakdown of the details to SCC.

ACTION Clerk to forward email to all members.

26/179 County councillor's report (see minute 26/175)

26/180 Pride in Place Impact. RJ reported on updates to the proposed PIP project focussed on improvements to public areas, including speed signs, the Jubilee Stone, a Wood carving, and feature seat, community map boards and way marker welcome signs and Cross Lanes signs

RJ and HR provided details of the plans and permissions required by the PIP administrator before the deadline, with RJ. HR and SG obtaining quotes for the various works to be carried out.

ACTION RJ - updated application to be submitted and circulated to members.

26/181 Police Report from PCSO Lisa Davies - Noted

26/182 Networld Sports. SG reported that she had made a personal representation to Planning authority and had met with the agent for Networld Sport, on the proposed development on agricultural land alongside Sesswick Way. She had also attended Marchwiel CC and Holt CC to assess their views.

At this stage of the discussion, in retrospect SG declared an interest.

It was agreed that SW would take the lead and draft a letter on behalf of SCC to Planning expressing concerns about adhering to WCBC policy on industrial development in the countryside and the need for a public consultation with local residents before going further.

ACTION SW to communicate SCC's position and coordinate with other community councils involved in an action group.

26/183 The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC) has been asked to explore attitudes and perceptions of Town and Community Councillors with particular consideration to their views on the size and structure of such councils and how they vary according to local circumstances. The survey can be seen at <https://www.ors.org.uk/take-part/tcc-survey-faq/> and members were encouraged to reply as individuals asap and not as SCC.

26/184 – AOB

SG to send RJ information on the defibrillator checklist.

Future meetings for 2026 on Fridays at 6pm

- 18th September at Robinwood Centre
- 20th November at Robinwood Centre