CYNGOR CYMUNED SESSWICK / SESSWICK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Council Meeting held at 6.00 pm on Friday 18th September 2026 at Robinwood centre

For minute book 1457

Councillors Present H Rowland [Chair], S Whitby [Vice Chair], R Jones, E Theunissen, F Collins [Clerk]

26/185 Apologies for absence J Pritchard [county councillor] - illness, S Jones - personal

26/186 Declarations of interest. None

26/187 Public Participation, standing orders 3e-3k. No Requests received.

26/188 Minutes of previous meeting of 24th July 2026 were proposed by SW and Seconded by ET and agreed as a true record of the meeting.

26/189 Matters arising from Minutes of 24th July 2026

• **Speed camera report update** to police and others - PC Belgrau contacted RJ and he and colleague will be making efforts to visit early morning during the busy period. They will make contact week commencing 21/9/2026 to inform of date they will attend to monitor traffic in Holt Road.
The recent information from GO-Safe was reported and it was noted that a further monitoring visit was expected in the next few weeks. **Action** RJ to attend with other members if available.
• **Face Book update.** Noted there had been 89 views in the last month and one new follower.
• **Defib update**. Noted that the battery and pads had been replaced by SG and cost had been reimbursed.
• **Street lights update**. Clerk reported that the excess payment claimed by DD from SP had not yet been repaid. **Action** Clerk to follow up with Scottish Power.
• **Missing Road signs update**. JP - meeting with Wesley Waters. **Deferred** due to illness
• **Dog rescue operating on Maelor Works site** - noise monitoring app. now available for residents to make complaints direct to WCBC online. Information about the app is also on SCC Facebook. **Action** RJ to update the website.
• **Audit Wales Fees** Clerk reported that outstanding fees for 20/21 and 23/24 have been paid. Fee for 21/22 had been in dispute and further communication from AW since publication of the agenda had reduced the fee for the year 2021/22 to £429 from the original £1000. It was agreed to pay this as a final fee for that year. The information from AW on the range of fees, previously circulated, was discussed, and it was noted that the clerk had raised the question of which fee band applied to SCC, but no response had been received. **Action** clerk to raise this again with AW and the agreement that the fee for 2021/22 should not set a precedent for future high levels of fees.

• **Audit Wales 2024/25** – still not signed off and no invoice received. **Action** Clerk to follow up.

• **Audit Wales 2025/26** – The Annual Return having been circulated, was approved, **Action** Clerk to forward Annual Return with supporting documents to AW. **C**lerk to circulate the Internal Audit Report to councillors.
Audit Notices for publication to be updated and posted on Notice boards and website **Action** Clerk to decide on dates for viewing before publication.

26/190 Vacancy for councillor update – Various individuals had been approached to fill the 2 vacancies open for co - option. No response as yet. It was suggested that the current operating procedures could be considered too onerous for some and members should consider keeping administration processes less complicated and more straight forward.

It was suggested to invite potential councillors to sit in at a meeting to introduce them to a typical council meeting in way of encouraging people to join.

26/191 Consideration of other business.
Decisions taken between meetings as authorised under standing order 27.
Maelor Works - STOP NOTICE - against the unauthorised developments. Letters have been sent to Planning WCBC and other related officials. Nothing further has been heard since members had met with Andrew Ranger MP. **Action** SW/HR to draft letter for clerk to send to MP and SM and others locally to escalate the difficulties. Also see minute 26/199

26/192 Finance.
A. Invoices, cheques, DD's - Drawn since last meeting.

Company	**Details**	**Chq. Number**	**Amount**
AVOW	Clerk's Salary Q3 & Q4	000859	£879.12 + 13.50 charges
JDH Business Services Ltd	Internal Audit 2025/26	000860	£241.20
Rainbow Foundation	Hire of Piercy Hall.	000861	£10
Audit Wales -	Basic Audit fee for 2020/21	000862	£286.00
Audit Wales -	Basic Audit fee for 2023/24.	000863	£200.00
WCBC	St Light Maintenance	000864	£44.53
One Voice Wales	Annual subscription 2026/7	000865	£146
Expenses to Cll. Glover	RE Zoll Pedi Padz	000866,	£124.80
Eco -tricity	Electricity for street lights	DD	£56.51

B. Bank Financial Statements to date.

Current Account at Aug.21st £5,520.59 (Includes automated credit £2,333.33 - Precept

Reserve Account at Aug 28th £5109.68. (includes int. £3.33) – no movement.

C. Budget Actual / Forecast 2026/27 Quarterly report Noted the paper showing YTD Expenditure against Budget.

26 /193 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 – acoustic fencing has been constructed around the site to reduce noise disturbance.

P/2025/0709 Bedwell Cottage Two story extension and side extension. Pending

P/2025/0886 Bridge over Clywedog S. of WIE in retrospect. Pending. Amended plans have been received in respect of the above application - need to establish the current position on this matter. **Action** Clerk

P/2026/0207 Pickhill Farm. Amended plans have been received in respect of the above application. No additional comments from SCC.
All applications can be viewed on the Wrexham Planning portal.

Noted Reference to Code of Conduct Policy
Where members conflict of Interest had been tabled, papers and correspondence on such matters should not be circulated to those members.

Further Item: Discussion took place on the public 'Rights of Way' (footpaths), which had been lost over the years and the need to ensure they were properly identified, maintained and signposted. It was agreed that a member of Council should take on board this matter and liaise with the Ramblers Assn. and the WCBC Rights of Way officer, Sion Roberts.
Action SW agreed to offer to support any investigation with his previous extensive dealings, and could initiate contact with the Ramblers, but with future leadership to be agreed, because he could not lead at this time.

26/194 Reports from other meetings and courses attended. **T**he clerk and chair had attended explanatory courses for the current AW audit in April and May.

26/195 County councillor's report. Action Deferred to the next meeting.

26/196 Pride in Place Impact Update RJ report showed that the application was completed and that the only matter outstanding was agreement from WCBC planning dept on the location of one VAS speed sign. **Action** RJ to follow up with WCBC.

26/197 Police Report - Lisa Davies PCSO apologies notes and reports received.

26/198 Networld Sports. SW - response to EIA Scoping Reference: SC/2026/000, - it was agreed that a letter drafted and circulated to councillors prior to the meeting be sent send to WCBC and also to Networld Sports **Action** SW /Clerk.

26/199 Resident's complaint – HGV traffic & hazards on A525 Cross Lanes to Pickhill Junction.
Action Clerk to reply as appropriate.
It was noted that similar complaints have been received relating to Holt Road and Kiln Lane. **SEE MINUTE 26/191. Action-** SW /HR to draft a letter highlighting the problems relating to increased volume of traffic, vehicular speed and increased HGV's causing serious hazards on roads within the community with reference to particular high risk areas.

26/200 Google workspace proposal (shared document system) distributed to councillors prior to the meeting for consideration. Ref. Minute 26/190 – it was thought that consideration needs to be directed towards keeping administration processes as straight forward as possible and less daunting to the uninitiated and without imposing on the time constraints of the clerk. Security measures etc are built into Vision ICT protocol, currently used and set up at some expense to SCC.
Further Item - AI - although a useful tool in some circumstances, and can be used where appropriate if required, it is not always proving to be beneficial when composing letters as it creates an additional demand on time, requiring comparisons etc, which do not necessarily improve on content.

26/201 – AOB

Next meeting 20th November at Robinwood Centre at 6pm