

(1)
The monthly meeting of the Aberporth Community Council was held on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 6.30pm in Blaenannerch Chapel. The Chair, Cllr Sue Lewis, presided.
Present: Cllr Zoe Storer, Cllr Damon Watmough, Cllr Carys Owens, Cllr Gethin Davies, Cllr Robin Young, Cllr Gary Morss, Cllr Aled Thomas, County Cllr Clive Davies, Mrs Vanessa Owens (Clerk).

1. Apologies/Personal matters
Ymddiheuriadau/Materion Personol

(2)
Apologies were received from Cllr Tristan Jones, Cllr Anne McCreary, Cllr Jackie Brown and Cllr Dave Addison.

2. To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in items of business listed below
Datgelu diddordeb personol ac ariannol dan eitemau busnes sydd wedi eu rhestru isod
3. Confirmation and signing of previous minutes
Cadarnhau a llofnodi cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf

(3)
Cllr Carys Owens proposed that the minutes of the September meeting be accepted as correct; this was seconded by Cllr Aled Thomas and approved unanimously.

4. Financial business
Busnes Ariannol

(4)
Items approved for payment:

£3354.70	Ceredigion County Council
£10122.41	Ceredigion County Council
£1671.43	Enviroworx Wales
£3420.00	AT Creative Ltd
£190.00	D Yeldham
£32.40	Cllr Sue Lewis
£20.00	Vanessa Owens
£20.00	Cllr Zoe Storer
£60.00	Vanessa Owens
£134.76	Vanessa Owens
£500.00	EA Owens
£50.00	Poppy Appeal

Bank balances as at 31.09.25

Current account	£15609.64
Treasures account	£-4.25
Allocated reserves account	£21835.45

Bank reconciliation and monthly report provided.

5. Reports
Addroddiadau

Clerks Report/Addroddiad y Clerc

(5)
Sports Field & Parks

Expression of Interest to FAW has been completed.
Quotes and designs have been received from Creative Play UK.
Cllr Zoe Storer advised the meeting that the Parcllyn Community Field Charity has been arranging the purchase of a mower, tent, marquee but have issues with safe storage. She suggested that the joint purchase of a container would be beneficial while the community council progresses the projects on the field.
It was agreed to consider within the budgets for next year; Cllr Damon Watmough to provide costings.
ACTION:

Cllr Damon Watmough to provide quotes
Clerk to include in budget calculations for finance meeting

(6)
Toilets:

There has been no communication from Ceredigion County Council relating to lease agreements.
Cllr Sue Lewis noted that at the Age Cymru Annual conference the number one issue for older people is access to suitable toilets.

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(7)
Bins:
Have written to the village hall regarding funding litter next year.

(8)
Councillor Training:
Circulated One Voice Wales training dates
Clerk to update training record.

(9)
Caru'ch Cymuned award: Have made an application under the Community Organisation Award for Family breakfasts; Response to storm Darragh; Partnership working to alleviate litter issues.

(10)
Aberporth Place Plan
Meeting notes from initial meeting with Chris Jones provided; Place Practitioner who has been appointed by Ceredigion County Council to deliver 11 place plans in Ceredigion.
Clerk and Cllr Zoe Storer attended Planning Aid Wales training: Planning with Communities- Making your Voice Count relating to importance of Place Plans as supplementary planning guidance.
Next step is to agree a date and method of community consultation.
ACTION: Clerk to contact Chris Jones.

(11)
Emergency Plan
Cllr Sue Lewis has made further enquiries with Ceredigion County Council regarding access to generator and resources in the event of an emergency. Response received that this is an issue that Partneriaeth Bwyd Ceredigion is pursuing, we are arguing that if a Civic resilience response is reliant upon warm hubs, foodbanks and community hubs, as well as their community networks, they need to be given the support required to carry out this role, both in terms of infrastructure and paid roles.

(12)
One Voice Wales emailed Written Statement from Welsh Government: Update on actions to support the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector from the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government.
<https://www.gov.wales/written-statement-update-actions-support-role-governance-and-accountability-community-and-town>

(13)
Email received from Canolfan Blaenporth raising ongoing concerns about speeding, siting of a seat; lack of bus service and request for a bus shelter. Have responded and copied in county councillors for their information and input.
Cllr Gethin Davies advised that he has raised the lack of bus service with the county council.
Clerk suggested that there is potential to use the community bus.
Cllr Carys Owens informed the meeting that the green dragon bus does operate in this area and offer a dial a ride service.
It was agreed that the community council would like to support the residents but needed some statistics; Cllr Gary Morss offered to take a questionnaire to the next coffee morning.
Cllr Gethin Davies also noted that at the next review of the trunk road to suggest an extension of the 40mph.

(14)
Invitation: Tech for Everyone
Date: Wednesday, 15th October 2025 Time: 11:00am – 6:00pm Venue: Centre for Independent Living Aberaeron

County Councillor Report/Adroddiad y Cynghorwr y Sir

(15)
Written report received from Cllr Clive Davies.
He advised that due to the New Senedd there may be changes to the way planning is managed in Wales so Ceredigion County Council have put any potential changes to their strategic delivery on hold.

Ceredigion County Council have been put forward to UK planning awards; including the nature based project for improvements to the River Teifi.

Nitrate sensors have been placed in the sea along the coast to collect data where larger estuaries potentially affect the sea water quality.

(16)

Cllr Gethin Davies has attended planning meetings and site visits; Ceredigion County Council have responded to Welsh Government consultation on for regulations around direct payments

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Has concerns regarding residents wellbeing with weather getting colder and the cost of keeping homes warm. Cllr Carys Owens advised that Severn Wye attend the Friday coffee morning drop in to give energy advice.

Chairmans Report/Adroddiad y Cadeirydd

(17)

Written report received from Cllr Sue Lewis

Sue has been invited to chair a community meeting – what options are in the future of Aberporth after QinetiQ

(18)

Cllr Sue Lewis provided an update on poetry trail grant application; the Cynnal y Cardi grant application was successful and with a short term to complete the project work has already started. The Eisteddfod committee is to be included in the testing of the app. Cllr Lewis advised on draft app; voice overs reading the poetry/ suggestions for QR codes/youtube account/ poetry boxes.

Has spoken to Ceredigion County Council about replacing the finger signs; path needs a tidy up in general.

Committee Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol y Pwyllgor Planning/Cynllunio

(19)

A250735 - Arosfa, 37 Heol Y Graig, Aberporth, SA43 2HD

No comments

A250696 - Nevern, Aberporth, SA43 2ED

Query map provided – plot coming out into road

A250636 - Land West of Penrallt Hotel, Aberporth, Cardigan. SA43 2BS

Planning permission to create an entrance onto the land. Despite Ceredigion County Council Highways having no issue or concerns with the application the community council has real concerns creating another entrance/exit onto this stretch of road. The community council has raised concerns with speed on this narrow, fast piece of road and made previous requests for the 40 mph to be extended to cover this area.

Finance/Cyllido

(20)

Letter from Ceredigion County Council to advise that precept figures are due by 30th January 2026 in order for all the Council Tax figures to be agreed.

It was agreed to hold a finance meeting on Tuesday 4th November at 7pm

Project proposals for next years budget include Information panel on coastal path; Improvements at poetry trail in Blaenporth; Establish a veterans drop-in; Family breakfast.

ACTION: Clerk to draft budget proposals.

(21)

Clerk has chased up Lloyds bank about change of signatories and to close the Treasurers account; Lloyds have sent out new paperwork for completion which is in hand.

Footpaths & Maintenance/Llwybrau Troed a Chynnal a Chadw

(22)

Cllr Tristan Jones is setting the tiles for the poetry trail.

(23)

Complaint received about the path to Heol y Wylan; have contacted contractors to cut back hedge and clear any weeds; path is uneven and need to consider resurfacing with duff.

ACTION: Clerk to get a price to resurface the path.

(24)

Clerk has received emails relating to the cutting of grass area below public toilets and Glanmordy bank. Have obtained a quote from council contractor for £900 which was passed to Ceredigion County Council and Aberporth Village Hall as organisations with responsibility for the biodiversity projects on these areas. Clerk has informally met with a representative of the village hall who has advised that the village hall do not have a maintenance budget and are reliant on grants to get any work on their land done; he has provided a copy of the hall biodiversity management plan for the bank.

The council discussed the issue of this bank not being cut but agreed that it was the village hall responsibility and were not able to fund the work.

(25)

Clerk has written to village hall concerning repairs and maintenance to the disabled access to Dolwen beach.

(26)

Complaint received from Blaenporth resident regarding condition of the area around the defib; the noticeboard and

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lack of information. It was agreed for clerk to arrange a contractor to install the new noticeboard and tidy up the area.

ACTION: Clerk to organise a contractor

(27)

Complaint received about lights in Dyffryn garden and the water fountain not working.

ACTION:

Clerk to contact Cllr Dave Addison to organise lamp repairs.

Cllr Gethin Davies to remove water fountain and council to keep eye on funding opportunities to replace with a bottle filling station.

(28)

Biodiversity:

S6 report webinars with One Voice Wales – clerk booked for 4th Nov

CAVO Green Spaces Information Event - Monday, 27th October 2025 Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Location:

Penparcau Community Hub, Penparcau. Cllr Sue Lewis is attending.

Procedures Review Committee/Pwyllgor Adoygu Trefn

(29)

One Voice Wales updated Policy advice and resources received.

Community Enhancement and Social Wellbeing/ Gwella Cymunedol a Lles Cymdeithasol

(30)

Minutes of committee meeting provided.

(31)

Cllr Carys Owens proposed to allow older people from outside of the ward to be able to attend Pensioners Christmas lunch if they pay in full. This was approved subject to maximum attendance figures and residents of the ward have priority; any spare spaces can be offered.

Cllr Zoe Storer enquired if it was possible to organise dishes due to the large washing up commitment.

ACTION: Clerk to contact caters and also obtain a price from company in Narberth which has been used previously.

(32)

Proposal to apply to Awards for All to design and create a stained glass window for the hall to recognise the work of community stalwarts; which will involve community workshops and design will recognise community service.

ACTION: Clerk to make an application.

(33)

Clerk advised that the bowling and provision of food has been booked.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quotes for bus.

(34)

Clerk is arranging a meeting with Planed and waiting to hear back from PlanedCIC to organise workshops.

(35)

Clerk provided a template Winter Wellbeing leaflet produced by One VOICe Wales. It was agreed to produce 100 initially.

ACTION: Clerk to include local information and arrange printing.

(36)

Clerk advised that she had completed an end of project report for the Ceredigion Food Partnership grant and there was an underspend; she has contacted CAVO to ask if this money can be used for Christmas and Easter holidays.

Beaches/ Traethau

Tidy Towns/Trefi Taclus

Outside Bodies Representative Reports/Adroddiadau Cynrychioliadol Cyrff Allanol

(37)

Minutes of the One Voice Wales Ceredigion Area meeting received.

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Aberporth Village Hall Annual Carol Singing will be Tuesday 2nd December.

6. Notified Business
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7. Correspondence/Gohectbiaeth

(39)

Email:

Licensing of visitor accommodation in Wales
Invitation: Dyfed-Powys Police Headquarters Open Doors Events
OPCC Breaking Barriers: Hate Crime Webinar
Audit Wales Newsletter
Weather proofing fund re-opens to help businesses
Llais monthly newsletter
Ceredigion County Council:
Age-Friendly Ceredigion Newsletter – September 2025
Carers & Support Team October Events Calendar
Bwletin Mis Medi Cynnal y Cardi September Bulletin
Community Facilities Programme2025
One Voice Wales:
OVW Conference and AGM CANCELLED
Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme now open
Votes at 16 - media training for young people
Gweminarau / Webinars - Keep Wales Tidy
Webinar: Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan
Calon Tân: Autumn 2025 Edition
Calon Tân Magazine: Spring 2025
One Voice Wales E Bulletins
Information & Resources - Cost of Living Crisis Project
Correspondence was noted.

8. Review Diary
Adolygu Dyddiadur

(40)

Annual budgets
Remembrance Service

9. Date of next meeting
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Nesaf

(41)

Date of next meeting is 11th November 2025 at 6:30pm.

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There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20.25pm

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