



Tuesday night, 19 November 2024 – 7.30pm  
Salem Vestry, Penmachno

**draft records**

Minutes of a meeting held on **Tuesday 19 November 2024** at 7.30, Salem Vestry, Penmachno

1. Welcome and apologies for absence
2. Declaration of interest
3. Acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting
4. Matters arising from the previous minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)
5. SP Energy road works
6. Correspondence
7. Financial report
8. Audit fees
9. Planning matters
10. Other matters

**Present:**

Bethan Corrigan  
Claire Roberts  
Dafydd Gwyndaf  
Daniel Tomos (Clerk)  
Dylan Davies (Vice Chairman)  
Eifion Davies  
Eryl Owain (Chairman)  
Owen Davis  
Will Edwards  
Dilwyn Roberts (County Councillor)

**Apologies:**

Geraint Thomas

**Declaration of interest**

There were no statements

**Accept the minutes of the last meeting** The minutes of the meeting of **12 September 2024** were accepted as correct, Wil Edwards proposing and Eifion Davies seconding.

## Issues arising:

**Public Toilet:** It was reported that the ceiling had been repainted but due to the Clerk's current workload, there was no time to get prices for the floor. It was hoped that a new floor will be installed in the new year.

**Ffordd Grenyn Junction with the B4406:** It was reported that the County Council has still not installed a mirror. It was decided to contact them again.

**Public Route 55 – Y Waen:** It was reported that the County Council had finished repair work. It was decided to contact Cartrefi Conwy about cutting the hedge.

**Ponrhydgynon / Roman Pont:** It was reported that NRW and the National Trust have erected fences and signs on both sides of the bridge.

**Defibrillators:** It was reported that the Clerk was waiting for a price from the County Council for an electrical connection. Discussion had taken place about placing a defibrillator in the telephone box in Machno Terrace but the box is still being used as a public telephone.

**New Opening on Glasgwm Road:** It was reported that the County Council shares concerns about the new entrance. As a road with a number of classes, the matter has been referred to the Park Authority.

**Estate of the Deceased:** It was reported that a company was dealing with the estate. It was decided to try to contact the company to offer assistance.

**Uneven Surface – Llywelyn Terrace:** It was reported that no repairs have been made. It was decided to contact Cartrefi Conwy again.

**Asphalt Dumping:** It was reported that NRW has no problem with SP Energy dumping asphalt in temporary fields provided the asphalt is removed and the fields are returned to their normal condition.

**School Bus:** It was reported that children still had to sit on the floor of the school bus despite assurances from the County Council. It was decided to contact the County Council once again.

## SP Energy Roadworks

The Chairman expressed appreciation for all the work of the clerk over the last few weeks contacting SP Energy and the contractors and disseminating information to the community and that was supported by the members.

It was reported that SP Energy intended to continue burying a new high voltage cable under the B4406, stopping at Christmas and starting again in January 2025. Concern was expressed about the diversion along Ffordd Hafod Redwydd to Ffestiniog. It was decided to arrange a meeting with SP Energy, their contractors and the County Council.

## Correspondence

**Bench for Arwelfa Cemetery:** It was reported that a member of the public had asked if the Council could provide a bench for visitors. It was decided to seek grant funding.

**Christmas Celebration:** It was reported that several members of the public had asked if the Council could organize a Christmas celebration with an event to switch on the Christmas lights. It was agreed to spend £150 on a Christmas tree and it was reported that the Park Authority had agreed a grant for the event.

**Public Paths, Penmachno Valley:** It was reported that a councilor had received a letter making various statements and accusations about another elected councilor and about public paths. It was decided to make further inquiries.

## Financial Report

The Clerk provided a list of all financial transactions since the last meeting for analysis.

It was reported that a local funeral director did not currently have enough money to pay for a burial.

It was agreed that everything else was in order.

### **Inspection Fees**

It was reported that Audit Wales was consistently unable to communicate with the council through the medium of Welsh. A recent audit had been billed at a level appropriate for a council with a budget of more than £500,000.

It was decided to report Scrutiny Wales to the Welsh Language Commissioner and to contact Un Llais Cymru for legal advice.

### **Planning Matters**

**Hwb Penmachno:** It was reported that the council had written to support a planning application for Hwb Penmachno.

### **Other matters**

**Bryn Madoc:** It was reported that cars parked in the road made it impossible for the gravel truck to pass.

**Hedge:** It was reported that an overgrown hedge between Glanypwll and the school made it difficult to use the pavement. It was decided to report the matter to the County Council.

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 09 January 2025, 7.30 in Salem Chapel Vestry.