



Thursday evening, 09 January 2025 –
7.30pm Salem Vestry, Penmachno

draft minutes

Minutes of a meeting held on **Thursday 09 January 2025** 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. Review of Council Policies
6. Correspondence
7. Fiscal report and precept
8. Planning matters
9. Other matters

Present:

Claire Roberts
Dafydd Gwyndaf
Daniel Tomos (Clerk)
Dylan Davies (Vice Chairman)
Eifion Davies
Eryl Owain (Chairman)
Geraint Thomas
Will Edwards
Dilwyn Roberts (County Councillor)

Apologies:

Bethan Corrigan
Owen Davis

The meeting was opened by the chairman.

Condolences were expressed to the Clerk and his husband following the sad loss of Paul's father.

Declaration of interest

Dafydd Gwyndaf declared an interest as chairman of the local committee of the International Sheepdog Association. The association had asked for a contribution and Dafydd Gwyndaf declared that he would leave the meeting when the discussion took place.

Receive the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the **19 November 2024** meeting were accepted as correct, Dylan Davies proposing and Dafydd Gwyndaf seconding.

Issues arising:

Public Toilet: It was reported that one price had been received for the new floor. It was decided to contact a different company and compare prices before proceeding with the work.

Ffordd Grenyn Junction with the B4406: It was reported that the new mirror is in place.

Public Route 55 – Y Waen: It was reported that the hedge had still not been cut. It was decided to contact Cartrefi Conwy again.

Defibrillators: It was reported that Penmachno Valley has no working defibrillators. New defibrillators, boxes and power connections will cost £4,394 + VAT. It was decided to apply, urgently, for grant money.

School Bus: It was reported that the County Council followed the school bus from Cwm Penmachno to Llanrwst without seeing any problems. It was decided to ask them to follow the afternoon bus which is often busier.

SP Energy: It was reported that the Community Council had organized a meeting for all stakeholders on Wednesday 15 January.

Christmas Celebration: It was reported that the village's Christmas celebration was a success. It was decided to make better arrangements for putting up the Christmas tree before next Christmas.

Funeral Director: It was reported that a local funeral director still had not paid his bill. It was decided to contact him again.

Review of Council Policies

It was decided to adopt an Unacceptable Behavior Policy to provide a safe environment for councilors and staff to operate in and to ensure that the council's work is carried out in an efficient and effective manner. Claire Roberts proposed and Dafydd Gwyndaf seconded.

Correspondence

Motor Rally: It was reported that a number of complaints had been received about an upcoming motor rally with more than 90 cars driving through the village for two hours from 3 o'clock in the morning. There has been no consultation with the Community Council and it is understood that the rally was a point-to-point event rather than a race and that permission from the Community Council is not required to organize it.

Grŷp Tai Penmachno: It was reported that the group would like representation from the Community Council. Claire Roberts kindly volunteered.

Stable Roof: It was reported that concern had been expressed about the stable roof in the forest to the south of 'Pen Y Ffridd Llanerchigwynion'. It was decided to contact NRW who manage the surrounding land.

Allotments: It was reported that the Allotments Society had asked for a contribution towards their funds. It was decided not to contribute but to refer them to the Penmachno charity.

Financial Report and Precept

The Clerk provided a list of all financial transactions since the last meeting for analysis. It was agreed that everything was in order. It was decided to review payments to the contractor who maintains the cemeteries.

A precept of £16,094 for 2025-26 was agreed. Claire Roberts proposed and Geraint Thomas seconded.

Planning Matters

Ty Mawr: It was reported that the council had written to support changes to a planning application for Ty Mawr, Wybrnant.

Other matters

Carrog: It was reported that there was a problem with flooding from the new forest track south of Carrog, west of Ffordd Hafod Redwydd. It was decided to arrange a site meeting with NRW.

Groesffordd Road Culvert: It was reported that a blocked culvert was causing problems on Groesffordd Road near public path 55. It was decided to report the matter to the County Council.

Pothole: It was reported that there was a pothole near the bus shelter in the center of Penmachno. It was decided to report the matter to the County Council.

Dog Fouling: It was reported that there was a problem with dog fouling on Ty'n Y Doll Road. It was decided to put up a sign to warn of fines for not clearing up after dogs.

Dafydd Gwyndaf left the meeting.

Sheep Dog Show: It was reported that the National Sheep Dog Trials of Wales had asked for a contribution towards their summer competition. It was decided to contribute £100.

Letters from Bro Machno Resident: It was reported that the council had received professional advice following letters from a resident making various statements and accusations. It was decided to write a full and final response to the resident including a copy of the community council's Unacceptable Behavior Policy.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday 13 March 2025, 7.30 in Salem Chapel Vestry.