



CYNGOR CYMUNED DYSERTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Dyserth Community Council,

Held in The Sports Pavilion, Thomas Avenue, Dyserth,

On Monday, 8th September, 2025, at 7.00pm.

No Council meeting was held in August

1(A). 158/25

PRESENT

Councillor Anne R. Rogers (Chair of Council)
Councillor John Glover (Vice Chair of Council)
Councillor David G. Jones
Councillor Emyr Morris
Councillor David Parry
Councillor Julie Peters
Councillor Peter J. Robinson

Clerk & Financial Officer R. Phillip Parry

1(B). 159/25

APOLOGIES

Councillor Andy Hughes
Councillor Haydn Owen
Councillor Allan Pennington

Councillor David G. Williams (Denbighshire County Council)

1(C). 160/25

ABSENT

None

2(A). 161/25

PUBLIC QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR REPRESENTATIONS

Councillors' Emyr Morris and Julie Peters arrived

Standing Orders were suspended:

The Chair of Council Councillor Anne Rogers welcomed Lord Owain Langford and Chris Ward (Members of the Dyserth Waterfall Committee) to the meeting.

The Clerk provided the following details in relation to the proposed closure of the Dyserth Public Conveniences which are sited adjacent to the Dyserth Waterfall.

- Summary of the Community Council budget
- Number of residents and properties within the Council area
- Running costs of the public conveniences – as provided by Denbighshire County Council
- The Community Council have advised Denbighshire County Council that they do not wish the conveniences to be closed and seeked the legal details for a Community Asset transfer

The Dyserth Waterfall Committee Members also expressed their interest in retaining the opening of the public conveniences and would be amicable to provide financial assistance.

Councillor Peter Robinson kindly provided a number of newspaper cuttings dated from 1924, which included a number of references to both the land and public conveniences building. This information generated discussion as to the actual ownership of both the land and public convenience building.

The Clerk recollected Members of the Council and Waterfall Committee in relation to a number of forms that had been received from the County Council for completion. However, the Community Asset Transfer could be agreed in either the name of the Community Council or the Dyserth Waterfall Tri Partite Committee.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to write further to Denbighshire County Council and to (1) enquire if their Legal Department could peruse the County's records to endeavour to ascertain ownership of each (Public Conveniences and land) (2) To iterate to the County, that both the Community Council and Tri-Partite Committee are committed to keeping the public conveniences open and seek their agreement in the completion of the CAT Expression of Interest and CAT Business Case forms completion being adjourned, possibly, to the end of this year. This timescale will assist both the Land Registry legal process and research by the legal department to be completed, whereafter, a decision as to whose name the Community Asset Transfer can be agreed.

The Chair of Council Anne Rogers thanked Lord Langford and Chris Ward for attending the meeting, whereby the Clerk would advise following the reply from Denbighshire County Council.

2(B). 162/25

There were no Public Questions, Comments or Representations received

2(C). 163/25

Standing Orders were restored:

3. 164/25

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was declared: Councillor Julie Peters (Minute number 9(A). 174/25 – Planning application at Mynydd A Mor, 80 Cwm Road, Dyserth, on page 6 below).

4. 165/25

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH JULY, 2025

The Minutes were proposed by Councillor David Parry and seconded by Councillor John Glover as correct and formally agreed by the Members present.

PROGRESS REPORT ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Clerk referred to the following matters from previous Minutes:

- (1) **Dyserth Public Conveniences:** This item was discussed under Minute number 2(A). 161/25 on pages 1 & 2 above.
- (2) **Dyserth Kilns Consultation:** The Clerk together with Councillors' David Parry and Peter Robinson provided details in relation to the recent public consultation held in the Dyserth Community Hall on Thursday 4th September. To-date, just under 80 responses had been received both on-line and attendance at the event. The consultation will be open for another two weeks, whereafter, the responses will be collated and advised to this Council
- (3) **Speed indicator Signage:** The Clerk advised that the temporary speed indicator signage had not been erected.
- (4) **Family Bench Seat:** Acknowledgement had been received from the family who wished to place a memorial seat in memory of their parents.
- (5) **Denbighshire Commuted Sums - Multi Use Games Area:** The Clerk advised that Denbighshire County Council had confirmed, that the Commuted Sums allocation of £2,474.43 can be transferred to part cover the cost of the wet pour repair in the children's play area.
- (6) **Children's Play Area:** The Clerk advised to correspondence received from Gwella in relation to the above referred to wet pour repair in the children's play area, and in particular, that the cost of a skip had been omitted from their original quotation of £4,250.00. The high cost of the skip includes the removal and disposal of the rubber material which requires authorised disposal.

Members agreed the following: Approved the additional expenditure of £750.00 for the slip hire.

- (7) **Dyserth Council Planters – Watering:** The Clerk advised that a number of local residents had kindly offered to water a number of planters in the High Street area. The Paterson Hall had also agreed that their watering tap could be used to water the plants in the Dyserth War Memorial Garden.
- (8) **Memorial Bench Seat – Councillor Margaret Williams:**
 - (i) Photographs shown on screen of the bench seat with engraved plaque that had been completed by Councillor Emyr Morris. The Clerk read out an e-mail from Councillor Margaret's family who were really pleased and grateful to Councillor Morris for completing the work to the seat. The Councillors also expressed their appreciation to Councillor Morris.
 - (ii) Councillors' enquired with Councillor Morris to kindly refurbish a further seat in the area of the recreational ground, which Councillor Morris was pleased to agree.
 - (iii) Members were shown on screen photographs of a plaque in the name of Councillor Margaret Williams that the Waterfall Committee had unveiled within the grounds of the Waterfall.
- (9) **Fence Safety Barrier:** Members were shown on screen a photograph of the repaired safety barrier – adjacent to the Multi use Games Area. The work had been completed by

Councillors' Andy Hughes and David Parry. The Council Members thanked both Councillors.

6. 167/25

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (CLLR DAVID G. WILLIAMS)

In the absence of County Councillor David Williams, the Clerk advised the following:

- (1) Foel Road, Dyserth – wall repairs. Denbighshire County Council do not accept responsibility for the repair, whereby, the property owner has arranged a local stonemason.
- (2) Replacing damaged waste bin. The Clerk provided additional information whereby the bin has been replaced
- (3) Grass cutting in area of Maes Glas. Resident concern that the grass cuttings are not removed. The contractor has been provided with additional information
- (4) Missing Residents Parking only signage in Maes Esgob. The County will not renew the signage

- The Clerk was asked to enquire with County Councillor David Williams, as follows:

On the B5119 Waterfall Road near the junction with the A547 Road, County Council Highways in late August attended following further flooding, whereby over a three day period a hole was dug and filled in with a new drain cover placed. Could Councillor Williams enquire with Denbighshire Highways as to the effectiveness of the work that has been completed.

7(A). 168/25

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received, that was required to be either advised to, or dealt with by the Members:

- The Clerk advised, that the following criminal offences had been reported to the North Wales Police, that had occurred within the Dyserth Community Council area:

4 x Anti social behaviour / 2 x Other theft / 8 x Violence & sexual offences

The following correspondence was forwarded by e-mail to Members:

- ❖ Re-build Llanerch bridge: Request for Councillors to complete an on-pine petition – on a personal basis
- ❖ Office of National Statistics: Population estimates for mid 2024 in Wales and England
- ❖ Research Participation Request: In Wales does the title Clerk accurately reflect the role in 2025. Members to complete survey on a personal basis
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: North Wales Corporate Joint Committee and the Strategic Development Plan
- ❖ Denbighshire County Council: Council tax premiums amendment to second homes and long term empty properties

7(B). 169/25
CLERK'S REPORT

(a) Received from and deposited into the Council's bank account:

- Denbighshire County Council - £17,250.00: Second precept payment for financial year 2025/ 2026.
- £204.90 – Received from Mr. Trebor Evans – as a donation from a local charity lottery.

Members agreed the following: The funds of £204.90 be ring-fenced for the Children's play area

(b) The Clerk advised that the Local Government Services Clerk's pay agreement for 2025 / 2026 had been agreed. The Chair and Vice Chair had been sent a copy of the new salary scales.

Members agreed the following: (1) Accepted the new scale (2) Noted the back pay following deduction of HMRC included on the list of payments for this evening's meeting (2) Authorised the Clerk's salary standing order to reflect the increase per month.

(c) Following an inspection arranged by the Dyserth Bowling Club of the Pavilion building, it has been advised that an emergency light was faulty. The Clerk has asked the Bowling Club Chair to obtain a repair quotation for this Council to consider.

Members agreed the following: Should the quotation be received prior to the October Council meeting, the Chair and Vice Chair to agree, or other, the quotation.

(d) A play area inspection report received included suggestions for the following: Metal foundations to be made safe and replacement rubberised decks in the toddler area. The Clerk has sought quotations from Gwella Leisure.

The report also recommended that the Community Council's grass cutting contractor prunes the trees in the toddler area following the leaf fall. The Clerk has arranged this with the contractor.

(e) The Clerk advised Members in relation to an enquiry from a Dyserth Community Councillor, as to the ownership of the Dyserth Community Hall. The Clerk confirmed, that the Hall was not entered within the Council's Asset Register. A Land Registry search did not indicate a registered owner of the Hall. The Charity Commission web site entry for the Dyserth Community Hall states the following: Dyserth Community Hall (Working name) and Dyserth Urdd Hall Association (Previous name).

Members agreed the following: The Community Hall appears to be in the name of the Urdd and not registered with the Land Registry, as this was prior to the registration legal process.

(f) The Clerk advised that Councillor David Parry had arranged with a local contractor to mow the wildflower area in accordance with the bio-diversity recommendations. There was no increase from last years cost at £100.00 – which had been agreed by the Chair and Vice Chair of Council – Councillors' Anne Rogers and John Glover.

Members agreed the following: Confirmed the £100.00 annual wildflower area cutting.

(g) Concern reported to Denbighshire County Council:

- Missing Wooden Countryside Services Signpost in area of Penrhaedr to Bryn Y Felin

7(C). 170/25

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk advised that the Office of the Denbighshire County Returning Officer had confirmed, that there had been no call for an election and the Community Council could commence the Co-option process.

The Clerk further advised, that Public Notices advertising the Co-option process had been displayed on the Council's web site and main notice board. The vacancy will be advertised in the next edition of the Dyserth Times. The closing date for Expression of Interests is 12 Noon on Friday 10th October, 2025.

7(D). 171/25

TO DISCUSS WINTER / SPRING PLANTS FOR PLANTERS (ANNUAL AGENDA ITEM)

The Clerk advised that this is an annual agenda item. Councillor John Glover had kindly visited the Dyserth Tre Castell nurseries who had confirmed the cost for the plants together with compost at £250.00.

Members agreed the following: Accepted the quotation and thanked Councillor John Glover for offering that the plants can be delivered to his home, whereafter, Councillors can collect for their allocated planters.

7(E). 172/25

TO DISCUSS: CHRISTMAS LIGHTS / TREES (ANNUAL AGENDA ITEM)

Members agreed the following:

- (1) Christmas Lighting: The Clerk confirmed that the new Christmas lights had been ordered, as previously agreed by Council.
- (2) A site meeting held with Denbighshire Street Lighting Officers identified areas in Tre Castell where Christmas lighting could be placed on existing street lighting units. Members viewed on screen the area of the positions. There were no suitable areas in lower Dyserth to affix Christmas lighting. The new Christmas lights would be positioned in the High Street centre of Dyserth.

Members agreed the following: Thanked the Clerk for arranging and attending the site meeting, and confirmed, the new positions of the Christmas lighting units.

- (3) Councillor Andy Hughes to kindly arrange the usual two Christmas trees with a local farm, to be sited in Dyserth High Street and The Waterfall.

8. 173/25

REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS (COMMITTEES, LIAISON & MEETINGS ATTENDED)

There were no reports specific to the Local Committees and Outside Bodies schedule, or Council Members who had attended meetings on behalf of the Council.

9(A). 174/25

PLANNING

The following planning application to be considered by Members at the meeting:

- Application number: 42/2025/0356/HH - Erection of a single storey ancillary annexe building and associated works, at Mynydd A Mor, 80 Cwm Road, Dyserth,.

Comment by Council: Providing that the application is subject to compliance with relevant policies and planning guidance notes, then no objections raised.

Note: Councillor Julie Peters Declared an Interest in the above planning application. Minute number: 3. 164/25 on page 7 above).

9(B). 175/25

PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions have been determined by Denbighshire County Council:

- (1) Application number: 42/2025/0255/PO – Outline Planning Permission, at Bod Erw, Hiraddug Road, Dyserth, for development of 0.07 ha of land by the erection of 1 no. dwelling (outline application - all matters reserved). Granted.
- (2) Application number: 42/2025/0250/PF - Full Planning Application, at Peter Morgan Pharmacy, The Pharmacy, High Street, Dyserth, for the erection of single storey outbuilding to rear to form consulting rooms in connection with existing pharmacy and associated works. Granted.
- (3) Application number: 42/2024/1492/HH - Householder Application at Mulberry Farm, Dyserth, for erection of single and two storey extensions to dwelling, first floor balcony, to rear landscaping and associated works. Granted.
- (4) Application number: 42/2024/1063/PO - Outline Planning Permission at Plas Llanerch, Hiraddug Road, Dyserth for development of 0.15 ha of land by the erection of 3 dwellings (outline application - all matters reserved). Granted.

10. 176/25

TO CONSIDER: ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE (PUBLIC FOOTPATHS & HIGH STREET AREA) CLLR ANNE ROGERS)

Councillor Anne Rogers discussed with Members additional directional signage, in particular, on the Waterfall public footpaths and near the centre of Dyserth to identify the area of the High Street businesses.

The Clerk advised that County Highways require the following information: Plans marked as to the area of the new signage, together with the proposed signage size. Whilst the County would consider additional signage the cost would be borne by the Community Council.

Members agreed the following: (1) Additional signage would be helpful to visitors (2) Councillor Anne Rogers agreed to provide details of areas where additional signage could be considered.

11. 177/25

TO DISCUSS: JOINTLY WITH OTHERS TO REPLACE BROKEN WOODEN STEPS ON WATERFALL MOUNTAIN (CLLR DAVID PARRY)

Councillor David Parry advised Members as to further damage to steps at the rear of the Waterfall Mountain (Photograph shown on screen during the meeting). The wooden steps were originally installed by Denbighshire Countryside Services many years ago.

Whilst the Countryside Services had been advised of the damage and request to repair, a reply had been received which stated; that a quotation could be sourced to replace in total the steps and paid jointly by the Tri Partite Waterfall Committee and the County Council. The Clerk advised that the Waterfall Committee had been advised of the County suggestion, whereby it had been confirmed that the area of the damage is on County Council land, not land belonging to the Waterfall Committee. The Waterfall Committee would consider providing funding for the repair following sight of a quotation.

Members agreed the following: The Clerk to advise Denbighshire Countryside Services that as the damage has occurred on County land, both the Waterfall Committee and Community Council are of the opinion that only a repair is required. Following receipt of a quotation both the Waterfall Committee and Community Council will consider providing funding towards the repair.

12. 178/25

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cheque Number	Payee	Net £	Vat £	Total £
	<u>AUGUST</u>			
	<u>Payments for conformation paid during August recess by BACS: (Authorised by two Councillor Bank signatories)</u>			
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for July) Payments dated 01/08/2025			
	R P Parry – Clerk (Re-imburement of Ryobi (battery & wire brushes for Council’s strimmer: Payment dated: 29/07/2025 – Authorised by two Councillor bank signatories	85.82	17.16	102.98
	Thorncliffe Building Supplies (Items to repair / make secure Council fence adjacent to MUGA)	9.36	1.87	11.23
	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for July	40.00		40.00
	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>			
	<u>Payments made – to be confirmed:</u>			
	Standing Order: R. P. Parry - Clerk to Council (Monthly salary & home working allowance for August) Payments dated: 01/09/2025			
	<u>Payments for consideration at meeting to be paid by BACS:</u>			
	Meifod Wood Products: Wood & other items, including engraving to refurbish bench seat	70.83	14.17	85.00

	Louise Walsh (Environmental Services & Inspections of Play Area for August)	40.00		40.00
	R P Parry (Clerk) Back pay – following HMRC deduction)	155.24		155.24
	(All invoices listed have been ‘examined, verified and certified’ by the Clerk)			

13. 179/25

APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Cheque Number	Name of organisation	Amount granted £
	<u>Authorised to be paid by BACS:</u>	
	Gymdeithas Cymraeg Dyserth (Application for general grant towards meeting room hire) (Section 137 LGA 1972)	£250.00

14. 180/25

Members agreed the payments of the above accounts and financial support as listed.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

SIGNED BY CHAIR OF COUNCIL

DATE OF APPROVAL.....