

Cyngor Cymuned Penybontfawr Penybontfawr Community Council

**Minutes of the meeting of held on Tuesday 10th March 2026
At Canolfan Pennant at 7:30pm**

Minutes

Present: Cllr G. Jones (chair), Cllr E. Jones, Cllr C. Worthington, CCllr B. Davies
Clerk: Rhian Briscoe

0 members of the public present

Apologies (043)

Cllr P. Williams, Cllr A. Jones, Cllr E. Davies, Cllr G. Roberts

Declaration of Interest (044)

None

Minutes of the last meeting (045)

It was **RESOLVED** by council to accept the minutes of the meeting dated 10th February. Chair signed the minutes.

To decide if any items are to be deemed confidential (046)

None

Public Participation (047)

No public present

Clerk's Report (048)

Caravan in carpark will be removed by PCC – notice placed, clerk to chase up PCC and mention rats, locks have been removed and trailer next to it. ACTION CLERK

Defibrillator pads had reached expiry date – new pads ordered and fitted (Canolfan Pennant defibrillator).

Chairman's report (049)

Received complaints about caravan with rats in it on the carpark

County Councillors Report (050)

4.9% council tax increase being proposed

Council have produced a review of WM education completed but not released yet

Correspondence (051)

Pennies for Playgrounds email RESOLVED to apply for funds for the playground repairs ACTION CLERK
Expression of interest PCC Performance assessment email Date unsuitable

Finance (052)

Closure of HSBC deposit account with interest that was paid after we closed the current acc and transferred all funds to Unity accs has been closed and the £72.89 will be transferred to Unity acc by HSBC

Finance

Current Account: £9,878.73

Deposit Account: £20,863.81

Income:	
Payments:	
Clerk wages(March)	£217.92
HMRC PAYE (March)	£27.00
BT (Feb)	£39.54 DD
Top Notch Loos (Feb)	£60.00
Toilet cleaning (March)	£63.49
R Briscoe (defib pads)	£71.40

It was **RESOLVED** by council that the invoices and payments be honoured. ACTION CLERK

Grass cutting tender – to agree wording (053)

It was RESOLVED to use the same terms as last year : 6 regular cuts between April-Oct and an Autumn cut of the hedge around the war memorial, Hirnant. Tender notices to be displayed in the shop, village council noticeboard, online and in the Chronicle ACTION CLERK

Llanrhaeadr surgery closure – update from joined CC meeting (054)

No updates – Welsh Assembly saying that PTHB has the funds, PTHB say that WA hasn't given them enough funding

Speeding through the village – next steps (055)

Email has been sent to PCC asking if they have decided whether any of the present 20mph zone will change to 30mph or not. NO response as yet.

Playground lease update (056)

Communication from solicitor shared – clerk and chair names given to be added to the document

Round-up spraying around the playpark – concerns (057)

Concerns raised by passer-by who saw PCC workers spraying the playpark. They said that they were spraying Roundup. This was around 12pm when the park is often busy at lunchtime with Cylch children and at 3.30pm with school children. Should PCC be spraying Roundup around play equipment in play areas? Clerk to email concerns to PCC ACTION CLERK

Ysgol Pennant – planting plants around the village (058)

School pupils are growing lots of bedding plants / flowers and are keen to plant them around the village. Planters in playground area – elsewhere in village? Find out what plants and if in the ground would be better than planters. ACTION CLERK

To appoint internal auditor (059)

It was RESOLVED to appoint Graham Smith as Internal Auditor for 2026-27 ACTION CLERK

Planning (060)

Applications: None

Decision Notices: None

Highways (061)

Pothole outside Maesteg, Penybontfawr

Road to Ty Newydd in bad state of repair

Ffordd y Goed – potholes all the way up

Gelli Isaf – nasty pothole

Croes Wilan junction – Stop sign needs to be more visible or extra warning sign– numerous collisions over the summer. Major concern of residents. Come out and evaluate.

In between Tyn Twll and Maes y Fedw – big potholes

Potholes on back road by Bryn Draenog
 Pothole outside Minafon and by the near bridge
 Jetter for drains needed on back road to Llangynog & around Hirnant
 Hirnant potholes –Stryd Ddu have big potholes – accident caused by the holes.
 Subsidence between Cwmmwr and Ty Brith – growing rapidly
 Potholes from Clochnant to Ty Croes, Hirnant
 Footpath between village and Parc caravan park is overgrown – verge encroaching on path
 Playing field grass is encroaching on the carpark
 Penybontfawr sign in coming from Hirnant need posts and Give Way sign by Pentre post needs replacing
 Pothole on junction of Ffordd Goed and the main road – getting worse
 Between Wern Ddu and Ty'n Wern, subsidence – verge is giving way – potential future landslide?
 Blocked culverts on road from Stryd Ddu to Bache Doethion leading to serious erosion on the better parts of the road. Almost half the tar has come off in some parts.
 Cwm Fedw/ Cae Crimmon road is in a bad state
 Rhiwsaeth / Glan-yr-afon road – road dangerous
 Telegraph poles leaning into road between Penygarnedd and Croeswilan
 Footpath opposite garage is obstructed by grass on path the rest of the way to Parc Caravan site.
 Dangerous for pedestrians, restricting access disabled people and parents.
 Trem y Wawr – footpath to Mill is overgrown REPORT TO FOOTPATHS OFFICER
 Drains around Hirnant need clearing
 Drains up Ffordd Goed need clearing
 Footpath from Parc Caravan site to village dangerous – needs clearing and hedge cutting
 Gulleys need clearing – grass growing out of lots of them
 BAD POTHOLE opposite Parc isa (on Penybont straight)
 Footpath from carpark to chapel Bethania is overgrown – pushchairs and wheelchairs have to use the road
 Salt bin requested for top bank by Foel Newydd
 Blocked drains outside Ty Nant, Hirnant – jetter needed as they are

Members Points of Information (062)

None

To confirm the next Council meeting (063)

To confirm next Council Meeting for TUESDAY 14th April 2026, 7.30pm at Canolfan Pennant

Meeting ended 9.00pm

Signed (Chair) Date.....