

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2026

2025/26. Present: Councillor Tindall (in the chair), Nelmes, Stacey, Raffan, Evans & Davies. The clerk was in attendance.

79. Apologies. Councillor Hutton.

80. Absent. None.

81. Minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on 08th December 2025 were accepted and signed. Proposed Councillor Evans. Seconded Councillor Raffan.

82. Declaration of interest. None

83. Matters arising.

i. Railings Taliesin – The clerk noted email dated 11/12/2025 from George Lloyd, NMWTRA, advising that loose railings would be inspected on the 12/12/2025. Councillor Tindall noted that the railings are still loose.

Action point: a). Clerk to contact NMWTRA again re: loose rails.

ii. Bus stop Tre'r ddol. The clerk noted email dated 29/12/2025 from Spencer Lloyd, NMWTRA, following his Enquiry Reference 817483 to Ceredigion County Council stating –

At present, Ceredigion County Council has no plans to install bus shelters in Tre'r Ddól. There have, however, been instances elsewhere where a local Community Council has chosen to install a shelter themselves, subject to the necessary permissions, planning requirements, and agreements. In such cases, ongoing responsibility for maintenance and liability would also rest with the Community Council.

If we can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

Dafydd Rennie for Rhodri Llwyd, Corporate Lead Officer - Highways and Environmental Services

Councillor Evans proposed contacting Bedwyr Lloyd Williams, Project Engineer, who was involved in the x2 new Taliesin bus stops. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Tindall. Council resolved.

Action point: a). Clerk to contact Bedwyr Lloyd Williams.

iii. Caru'ch Cymuned - Ceredigion presentations. Councillor Evans proposed that the Award received should be displayed at Llanfach. Councillor Tindall seconded. Council resolved.

Action point: a). Clerk to contact Llanfach committee.

iv. Llanfach hire and insurance. The clerk reported that there is Public Liability cover included in the council insurance policy. Council noted concern re: liability cover for other groups hiring Llanfach, eg. Coffi a Chlonc, etc., who could not reasonably be expected to provide their own insurance, a cost which would be disproportionate to their purpose and could be an existential challenge.

Action point: a). Clerk to contact Llanfach committee to query if the Llanfach committee intend adding “Hirer’s and Public Liability” cover to their insurance policy.

v. *Borth to Ynyshir Coastal Adaptation* The clerk reported that NRW have agreed to make a project presentation at scheduled meeting 09/03/2026. NRW have also confirmed that they will be holding a consultation day in Borth Hall during February 2026 – date to be confirmed.

vi. *Waun Hesgog Energy Park Community Liaison Group*. The clerk reported email invitation for x1 councillor to join the Community Liaison Group. No councillor available for January 2026. Cllr Catrin MS Davies confirmed that she will be attending and will report back to council at scheduled meeting 09/02/2026.

Action point: a). Clerk to advise Waun Hesgog Energy Park Project Team.

vii. *Mandatory use of Council email address*. Councillor Tindall reminded all councillors and clerk to set-up their assigned council email accounts.

viii. *Borth IDD*. The clerk reported email dated 06/01/2026, received from Ann Griffiths, NRW advising of scheduled meeting on Tuesday 20/01/2026.

Action point: a). Clerk to attend scheduled meeting.

ix. *Community Boundary Review*. The clerk noted email dated 06/01/2026, received from One Voice Wales, re: What you need to know about Community Boundary Reviews.

Action point: a). Clerk and Councillor Tindall to attend.

x. *Land behind Llanfach Hall*. The clerk reported email dated 12/12/2025, received from Eifion Jones, Ceredigion Rights of Way Officer, with proposed dates for council representative to meet with Llanfach Committee. Councillor Nelmes confirmed that 28th January 2026 is her preferred date.

Action point: a). Clerk to confirm date with Eifion Jones and Llanfach committee chair.

84. Biodiversity

i. Section 6 report – progress on-going.

85. Finance.

i. Budget – following careful consideration of rising costs and depleting reserves, council reluctantly considered cutting the Grants budget to maintain the precept at 2025/2026 level. Councillor Stacey proposed an increase to the precept to £9075 for 2026/2027 – annual cost increase around £2.95 per band D property, and maintain current Grants budget. Councillor Tindall seconded. Council resolved.

ii. Precept Arrangements 2026/2027

Action point: a). Clerk to submit before 30/01/2026.

iii. Llanfach broadband grant payment – proposed Councillor Tindall. Seconded Councillor Nelmes. Resolved.

Action point: a). Clerk to pay.

iv. Section 137 Discretionary Expenditure Limit - £11.60 per elector for 2026-27.

v. HSBC interest rate reductions - noted

86. Correspondence and Communication.

- i. Ceredigion County Council
→ Independent Member - Ethics and Standards Committee Ceredigion County Council
- ii. Ceredigion County Council
→ Email to T/C Council clerks re conduct towards County Councillors
- iii. One Voice Wales
→ Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2025 - Notification of Order being made
- iv. Blood Bikes Aberystwyth
- v. One Voice Wales
→ Ceredigion Area Committee 14.1.26
- vi. Ceredigion County Council
→ Temporary Road Closure: B4353 Tre'r Ddol, Machynlleth
Action point: a). Councillor Tindall to paste on community council FB page.
- vii. Ceredigion County Council
→ Newsletter, January 2026
- viii. One Voice Wales
→ Living the Future - Weds 21 Jan 10:00 - 15:30
- ix. Ceredigion County Council
→ Cynnal y Cardi January 2026 bulletin
- x. Ceredigion County Council
→ Launching the Ceredigion Youth Strategy Engagement – Call to Action
- xi. One Voice Wales
→ REMINDER - TRAINING DATES - JANUARY - MARCH 2026

87. Planning.

None

88. Other Items of Interest.

- i. Councillor Tindall noted that the internal auditor, Shechem Ltd., allows a community discount at 50% reduction in the fee charged annually. Council to formally thank Shechem Ltd. for this consideration.
- ii. The clerk noted email dated 12/01/2026, received from Eifion Jones, Ceredigion Rights of Way Officer, confirming that the disputed Footpath 3/33 has now been confirmed so the public can now use it.

89. Date of the Next Meeting. 09 February 2026

Meeting opened 7.00pm

Meeting closed 9.20pm