



Minutes of Meeting of Council

Held At / Via: Multi-Location Meeting - Llangyfelach Church Hall, Llangyfelach & Microsoft Teams

On: Thursday, 12 February 2026 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillor Sharon Phillips (Chair) Presiding

Councillors: Paul Baker, Peter Gibson, Mike Glover, Jamie Jewell, Daniel Lorey, Julie Rees, Adrian Roberts & Mark Tribe

Clerk to the Council: Huw Evans

155 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

156 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by Llangyfelach Community Council, no interests were declared.

157 Minutes of Council

Resolved that the Minutes of the Council Meeting(s) held on the following date(s) be approved and signed as a correct record:

- i) 8 January 2026.

158 Announcements of the Chair of Council

i) Resignation of Councillor Peter Gibson

Councillor Peter Gibson stated that he would be resigning as a Councillor immediately following the meeting. He stated that he had enjoyed his time on the Council and was extremely proud of everything it had achieved.

The Chair of Council, Councillor Sharon Phillips stated that Peter was first elected to Llangyfelach Community Council in 2002. She thanked him for his 24-years service and for his dedication and commitment to the community.

Councillor Paul Baker also thanked Peter for his work as a Councillor over the years and accepted some blame as the person that encouraged Peter to join the Council.

The Clerk stated that he would advertise the vacancy.

159 Public Question Time

There were no questions.

160 Community Reports & Invited Presentations

i) PCSO (Police Community Support Officers) Report

There was no report community.

ii) Area Co-ordinators Report

There was no report.

161 Expenditure, Income, Bank Account Transfers & Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk outlined all Payments, Receipts, Bank Account Transfers & Bank Reconciliations since the last meeting of Council. The payments were made in accordance with Minute 21 "Constitutional Matters" of the Annual Council held on 8 May 2025.

Expenditure (E)		£
E74	Clerk Salary (January 2026)	509.93
E75	CCS Pension Fund (Clerk) (January 2026)	201.73
Income (I)		£
I14	Bank Interest (January 2026)	14.87
Bank Account Transfers (T)		£
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Resolved that:

- 1) The Expenditure, Income, Bank Account Transfers & Bank Account Monthly Reconciliations be approved and noted.
- 2) The Clerk be authorised to pay the Payments Raised at the Meeting including:

E76	Swansea Council. 5x Sacks of Daffodils. Supply & Plant	562.50
E77	Clerk Salary (February 2026)	510.13
E78	CCS Pension Fund (Clerk) (February 2026)	201.73
E79	Marie Curie Cymru. Daffodil Appeal 2026	100.00

162 Correspondence

The actions / comments made as in relation to the correspondence reported:

Correspondence	Actions
One Voice Wales. Training	Noted.
Swansea Council. Weekly Planning Applications	Noted.
Swansea Council. Weekly Planning Decisions	Noted.
One Voice Wales. E-Bulletin	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Cost of Living Crisis Support Team Update	Noted.

One Voice Wales. Llais. Monthly Newsletter	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Biodiversity Team	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Copyright and Participating in Webinars	Noted.
Perthyn. Grant funding for community groups 2026	Noted.
South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner. Funding Safety Together Survey	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Social Impact Assessment Survey	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Swansea Area Committee. Presentation by Chief Executive of Swansea Council	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Older People Commissioner Survey	Noted.
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). Big Garden Bird Watch 2026	Noted.
Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) for South West Wales. Consultation on the Strategic Development Plan Draft Delivery Agreement	Noted.
Swansea Philharmonic Choir. Newsletter - January 2026	Noted.
One Voice Wales. Councillor Access to One Voice Wales Website	Resolved that the Clerk arrange access for the Councillors.
One Voice Wales. What you need to know about Community Boundary Reviews	Noted.
Marie Curie Cymru. Daffodil Appeal 2026	Resolved that a donation of £100 be made.

163 Delegates Feedback on Outside Bodies

There was no delegate feedback.

164 Workplan (For Information)

The Council Workplan was presented.

165 Swansea Council Matters: Planning, Highways, Footpaths, Cycleways & Bridleways

i) Parking of business vehicles on the footpath / highway on Swansea Road in the vicinity of the Plough & Harrow Public House

Councillor Mark Tribe stated that he had raised the issue with Swansea Council. He hoped that a Bus Shelter would be installed at the location together with a Traffic Restriction Order.

166 Training Plan

The Clerk stated that the Training Plan was adopted on 13 April 2023. It sets out the training requirements for Community Councillors and Staff. The monthly One Voice Wales, Planning Aid Wales and other relevant training schedules have been circulated. Councillors should regularly review their training requirements in line with the Training Plan & Training Matrix. To attend training, Councillors should liaise with the Clerk.

Resolved that the update be noted.

167 Llangyfelach Ward Councillor Update

Councillor Mark Tribe, Llangyfelach Ward Councillor on Swansea Council gave a verbal report outlining his work within the Ward.

Resolved that the update be noted.

168 Electricity Supply on Village Green

The Clerk stated that the Council had not received a bill for its electricity use for the Christmas Tree and Pea Lighting on the Village Green during his employment. He stated that he had established that SSE Energy Solutions was the energy provider for the Council's electricity meter on the Village Green. He stated that he had raised a query several times with SSE Energy Solutions via telephone, webform and email, but to date has not received an acknowledgement or response. He stated that he would continue to raise the issue with SSE Energy Solutions. Should they continue to fail to respond, the Clerk will raise the matter with the Energy Ombudsman.

Resolved that the update be noted.

169 Have Your Say – Shaping the Future of Llangyfelach Community Spaces

The Clerk stated that the Community Council had placed a "Have your say - Shaping the future of our Llangyfelach Community Spaces" page within its Christmas Newsletter. The newsletter was hand delivered to each household within the area, approximately 1,200 homes in total.

This page sought the views and opinions of the residents. It outlined some suggestions made by the Community Council and also encouraged people to complete a questionnaire. The survey could be accessed via a weblink or via a QR code. The survey was open from late November 2025 until 2 January 2026.

Only 6 responses were received. The Clerk outlined the responses and Councillors discussed the issue. Councillors were disappointed with the low response, but were committed to continue to engage the residents in the future to seek their opinion.

Resolved that the update be noted.

170 Potential Borrowing of Money to Purchase Land at Llangyfelach

The Clerk stated that he had been asked by Councillors to produce a report regarding the potential purchase of land. The land is not disclosed to the public, so as to protect the Council's commercial interest. The land is identified to Councillors under the final item on the Council agenda.

The Council does not have sufficient funds to purchase the land, so it would need to borrow the money. The report sets out the Welsh Government guidance document relating to a Community Council borrowing: "Borrowing Approvals: Guidance for Community & Town Councils" and the relevant criteria which the Welsh Ministers generally apply in deciding whether to provide a borrowing approval, and how Community and Town Councils can apply for a borrowing approval.

The Clerk explained that when considering whether to apply for a borrowing approval, Community and Town Councils should be fully open and transparent with their residents and taxpayers in all their dealings. The fact that this item was on an open part of the Council meeting, helped to meet that criteria.

The Council would need to borrow a sum sufficient to match its offer price. Should the Council offer the full asking price, it would need to borrow approximately £110,000. Obviously, less money would need to be borrowed, if the Council sought to make a reduced offer.

The Council does not hold significant reserves. To repay the loan, it would need to increase its precept. Llangyfelach Community Council's precept for 2026-2027 is £30,000. The Council Tax Base 2026-2027 for Llangyfelach has been calculated as **976** Band D equivalent properties. This means that the approximate annual charge for a Band D equivalent property will be £30.74 per annum.

Based on the 2026-2027 Council Tax Base, for every additional £10,000 raised by the precept, an additional cost of £10.25 per annum would be added to each Band D equivalent property. The table outlines the increased cost (annually & monthly) to a Band D equivalent property based on the Precept rising from £30,000 to £40,000, £50,000 or £60,000.

Precept	£30,000	£40,000	£50,000	£60,000
Band D equivalent. Cost per annum	£30.74	£40.99	£51.23	£61.48
Additional Cost per annum. Compared against current £30,000	-	£10.25	£20.49	£30.74

Additional Cost per month. Compared against current £30,000	-	£0.85	£1.71	£2.57
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Resolved that the item be deferred to the next meeting of Council on 3 March 2026.

171 Exclusion of the Public.

The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2) allows the Council to exclude the public for the whole or part of a meeting if it resolves that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution.

Recommended that the Council excludes the public to protect its commercial interests.

172 Potential Purchase of Land at Llangyfelach

Resolved that the item be deferred to the next meeting of Council on 3 March 2026 to allow the Clerk to obtain further information as outlined at the meeting.

Next Council Meeting

6.00pm on Tuesday, 3 March 2026.

The meeting ended at 7.40 p.m.

Chair