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**Minutes of the General Meeting of Cwmllynfell Community Council to be held virtually on
Thursday 18th December 2025 6.30pm**

Minutes

Cllr M Scarll (Chairman)
Cllr E Davies (Vice Chair)
Cllr S Howells
Cllr E Thomas Howells
Cllr C Lewis
Cllr D Thomas
Cllr K Williams

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cathy James

2. Declarations of Interest

In accordance with the code of conduct, Cllr Erica Thomas Howells declared a personal interest as a Committee Member of Cwmllynfell Hall. After seeking advice from the clerk she advised this would be prejudicial if discussions into the hall budget specifically were discussed.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th November 2025

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting

4. Financial Matters

a. Payment of Accounts and Bank reconciliation – December 2025

Sarah Daniel	Salary	733.87
HMRC	Income Tax	176.36
NEST	Pension	61.72
O2	Mobile Phone	15.42
Mat Scarll	Additional Battery for Christmas lights	282.88
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Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall	Annual Grant instalment	3333.33
Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall	Utility Support December	500.00
Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall	Food supplied for Christmas parade	200.00
J Hames	Electrician – Trees	250.00
Cynthia Phillips	Cemetery Honorarium	265.00
Wynford Thomas	Parade Support	200.00

b. Precept 2026-27

The Clerk reported that the precept for the previous financial year was maintained at £48,000, with no increase applied.

Members were presented with the proposed budget for the forthcoming financial year, which reflected the discussions of the previous meeting. At that meeting, Members had expressed a clear preference to minimise any increase in the precept, prioritise cost savings, and utilise reserves to absorb any unforeseen expenditure.

The Clerk further advised that feedback received from recent community surgeries and resident surveys indicated a strong desire for enhanced support for community events and for Neuadd Cwmllynfell Hall, which continues to serve as a vital resource for many residents.

The report presented to Members outlined a proposal that captured Members' previous discussions, while limiting the precept increase to below the rate of inflation (2.08%).

Members discussed looking into the maintenance of the Rushlands as it had been some time since this was undertaken. The clerk agreed to review the maintenance schedule and speak to local contractors regarding some maintenance work, as well as some areas of the cemetery that were mentioned.

Following discussion, and having considered both the previous meeting's deliberations and the feedback from residents, Members **RESOLVED** to set the precept for 2026-27 at £49,000

5. Planning Matters

None received

Reports

a. Christmas 2025

Members received a verbal update on Christmas 2025. The Chair thanked all councillors and volunteers involved in the Christmas parade, which was reported to have been a great success with positive feedback from both villages. It was noted that the Christmas tree lights were operating well. Members thanked the Chair for his hard work involved in installing and managing the equipment on a daily basis.

The Chair noted the absence of entrance banners at the beginning of Cwmllynfell and agreed this could be reviewed as part of future planning.

b. Notice of Vacancy

Members noted the vacancy for the Cwmllynfell ward

6. Date and Time of next meeting – TBC

7. Urgent Business

none