

Minutes of the the Aberffraw Community Council held in the JOW Room, Aberffraw Village Hall, 7pm

Wednesday 21st of January 2026

1	Welcome Clerk Apologies	<p>Bryan Owen, Elwyn Evans, John Andrews, Cllr John Ifan Jones, Cllr Arfon Wyn, Oliver Fowlie, Barry Owen, Ellie Smith</p> <p>Elen Jones</p> <p>Glenys Stalwood, Vaughan Pritchard, Chris Topps, Douglas Fowlie, Rachel Louise Jones</p> <p>A minute's silence was observed in remembrance of Carolyn Roberts, a dedicated Community Nurse who served and cared for many members of the community. She was also a resident of Aberffraw.</p> <p>The Council's thoughts are with her family at this sad time.</p>
2	Declaration of Interests	No declaration of interest
3	Agree on the minutes of 19 November 2025	ES proposed that the minutes were correct, seconded by BO.
4	Matters arising	Chair welcomed SS and her colleague JP from Bro Aberffraw Alliance to the meeting to promote and discuss the public consultation on transport in the Bro Aberffraw Area.
4.1	Village Hall	<p>ES noted that, as Members are aware, Sara Spinks has been the new Treasurer of the Village Hall since September.</p> <p>A Halloween Half-Term event was held, with 20 children attending. The Christmas Fayre was reported to have been a great success.</p> <p>The Hall was also used for SSS Learning filming, and a 12-week Warm Spaces Programme is currently delivered.</p> <p>Funding has been secured for St. David's Day celebrations.</p> <p>ES raised that the Village Hall Committee has reduced significantly, from 15 members to 5.</p>
4.2	Play Area	With the support of Sara Spinks, the Play Area Group is hoping to secure funding for the park through the Bro Aberffraw Alliance. However, no formal discussions have taken place, and nothing has been confirmed at this stage.

4.3	Ei'n Hanes Ni	<i>Ei'n Hanes Ni</i> is scheduled for Friday 20th of February. DF has circulated ideas via email and has invited any further suggestions from Cllrs.
4.4	Aberffraw Sign	Aberffraw Sign will be located on the front of the crown.
4.5	Fields	The chair mentioned that he will postpone discussions about the fields until next month, until we have a policy in front of us.
4.6	De-fib	<p>The Clerk confirmed that, before Christmas, she had received correspondence from the NHS regarding the provision of a defibrillator. It was agreed that the Community Council would be responsible for meeting the installation costs.</p> <p>The Chair reported that he had spoken with Keith Woods, who has confirmed his willingness to install the defibrillator outside the shop.</p>
4.7	Dog Fouling Bin - Porth ty'n towyn	<p>The Clerk reported that she had received an email from a member of the public and had also been in contact with the County Councillor regarding the matter.</p> <p>Cllr JIJ advised that he has been working to resolve the issue at Porth Cwyfan concerning the absence of a dog fouling bin. Members agreed that urgent action is required to address the concerns raised. However, it was noted that the Council's powers are limited, as the land in question is privately owned by the Bodorgan Estate.</p> <p>JIJ confirmed that discussions have taken place with the Bodorgan Estate, who have indicated its willingness to work collaboratively to find a solution. Unfortunately, they are currently experiencing difficulties in securing a contractor to undertake the collection of dog waste.</p>
5.0	Review of Burial Fees	<p>The Chair raised that other villages across Anglesey have higher burial fees and suggested that the Council review its current charges. It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors that the burial fees should be reviewed.</p> <p>The burial fees were reviewed at the meeting, and the revised fees were agreed upon by all Councillors. The new charges will come into effect from 1st April 2026.</p>
5.0	Correspondence IACC - Planning	No planning correspondence.
6.0	Financial Matters	
6.1	Financial update	Clerk provided financial update to the council.
6.2	Budget	The Clerk provided all councillors with the budget for 2026/27 all councillors present unanimously agreed with the budget set.

6.3	Precept	Following detailed consideration of the budget position, it was unanimously agreed that the precept had to be increased, as the Council Budget for 26/27 is operating approx £3,000 deficit. The Clerk reported that the grass-cutting contract is accounting for approximately 75% of the precept, placing significant pressure on the Council's overall financial resources. The proposal to increase the precept was made by OF and seconded by EE. The Chair and Clerk are to complete the precept return form and submit it to the Finance Department at IOACC.
6.4	Wages	It was unanimously agreed to pay the clerk wages for January.
6.5	Members Allowance	It was confirmed that all Councillors elected to opt out of receiving the Members' Allowance.

7.3		
8:0	County Councillors Update	<p>Funding – Historical Display - Cllr AW reported that he had met with Huw Edward Jones, the new Officer at Menter Môn, to discuss the possibility of securing funding for a historical display to be located in the Village Hall meeting room. Cllr AW has submitted a formal letter requesting financial assistance and suggested that the Community Council also write in support of the application.</p> <p>Bodorgan Meeting – 28th November- Cllr JIJ advised that a meeting was held at Bodorgan on 28th November. Three key outcomes arose from the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transport for Wales will replace the existing wooden steps. ● Training for train staff will be reviewed to ensure appropriate preparedness. ● Consideration will be given to installing a wall-mounted telephone at the station to provide access to a helpline service. <p>Waste Consultation -The Clerk confirmed that the Waste Consultation correspondence received from the County Council had been forwarded to all Councillors. Cllr Egret agreed to complete the consultation response on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>Isle of Anglesey County Council Budget - Cllr JIJ noted that the projected budget required to maintain current service levels across the Isle of Anglesey, including teachers' salaries and all statutory services, is approximately £206 million.</p> <p>It was reported that the Cardiff settlement to the Isle of Anglesey County Council (IOACC) amounts to £144 million. A proposed 5.1% increase in Council Tax, described as the lowest possible rise, is expected to generate</p>

		approximately £60 million, bringing total funding to approximately £204 million. As a result, the Council will still need to draw approximately £1.8 million from reserves to balance the budget.
8:1	Matters for the next meeting	<p>ES reported that the boat has been removed and that £500 is to be donated to the Village Hall. ES advised that she was unsure whether the Village Hall has received the funds to date. The Chair noted that confirmation must be obtained to ensure that the donation has been received.</p> <p>JA reported that he had contacted the Council to request that a pothole on the main street be repaired. Within 24 hours, the Council attended and completed the necessary works.</p>
8:2	Date of next meeting	18/02/26

Aberffraw Community Council 1st of April 2025 - 16th January 2026		
Financial Movement		
Balance B/f		6,406.09
Receipts		
Field Rent	10,895.90	
Precept	12,000.00	
Other Income	3,008.71	
		25,904.61
Payments		
Salaries inc HMRC PAYE	5,554.05	
Field Rent Cost	3,844.00	
Grass Cutting and Maitenance	8,970.00	
Membership Fees	147.00	
Other Costs	2,214.20	
Insurance	1,678.67	
		22,407.92
Balance c/f		9,902.78