

## MAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an **Ordinary Meeting** of Mawr Community Council held remotely via Zoom on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm.

**Present:**

**Chair:** Cllr Darren James (DJ)

**Councillors:** Cllr Angela Williams (AW); Cllr Linda Frame (LF); Cllr Gareth Richards (GR).

**Absent:** N/A

**Apologies:** Cllr Catherine Evans (CE);

**In Attendance:** Mr M Thomas (Clerk & RFO)

**Declarations of Interest:** None

**Questions from the public relating to items on this agenda (limited to 10 minutes)**  
No members of the public present.

**FC/25-26/187.**

**Accuracy and Approval of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

These minutes were not included in the pack sent out to members so will be deferred to the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To consider at next months meeting.

### FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT AND POLICY

**FC/25-26/188.**

**To approve the April payments**

Members were provided with the following list of payments totalling **£11,170.97**.

Payee	Net £	VAT £	Total £
Apex Grounds Maintenance Ltd: 1443	2,250	450	2,700
Service Master Swansea (FWH): 32386	285.89	57.18	343.07
Service Master Swansea (CCP): 32387	285.89	57.18	343.07
Shine: 1297	160	-	160

CCPWH: 48	45	-	45
Zurich Insurance	2,898.53	IPS only	2,898.53
Rialtas Business Solutions: SM34057	210	42	252
CloudyIT: 11266	109.09	21.82	130.91
PES Systems: 42334	307.81	61.56	369.37
DCK Payroll: 27009	40.85	8.17	49.02
Staff Costs	-	-	*3,880
		<b>TOTAL</b>	£11,170.97

\*\* estimated cost until invoice received for salaries.

**RESOLVED: DJ proposed, seconded AW –** to accept the above March payments.

***FC/25-26/189.***

**To review the bank reconciliation and cashbook for March.**

Members were provided with the bank statement, cashbook (appendix 1) and bank reconciliation (appendix 2) for March. The Clerk advised of key expenditures and income that occurred.

**RESOLVED:** Council to note the information.

***FC/25-26/190.***

**To review the report from the Grants Officer highlighting potential funding opportunities.**

Members were provided with a report (appendix 3) from the grants officer that displayed potential funding opportunities available to the Council.

**RESOLVED:** No grants appear to be appropriate for the Council to pursue.

***FC/25-26/191.***

**To confirm the grant strategy for the next financial year**

The Clerk advised that the grants officer was on board with the previously confirmed grant strategy and is actively pursuing grants for maintenance and building works across the Councils properties.

**RESOLVED:** to note the information.

## ESTATES AND HEALTH & SAFETY

***FC/25-26/192.***

**To receive a verbal update on Felindre Welfare Hall.**

The clerk advised that the retaining wall that collapsed during the winter storm had been reported to the insurance who reported back stating that the wall was not built to standard and as such, no insurance monies would pay to fix the wall. They offered to investigate who built the wall but as this was perhaps over 40 years ago regulations and builders are likely far different/non-existent, so this was a declined action by the Council.

**RESOLVED:** Members requested that, due to the height of the retaining wall, the Clerk approach local builders to ask for their opinions and quotes to produce a double skinned wall with adequate drainage capabilities.

**FC/25-26/193.**

**To receive the following update from Garnswllt Welfare Hall:**

*Very pleased to hear that the show held at Garnswllt Hall on Friday 10th was well presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, the children enjoying their treats. Da iawn pawb. We are sorry to report that owing to the increases in his costs and fall in attendance Steve, the Keep Fit Class has now been cancelled.*

*We had a representative from the Care and Repair Western Bay giving a presentation and advice to the homeowners and private tenants of Garnswllt. Very informative and well presented.*

*The Hall Committee object to the possibility of having a new Oil Tank placed in full view from Lon y Felin Road, as that was why the old shed was re-erected behind the hall out of view.*

Members discussed the replacement of the oil tank and the costs involved. The same issues appear apparent across the 3 Council sites when this was originally thought to be only 2. Members agreed to pursue quotes to replace the oil tanks across the 3 welfare hall locations.

**RESOLVED: proposed DJ, seconded GR – Council**

**FC/25-26/194.**

**To receive a verbal update from CCP Welfare Hall:**

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**RESOLVED:** Clerk to obtain dates from members to meet with SCVS to discuss the future management of CCP Welfare Hall.

**FC/25-26/195.**

**To consider Summer Activities for the children in Mawr and the wider community**

Members discussed last years summer playscheme and noted how successful it was. Members wished to build on this for summer 2026 by running the playscheme in a similar way but this time including Garnswllt Welfare Hall. With the success of the Easter Holiday event, the Council have several more ideas and contacts to facilitate a more fun filled summer playscheme.

**RESOLVED: proposed LF, seconded AW:** Clerk to gather quotes and draw up plans for the summer playscheme. Clerk to request the grants officer apply for playscheme funding as last year.

**FC/25-26/196.**

**To review the County of Swansea (Communities) Order 2026**

Members were provided with the updated release of the dissolution information as set out in the County of Swansea (Communities) Order 2026. It was noted that as Mawr Community Council is being dissolved into three different Councils the guidelines are not there to inform a proper plan currently. The Clerk advised that he was informed of an accountancy practice who assists with dissolutions and bringing Council affairs into order who may be able to offer assistance.

**RESOLVED: proposed DJ, seconded AW:** Members requested that the Clerk speak to the accountancy firm and ask what assistance they can offer.

**FC/25-26/197.**

**To review urgent repair works across the Councils assets.**

Members discussed urgent works that have identified within Craig Cefn Parc.

**RESOLVED: DJ proposed, seconded LF: OFTEC registered friend as well**

### **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

The following resolution was proposed by the Chairman and passed unanimously:

***To suspend standing order 22.a for the purpose of discussing the following items with the exclusion of the press and public.***

**FC/25-26/198.**

**To consider a request from Cllr Tribe regarding a contribution to works in Sallys Way**

Members were provided with a quote from Cllr Tribe detailing fencing works to be completed around Sallys Way, Cllr Tribe is requesting a contribution after the payment of other works concerning Sallys Way solely through his Swansea City Council members' fund.

Members were concerned that the contractor who provided the only quote was not approved for works previously due to inadequate evidence of professional qualifications, appropriate risk assessments and environmental surveys, however the works were authorised to go ahead by another party without the Councils explicit consent whereby authorisation to access and complete works on this land was granted solely to another Contractor by Mawr CC.

Members considered the request for a contribution but were confused with what works were entailed and no scope of works had been provided or environmental considerations for the proposed installation of concrete near a waterway. Members expressed their desire for more information from Cllr Tribe as well as an explanation regarding the authorisation of works not approved by Mawr CC on land that it has responsibility for alongside a report detailing the works completed as well as damage to bluebells, other trees etc.

**RESOLVED: proposed LF, seconded AW –** Clerk to write to Cllr Tribe with the Councils concerns surrounding unauthorised works.

**FC/25-26/199.**

**To consider the offer for a Locum Clerk from the SLCC**

The Council had received a singular offer from the SLCC for Locum cover. The Council determined that the Locum should be offered 25 hours per week at the quoted rate of £48/hr which would equate closely to the full employment costs of the current Clerk when considering, NiCs, pension etc. This would be a job share which would result in the Council obtaining 2 qualified Clerks and would have the backing of the SLCC to assist with the dissolution in 2027.

Members had a few queries on how the Locum service would work so they requested that these queries be answered in terms of logistics and further items prior to a full agreement taking place at a future extraordinary meeting.

**RESOLVED: Proposed DJ, seconded GR:** Clerk to contact the SLCC locum service and ask the potential new clerks to meet and discuss the contract terms.

**FC/25-26/200.**

To note the date of the Annual Meeting as **11/05/2026** (subject to change should there be any unforeseen circumstances).

**FC/25-26/201.**

To note the date of the next Ordinary Meeting as **18/05/2026** (subject to change should there be any unforeseen circumstances).

**CLOSE:** The meeting ended at 9:42pm.

**Signed:**

**Cllr Darren James**  
Chairman  
Date:

## APPENDIX 2

Date: 03/04/2026

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Time: 15:00

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/03/2026  
for Cashbook 1 - HSBC Current**

User: MATTHEW

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
HSBC Current	31/03/2026		39,367.29
			39,367.29
<b><u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u></b>		<b><u>Amount</u></b>	
		0.00	
			0.00
			39,367.29
<b><u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u></b>			
		0.00	
			0.00
			39,367.29
		<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>	<b>39,367.29</b>
		<b>Difference is :-</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**Matthew Thomas - Clerk & RFO:**

Name ..... Signed ..... Date .....

**Darren James - Chair:**

Name ..... Signed ..... Date .....

**Angela Williams - Finance:**

Name ..... Signed ..... Date .....

## APPENDIX 3

### **Grant report**

#### **Funding Fair**

10am - 1pm on Tuesday 21st April at Urban HQ in Swansea.

This event brings together lots of funders and support organisations so you can find out what funding is available, how to apply, and ask questions. Stalls from organisations like Community Foundation Wales (SWEF), Swansea Council Business Grants, Cwmpas, Mynydd y Gwair, Alun Evans Fund (SCVS), The National Lottery Community Fund, Sport Wales and National Churches Trust.

#### **The Swansea Welsh Church Act Trust Fund**

The fund is currently open to all voluntary, charitable or benevolent groups based in - or having significant user numbers in - the Swansea area, and awards grants to successful applicants up to a maximum of £5,000.

The fund is open to:

- Charitable or voluntary organisations or those with charitable objectives
- New organisations which require 'seed funding' to start a service for which there is a demonstrable need
- Organisations which will provide a new and innovative service for which there is a demonstrable need
- Organisations which provide services which complement the aims and objectives of the City and County of Swansea

Value: Up to £5,000 Deadline: Ongoing

[The Swansea Welsh Church Act Trust Fund - Swansea](#)

#### **South Wales Police Youth Trust**

South Wales Police Youth Trust's aim is that young people living in the South Wales Police area lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives and are diverted away from crime, anti-social behaviour or substance misuse.

Priority to projects which support young people aged between 10 and 25 years and who are at risk of being disadvantaged or affected by:

- Poverty or deprivation
- Social isolation
- Insecure or challenging home circumstances (including those in residential, foster care or 'looked after' children)
- Adverse childhood experiences

Priority may also be given to projects and activities which support young people who have been identified as disengaged from education or at high risk of engagement in, alcohol or other substance misuse, anti-social behaviour or offending.

Eligible costs include: Purchase of equipment, staff costs, volunteer expenses, project costs and venue hire. Ack to Contents 16 A wide variety of projects and activities may be funded, for example: Arts and music, sports and outdoor activities, practical skills social and emotional skills, giving young people a voice, and training and education to prevent crime.

Deadline: Ongoing Value: £500 to £10,000

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