

MAWR COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of an **Ordinary Meeting** of Mawr Community Council held remotely via Zoom on Monday 11th May 2026 at 8.00pm.

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: M Thomas (Clerk & RFO), K Linnington (incoming 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/25-26/14.

Accuracy and Approval of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council held on 16th March 2026.

RESOLVED: Members agreed that these minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

FC/25-26/15.

Accuracy and Approval of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Full Council held on 20th April 2026.

RESOLVED: Members agreed that these minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

FC/25-26/16.

Accuracy and Approval of Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Full Council held on 1st May 2026.

RESOLVED: Members agreed that these minutes were a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT AND POLICY

FC/25-26/17.

To approve the May payments

Members were provided with the following list of payments totalling **£7,699.00**

Payee	Net £	VAT £	Total £
Apex Grounds Maintenance Ltd: 1455	2,250	450	2,700
Service Master Swansea (FWH): 32612	303.90	60.78	364.68
Service Master Swansea (CCP): 32613	303.90	60.78	364.68
Shine: 1322	140	-	140
CloudyIT: 11634	109.09	21.82	130.91
DCK Payroll	73.85	14.77	88.62
Staff Costs	-	-	*3,910
		TOTAL	£7,699

** estimated cost until invoice received for salaries.

RESOLVED: to accept the above May payments.

FC/25-26/18.

To review the bank reconciliation and cashbook for April.

The Clerk advised that the bank reconciliation and cashbook had not been sent with the agenda pack so this would have to be re-reviewed at next months meeting. The bank statement was screenshared with members.

RESOLVED: Council to note the information.

FC/25-26/19.

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

Members were provided with a report (appendix 1) 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. Members wished for the Clerk to arrange an online meeting with them and the grants officer to discuss future plans leading up to the dissolution.

ESTATES AND HEALTH & SAFETY

FC/25-26/20.

To receive a verbal update on Felindre Welfare Hall.

The following report was provided by the hall supervisor for FWH. It was read aloud to members as it was received after the meeting papers had been sent out:

Electrical work on going as you are aware. Hoping it finishes today as I will have to cancel the two bookings for tomorrow again. The hall is used every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, so I have explained to the ones we cancelled last week and they were fine with that. I have had to refund one of the bookings. The others were happy to roll it over. Linda has been over most days and very thankfully keeping us updated as to what is going on.

The drain people were there last week, and Alcywn cleared the gutters a couple of weeks back.

So all the work is looking good. Lovely to see some work done in the hall.

I haven't heard anything back from Dwr Cymru, but soon after our site meeting they were in the area we pointed out with machines and since then, there has been a noticeable difference of water coming down, so I hope that has rectified the problem.

In post are keen to get going, and the villagers I have spoken too are very keen to use the facility.

The market is back on the 28th March, licence has been renewed, but SCC are very slow in sending the paperwork through, so when it comes through it will be put up in the hall as per usual. They have received everything as the money has been taken from the account already.

I still haven't heard anything from the solar panels chap with the app to how the system works and the checks I'm supposed to be doing on the system but can't as not got access. Also, he hasn't been back to raise the batteries as previously agreed.

RESOLVED: The report was noted by members and the Clerk was requested to investigate the solar panel issue

FC/25-26/21.

To receive the following update from Garnswllt Welfare Hall:

There was no report from Garnswllt Hall this month.

FC/25-26/22.

To receive a verbal update from CCP Welfare Hall:

There was no report from CCP Welfare Hall this month.

FC/25-26/23.

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

Members were provided with **Appendix 4** that was put together by Cllr Frame. Cllr Frame explained the events that she had managed to organise as part of the summer playscheme and had spoken to those who could run it and arranged hall hire quotes for those days with each hall committee.

- Kelly & Debbie require a £300 deposit and a final payment of £1,275
- Hall Hire: £1,440
- Cost of summer playscheme staff x 3 weeks estimated £3,000.

RESOLVED: Members approved the playscheme events, timescale and costs to the value of £7,455. The current summer playscheme budget is £4,000 with expenditure already undertaken

for this item and selection boxes for Christmas are yet to come from this line (est £1,000). Members requested that the Grants officer apply for the same fund as last year to offset the cost, else the additional expenditure would come from the general reserve.

FC/25-26/24.

To discuss the granting of permission for Clydach FC U14s to use Mawr CC land for training

Members received the following request:

I am coaching the Clydach FC U14s and looking for an area suitable to train through the summer and possibly beyond. Coed Gwilym is our designated venue, however with so many teams and players within the club its heavily congested.

It is hoped, that after a bit of maintenance that we can offer, that you allow use for this area to host us for sessions, furthermore we can offer regular maintenance etc to keep the area in good condition.

We are currently top of our league, and play in a cup final in a few weeks' time, so hopefully you can help support these boys from our local area to succeed

RESOLVED: Members agreed to grant permission for Clydach U14's to use Coed Gwilym as a training ground on the proviso set within the proposal of maintenance. It was noted that the grounds may not be suitable during wetter months but the Council are happy for the football team to undertake suitable risk assessments prior to training on each occasion.

FC/25-26/25.

To discuss quotes for play equipment inspection.

Members were provided with one quote to inspect the play equipment in Felindre and CCP such as the MUGA's, gym equipment etc. Only one quote was sought due to the immediate need to have this undertaken. The company had inspected the Councils assets two years prior and issued a report of remedial works which had not been presented to the Council who were unaware of the outstanding works.

The following scope of works were quoted for £250+VAT:

- *A comprehensive inspection of all fixed equipment sites in relation to BSEN 1176, BSEN 15312, BSEN 16630 and BSEN 14974 as appropriate.*
- *Colour photographs of all fixed equipment and ancillary items.*
- *Identification of all findings complete with a risk assessment for each finding, a proposed task to rectify the issue and a proposed time scale in which to rectify it.*
- *Colour photographs of each finding.*

Inspections will also include:

- *Identification of all assets by EN category classifications and compliance*
- *Manufacturers details where possible*
- *An anticipated life span of each item of equipment*
- *A general condition assessment of each item of equipment*

- *An general site condition*
- *An user age range for each item of equipment*

RESOLVED: Noting the importance of having these inspections completed, the Council accepted the quote. The company is Gordon Playground Inspections Ltd.

FC/25-26/26.

To discuss ongoing plans for Sallys Way

Members discussed the future of Sallys Way and protecting it as an asset for the community for future generations.

RESOLVED: Members asked the Clerk to investigate options such as land covenants in order to ensure Sallys Way remains solely for community use for the foreseeable future.

FC/25-26/27.

To review the quotes for replacing the oil tanks in Felindre, CCP and Garnswllt Welfare Halls

Members were provided with updated quotes to replace each oil tank for each welfare hall – 3 in total. The quotes were similar in nature and costings and for a total replacement of 3 oil tanks the Council would be looking at a bill for circa £12,000. The Clerk advised of the general reserve limit and lack of budget line with which the replacement oil tanks could be taken out of coupled with the dissolution requirement to hold onto reserves it may mean a different approach.

Members stated that the replacement of the oil tanks from single to double bunded tanks was a necessity and would happily write a statement confirming the needed use of the general reserve to replace the oil tanks.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that a scope of works would be drawn up with an oil tank reviewed and perhaps replaced each quarter leading up to the dissolution to allow a slow withdrawal from the general reserve to protect the Council if any more important issues present themselves.

CLOSE: The meeting ended at 9:30pm.

Signed:

Cllr Darren James

Chairman

Date:

APPENDIX 1

Grant report April 2026

Grants in progress

CYP holiday clubs – preparation

Grants applied for

Grantscape Energy Fund – Replacement oil tank, Felindre Village Hall 18/4/2026, decision end of June

Grants completed

CYP 2025 return submitted

COAST return submitted

Grant Search

Information forwarded on:

- Sports equipment (requires some match funding)
- Capital funds for building improvement (Coalfields RT)
- Heritage/local history funds (Lottery/Postcode Community Trust)
- Energy (Key grants for energy summary document)

May grant funding round up

Micro Grants (Up to £2k) - Mynydd y Gwair Wind farm Community Fund

The Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm Community Fund will provide grants to organisations providing services, facilities or activities that benefit the communities within the area of benefit for the Mynydd y Gwair Local Community Fund. This includes the following Community/Town Council areas: Llangyfelach, Pontlliw and Tircoed, Pontarddulais, Mawr, Penllergaer, Clydach and Morriston. Micro

Grants up to £2,000 • Smaller applications for capital projects and revenue bids for one off projects lasting one year maximum will be considered. Applicants must have strong, demonstrable links in the Mynydd y Gwair area. Rolling deadline until all funds have been distributed.

[Mynydd Y Gwair Wind Farm Community Fund | Swansea CVS](#)

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](#)

Fund for Wales – Community Foundation Wales in partnership with Postcode Community Trust (*MCC not eligible, hall committees can apply*)

The fund is open to small, local, community-led-continued charities and voluntary organisations (e.g. associations, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies and clubs), with an annual income of less than £100,000. Organisations require an active safeguarding policy (By active they mean that the policy should be reviewed and amended as necessary at least annually) to be able to submit an application.

Fund outcomes:

- Improving people's chances in life,
- Building stronger communities,
- Improving rural and urban environments,
- Encouraging healthier and more active people and communities, and
- Preserving heritage and culture.

Grants of between £500 – £2,000 per annum for up to 3 years, are available to organisations whose applications best deliver against the outcomes above.

Currently open for applications. There will be panel meetings held monthly, and applicants will be notified of the outcome within two months of submission

[Fund for Wales - Community Foundation Wales](#)

Codi Trust Codi Trust (formerly POBL Trust) is Codi Group's registered charity.

It raises funds and allocates grants, of up to £1,000 to community groups and organisations to improve the quality of life and create opportunities for people and communities in the areas where Pobl Group works.

The funding themes for agreed by the Codi Trustees and Codi Group Colleagues, and are:

- Connecting Communities
- Physical and Mental Health
- Environmental protection and human wellness
- Efficient Living

The application window opens in the first week of May and closes three weeks later.

[Codi Trust - Codi](#)

Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme

The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme is a Welsh Government grant scheme administered by WCVA. Its objective is to provide grant funding for communities living near a landfill site or waste transfer station.

Organisations can apply for grants of £5,000 to £49,999 for projects that align with at least one of the schemes' three themes.

The funded projects will need to focus on one or more of the following themes:

- Biodiversity – create resilient ecological networks for the benefit of a range of habitats and species.
- Waste minimisation and the diversion of waste from landfill – promote awareness and best practice to reduce the amount of waste produced.
- Wider environmental enhancements – bring wider community benefit through improving quality of place.

The scheme will fund projects within five miles of certain waste transfer stations or landfill sites. However, biodiversity projects that extend outside of the five-mile radius may be considered, as habitats (such as rivers) do not recognise boundaries and benefits may reach wider areas.

These applications will be considered on a case by case basis for full or partial funding.

There is also an eligibility map available on their website.

Deadlines: Window 1 – 5th June 2026 11:59pm Window 2 – 17th July 2026 11:59pm

[Landfill Disposals Scheme - WCVA](#)

SCVS - Swansea Funding Forum Wednesday 24th June 12pm-2pm (in person)

SCVS are now hosting a quarterly funding forum which is open to all voluntary sector organisations, regardless of size or income, operating in Swansea. Swansea Funding Forum is a members' network made up of staff, trustees and volunteers involved in funding their third sector organisations.

The forum meets quarterly to develop and share best practice around funding the third sector in Swansea. Come and meet funders, receive briefings on funding opportunities, explore themes in funding and network with similar organisations. The funding forum will meet face to face twice a year and online for the other two meetings.

Membership of the forum is FREE. If you wish to join the forum, and receive invitations to the events, or if you have any queries about membership, please contact DevTeam@scvs.org.uk

APPENDIX 2

Hello All

I have confirmed the availability of the three staff and one volunteer for the Summer Play Schemes. Eloise will be employed as Play Leader while Rebecca and Lauren will be employed as Play Workers. Their hourly rate will remain the same as last year. Eloise's niece will assist as an unpaid volunteer. Their base will be at Felindre Welfare Hall.

I have also confirmed the availability of the halls. The hire fee for each hall is set out below and should be included in the grant application if possible.

Entry fee for attendees to be agreed by Council during the FC meeting on 11 May 2026.

Play Schemes (Children 5 years – 11 Years)

CCP Hall

Monday 27 July - Friday 31 July, 10.00-14.00 each day for the Play Scheme with half an hour to set up and half an hour to clear up.

Hall hire time: 5 hours per day @ £15 per hour = £75 x 5 days = £375

Kelly and Debbie Children's Entertainers: Friday 31 July 10.00-12.00. No hall hire fee required. Please see separate itinerary and invoice form Kelly and Debbie.

Garnswilt Hall

Monday 3 August - Friday 7 August, 10.00-14.00 each day for the Play Scheme with half an hour to set up and half an hour to clear up.

Hall hire time: 5 hours per day @ £15 per hour = £75 x 5 days = £375

Kelly and Debbie Children's Entertainers: Friday 7 August 10.00-12.00. No hall hire fee required. Please see separate itinerary and invoice from Kelly and Debbie.

Felindre Hall

Monday 17 August – Friday 21 August, 10.00-14.00 each day for the Play Scheme with half an hour to set up and half an hour to clear up.

Hall hire time: 5 hours per day @ £15 per hour = £75 x 5 days = £375

Kelly and Debbie Children's Entertainers: Friday 21 August 10.00-12.00. No hall hire fee required. Please see separate itinerary and invoice from Kelly and Debbie.

Staff Travel Time and Cost

Staff are usually paid for travelling from their base at Felindre Hall @ 0.45p per mile. Mileage rate to be agreed by MCC.

On Monday 27 July staff will travel to Felindre Hall to collect the equipment from the storeroom and transport it to CCP Hall.

On Friday 31 July the staff will transport the equipment from CCP Hall to Garnswllt Hall in preparation for the Play Scheme there from 3 August - 7 August.

Staff will then transfer the equipment from Garnswllt Hall to Felindre Hall on Friday 7 August in preparation for the Play Scheme at Felindre between 17 August - 20 August.

Eloise is usually paid for her time and travel to shop for the Play Scheme. There are sufficient healthy snacks left from the events in April so Eloise has agreed to buy only fresh fruit, drinks (if needed) and ingredients for cookery sessions. I have also explained to Eloise that the purchase of materials needs to be kept to a minimum because it is the last Play Scheme MCC will operate.

I am unsure whether staff were paid any further travelling costs last year, perhaps Matthew could clarify this during the FC meeting on Monday.

Teddy Bears' Picnics (Children 4 years and under)

Craig Cefn Parc, Thursday 23 July, 11.00-12.00.

Felindre, Thursday 23 July, 14.30-15.30

Garnswllt, Friday 24 July, 11.00-12.00

Hall hire time, including setting up and packing away:

3 hours @ £15 per hour = £45 x 3 halls = £135

Please see separate itinerary and invoice from Kelly and Debbie. They will provide posters for MCC to adapt.

Art and Craft Activities

I have been in contact with Safi from the Mission Gallery. We have discussed delivering art and craft sessions for two hours per day in each of the halls during the week of 10 August when the Play Scheme will not be operating due to Rebecca not being available. Safi will provide a written proposal in time for the FC meeting on Monday 11 May. All materials are included in the fee.

If the proposal is approved by MCC, Safi will provide a description of the activities which MCC can adapt for advertising on social media.

N.B.

An alternative week could be the week beginning 24 August if Safi's colleague is not available during the week beginning 10 August.

Suggested Schedule

CCP Hall

Monday 10 August (or Monday 24 August)

9.00-10.00 set up time;

10.00-12.00 art activities;

12.00-1.00 clean up time

Hall hire time 4 hours @ £15 per hour = £60

Felindre Hall

Tuesday 11 August (or Tuesday 25 August)

9.00-10.00 set up time;

10.00-12.00 art activities;

12.00-1.00 clean up time

Hall hire time 4 hours @ £15 per hour = £60

Garnswllt Hall

Wednesday 12 August (or Wednesday 26 August)

9.00-10.00 set up time;

10.00-12.00 art activities;

12.00-1.00 clean up time

Hall hire time 4 hours @ £15 per hour = £60

The activities Safi and I have discussed incorporate an environmental element.

Activity 1:

Paper making and pressing wildflower seeds into the paper during the making process. Children will be able to plant the sheets of paper at home. They will also make sheets of paper that do not include wildflower seeds for drawing/mark making. All the materials are natural, biodegradable and do not include any chemicals.

Activity 2:

Making inks and paints from natural materials such as herbs, spices, flower petals and willow charcoal. Children will use the inks and paints to create art work. The inks and paints are natural and do not include any chemicals.

Suggested Grant Funding

<https://www.swansea.gov.uk/summerOfFunGrant>

The Summer of Fun grant is available to community groups and the closing date is 8 June.

Arts Council of Wales/ Creative Communities provides grants of up to £1,500 for community groups. There is no deadline for submitting applications but a minimum of 8 working weeks must be allowed for applications to be processed.

The Hall Committees may be willing for MCC to make the grant applications in their names with the Council giving them the appropriate recognition for doing so.
Council to consider during the FC meeting on Monday 11 May 2026.

Kind Regards

Linda

7 May 2026

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