

Minutes of Meeting of the Environmental Committee held on 29th July 2025 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting Ostreme Centre and via Teams

Councillors Present: Carrie Townsend Jones (Chair), Sara Keeton, and Rebecca Fogarty

Officers Present: Kerry Grabham – Clerk and Robert Hernando – Environmental Officer

EN2507-01 Apologies: Phil Keeton and Helen Nelson

EN2507-02 Declarations of Interest: None

EN2507-03 Minutes of Previous Meeting of the Committee

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2025 as a true record.

ACTION Cllr Fogarty's belated apologies to be added to minutes by CSO, who will also correct date of next meeting.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2025 as a true record.

EN2507-04 Actions arising from Previous Meetings

The CSO had circulated the full list of outstanding 'actions' to committee members prior to the meeting.

The Chair, Cllr Townsend Jones updated the committee. Discussions took place on a number of outstanding and proposed new actions.

RESOLVED: Outstanding actions updated and shown as complete where appropriate; details recorded in 'action' report, together with newly created actions.

EN2507-05 Budget Monitoring Reports to 31/05/2025

Reports attached.

Financial reports prepared by RFO, Paul Beynon had previously been distributed to committee members. No questions relating to the budget reports had been provided either to the CSO or the RFO prior to the meeting.

The reports were discussed by the committee

ACTION: The RFO to transfer £16 from The Environmental Officer's Resources (ENV6) to balance the Jubilee Garden Budget (ENV3)

RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring report to 31 May 2025

EN2507-06

Budget 2026/27

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Environment Officer - Monthly Report on current projects and overview:

Summary of previous months activity and next steps for August and September. Report attached.

No Environmental Officer's report was prepared for June 2025. In the absence of Robert Hernando, Ashley Haynes provided a resume of his monthly duties. Ashley outlined that following a concerted effort with Robert to complete Jubilee Gardens he had settled back into his regular routine of maintaining the various sites within MCC for which he had responsibility. In addition, Ashley highlighted the plant boxes that he had created outside Ostreme.

Ashley was questioned by Councillors in relation to the development of The Norton Nature Reserve and Langland Tennis Court when it was established that Ashley understood that he was not responsible for maintaining the Basketball Courts. In addition, the option of raising the beds to an accessible height for disabled people was discussed.

ACTION: Together with Robert Hernando, to obtain quotes for installing fencing within Norton Nature Reserve and for other landscaping, in particular around the pond with a view to a budget proposal from being submitted in September 2025.

ACTION: CSO to email The Clerk and establish Ashley's duties within Langland Tennis Courts, in particular the Basketball Court. In addition to clarify the role of Welsh tennis Association in maintaining these courts.

ACTION: Ashley to obtain costings for the 'raising' of beds through the use of railway sleepers or other alternatives to assist disabled people to fully access them.

EN2507-08 Environment Officer – Exit/Handover Plan

EN2507-09 Review of Current Projects and Plans

The Chair, Cllr Townsend Jones outlined Robert Hernando's report on this issue which had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Committee was very impressed with the report and wished to follow the recommendations. In addition, a potential training opportunity was identified for SUDS training.

RESOLVED: To progress with the recommendations contained within the report from August 2025.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to assess whether any training opportunity for Robert and Ashley in relation to SUDS training is appropriate.

EN2507-10 West Cross Hedge Laying Workshop (discussion re-funding)

Cllr Phil Keeton set out the opportunities for hedge laying in The West Cross Area and thanked Cllr Sara Keeton for her liaison with SCC. A very rough cost estimate suggests that between £3,000 and £4,000 will be required for the project which would involve volunteers assisting. Catherine Thomas of SCC has indicated that between 60 and 70% should be available through match funding. In addition, Cllrs Sara Keeton and Rebecca Fogarty have offered £250 each to be provided from their SCC allowances. Cllrs Phil Keeton, Dave Lewis and Pam Erasmus have also indicated that they will provide £125 from their MCC allowances.

The issue of purchasing specific items, such as bill hooks which would be useful in the long term was discussed together with the difficulty of storing such items with limited storage space,

The committee agreed that this was a worthwhile project that required additional costings being obtained

RESOLVED; Cllr Phil Keeton to obtain costings, having liaised with SCC and bring the project back to the committee in October with a view to a budget proposal form being submitted.

Date of Next Meeting

The Chair, Cllr Townsend Jones set out the importance of regular weeding dates, particularly in the growth season, with set dates to provide sufficient notice to volunteers.

Whilst The Mayals Ward have agreed dates for weeding through Cllr Nelson, Monday afternoons were proposed for West Cross.

RESOLVED; To hold weeding events on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month between 1.30pm and 3.30pm commencing on Monday 14th July 2025.

Meeting ended at 7.48pm.

Next Meeting 23rd September 2025

Cofnodion Cyfarfod Pwyllgor yr Amgylchedd a gynhaliwyd ar 29 Gorffennaf 2025 am 6.30 pm

Cyfarfod hybrid yng Nghanolfan Ostreme a thrwy gyfrwng Microsoft Teams

Cynghorwyr yn bresennol: Carrie Townsend Jones (Cadeirydd), Sara Keeton, a Rebecca Fogarty

Swyddogion yn bresennol: Kerry Grabham – Clerc a Robert Hernando – Swyddog yr Amgylchedd

EN2507-01 Ymddiheuriadau: Phil Keeton a Helen Nelson

EN2507-02 Datganiadau o fuddiant: Dim

EN2507-03 Cofnodion cyfarfod blaenorol y pwyllgor

Cymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 24 Mehefin 2025 fel cofnod cywir.

GWEITHREDU Ymddiheuriadau hwyr y Cynghorydd Fogarty i'w hychwanegu at y cofnodion gan y swyddog cymorth pwyllgorau, a fydd hefyd yn cywiro dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf.

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo cofnodion y cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 24 Mehefin 2025 fel cofnod cywir.

EN2507-04 Camau'n codi o gyfarfodydd blaenorol

Roedd y swyddog cymorth pwyllgorau wedi dosbarthu'r rhestr lawn o gamau gweithredu heb eu cwblhau i aelodau'r pwyllgor cyn y cyfarfod.

Rhoddodd y cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Townsend Jones, yr wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r pwyllgor. Cafwyd trafodaethau ar nifer o gamau gweithredu a oedd heb eu cwblhau, a chamau gweithredu newydd arfaethedig.

PENDERFYNWYD: Diweddarau'r camau gweithredu heb eu cwblhau a'u dangos fel rhai sydd wedi'u cwblhau lle bo'n briodol; cofnodi'r manylion yn yr adroddiad 'camau gweithredu', ynghyd â chamau gweithredu newydd eu creu.

EN2507-05 Adroddiadau monitro'r gyllideb hyd at 31 Mai 2025

Adroddiadau wedi'u hatodi.

Roedd adroddiadau ariannol a baratowyd gan Paul Beynon, y Swyddog Ariannol Cyfrifol, eisoes wedi'u dosbarthu i aelodau'r pwyllgor. Nid oedd unrhyw gwestiynau yn ymwneud â'r adroddiadau cyllideb wedi'u darparu i'r swyddog cymorth pwyllgorau na'r swyddog ariannol cyfrifol cyn y cyfarfod.

Trafodwyd yr adroddiadau gan y pwyllgor

CAM GWEITHREDU: Y swyddog ariannol cyfrifol i drosglwyddo £16 o adnoddau swyddog yr amgylchedd (ENV6) i gydbwyso cyllideb Gerddi Jiwbilî (ENV3)

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo adroddiad monitro'r gyllideb hyd at 31 Mai 2025.

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Cyllideb 2026–2027

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Swyddog yr amgylchedd – adroddiad misol ar brosiectau cyfredol a throsolwg:

Crynodeb o weithgarwch y misoedd blaenorol a'r camau nesaf ar gyfer mis Awst a mis Medi. Adroddiad wedi'i atodi.

Ni pharatowyd adroddiad swyddog yr amgylchedd ar gyfer mis Mehefin 2025. Yn absenoldeb Robert Hernando, darparodd Ashley Haynes grynodeb o'i ddyletswyddau misol. Amlinellodd Ashley, yn dilyn ymdrech ar y cyd gyda Robert i gwblhau Gerddi Jiwbilî, ei fod wedi setlo'n ôl i'w drefn reolaidd o gynnal a chadw'r gwahanol safleoedd o fewn Cyngor Cymuned y Mwmbwls yr oedd yn gyfrifol amdanynt. Yn ogystal, tynnodd Ashley sylw at y blychau planhigion yr oedd wedi'u creu y tu allan i Ostreme. Cwestiynwyd Ashley gan gynghorwyr mewn perthynas â datblygiad Gwarchodfa Natur Norton a Chwrt Tennis Langland pan sefydlwyd bod Ashley wedi deall nad oedd yn gyfrifol am gynnal a chadw'r cyrtiau pêl-fasged.

Yn ogystal, trafodwyd yr opsiwn o godi'r gwelyau i uchder hygrych i bobl anabl.

CAM GWEITHREDU: Ynghyd â Robert Hernando, i gael dyfynbrisiau ar gyfer gosod ffensys o fewn Gwarchodfa Natur Norton ac ar gyfer tirlunio arall, yn enwedig o amgylch y pwll gyda'r bwriad o gyflwyno cynnig cyllideb ym mis Medi 2025.

CAM GWEITHREDU: Bydd y swyddog cymorth cymunedol yn e-bostio'r clerc ac yn sefydlu dyletswyddau Ashley o fewn Cyrtiau Tennis Langland, yn enwedig y chwrt pêl-fasged. Yn ogystal, bydd yn egluro rôl Cymdeithas Tennis Cymru yn cynnal y cyrtiau hyn.

CAM GWEITHREDU: Ashley i ddarganfod costau ar gyfer 'codi' gwelyau trwy ddefnyddio trawstiau rheilffordd neu ddewisiadau eraill i gynorthwyo pobl anabl i gael mynediad llawn atynt.

EN2507-08 Swyddog yr amgylchedd – cynllun ymadael/trosglwyddo

EN2507-09 Adolygiad o brosiectau a chynlluniau cyfredol

Amlinellodd y cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Townsend Jones, adroddiad Robert Hernando ar y mater hwn a oedd wedi'i ddosbarthu cyn y cyfarfod. Gwnaeth yr adroddiad argraff fawr ar y pwyllgor ac roedd yn dymuno dilyn yr argymhellion. Yn ogystal, nodwyd cyfle hyfforddi posibl ar gyfer hyfforddiant Systemau Draenio Cynaliadwy (SDCau).

PENDERFYNWYD: Symud ymlaen â'r argymhellion sydd wedi'u cynnwys yn yr adroddiad o fis Awst 2025.

PENDERFYNWYD: Y clerc i asesu a oes unrhyw gyfle hyfforddi priodol i Robert ac Ashley mewn perthynas â hyfforddiant SDCau.

EN2507-10

Gweithdy plygu perthi West Cross (trafodaeth ar ariannu)

Nododd y Cynghorydd Phil Keeton y cyfleoedd ar gyfer plygu perthi yn ardal West Cross a diolchodd i'r Cynghorydd Sara Keeton am ei chysylltiad â Chyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe. Mae amcangyfrif cost bras iawn yn awgrymu y bydd angen rhwng £3,000 a £4,000 ar gyfer y prosiect a fyddai'n cynnwys gwirfoddolwyr yn cynorthwyo. Mae Catherine Thomas o Gyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe wedi nodi y dylai rhwng 60 a 70% fod ar gael drwy arian cyfatebol. Yn ogystal, mae'r cynghorwyr Sara Keeton a Rebecca Fogarty wedi cynnig darparu £250 yr un o'u lwfansau Cyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe. Mae'r cynghorwyr Phil Keeton, Dave Lewis a Pam Erasmus hefyd wedi nodi y byddant yn darparu £125 o'u lwfansau Cyngor Cymuned y Mwmbwls.

Trafodwyd y mater o brynu eitemau penodol, fel bilwgau a fyddai'n ddefnyddiol yn y tymor hir, ynghyd ag anhawster storio eitemau o'r fath pan fo lle storio yn gyfyngedig.

Cytunodd y pwyllgor fod hwn yn brosiect gwerth chweil a oedd yn gofyn am ddod o hyd i ddulliau costio ychwanegol.

PENDERFYNWYD: y dylai'r Cynghorydd Phil Keeton ddarganfod costau, ar ôl cysylltu â Chyngor Dinas a Sir Abertawe a dod â'r prosiect yn ôl i'r pwyllgor ym mis Hydref gyda'r bwriad o gyflwyno ffurflen â chynnig ar gyfer y gyllideb.

Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf

Nododd y cadeirydd, y Cynghorydd Townsend Jones, bwysigrwydd dyddiadau chwynnu rheolaidd, yn enwedig yn y tymor tyfiant, gyda dyddiadau penodol i roi digon o rybudd i wirfoddolwyr.

Er bod ward Mayals wedi cytuno ar ddyddiadau ar gyfer chwynnu trwy'r Cynghorydd Nelson, cynigiwyd prynhawniau Llun ar gyfer West Cross.

PENDERFYNWYD: Cynnal digwyddiadau chwynnu ar yr 2il a'r 4ydd dydd Llun o bob mis rhwng 1.30pm a 3.30pm gan ddechrau ddydd Llun 14 Gorffennaf 2025.

Daeth y cyfarfod i ben am 7.48pm.

Cynhelir y cyfarfod nesaf ar 23 Medi 2025