

GRWP CYMUNEDOL ROWEN COMMUNITY GROUP

OPEN MEETING 11 SEPTEMBER 2025

ROWEN MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Hamza Mould, Treasurer (HM), Helen Rawlins, Secretary (HR)
Linda Anderson (LA), Ann Cotterill Hughes (AC), Helen Hawkins (HH)
Charles Hawkins (CH), Heddwen Roberts (H Roberts)
Dave Hulse (DH), Mair Hulse (MH), Jean Morris (JM)
Nicky Fryer (NF), Penny Wingfield (PW)

Apologies

Sean Brand, Chair (SB), Goronwy Edwards (GE), Eileen Burtonwood (EB),
John Burtonwood (JB), Michael Wingrove (MW)

In the absence of Sean Brand the meeting was chaired by Hamza Mould.

Approval of minutes

The minutes were approved for the last open meeting of the group, which was on 12 June 2025.

Actions from last meeting

Painting of bus shelter: SB had reported no progress with the Young Offenders. He could get the paint from the Community Council if there was someone to do the painting and he was advised how much was required. DH said that he would be happy to do the painting. **Action: DH** to speak to SB about the paint and then paint the bus shelter.

Painting of Caernarfon sign: This has been completed. HM thanked CH.

Children's playground: HM had spoken to the Council about safety concerns relating to the uneven ground and old equipment. He had not heard anything back. JM said that she had seen someone from the Council checking the playground that day.

New bench: CH had spoken to the manufacturers about splits in the new bench. They had advised that this was part of the weathering process but had filled in and sanded down some of the cracks.

Pub quiz: CH said that there had not been an additional quiz in the summer but the next one was on 17 September in aid of Ogwen Valley Mountain Rescue. He asked for donations of raffle prizes.

Car boot sales

HR said that the boot sales had been very successful. 5 out of the 6 scheduled had gone ahead with one cancelled due to the weather. It had been a good team effort with a total of 22 volunteers across the season. The

new bacon baps had proved very popular. Around £3,750 had been raised after expenses, which was over £1,000 more than last year. HR thanked everyone who had helped to make the boot sales a success either by volunteering on the day or making cakes.

EB had proposed that the group should recognise Gill's outstanding contribution of home baked cakes at every boot sale for many years. She suggested a thank you card and gift. This was agreed unanimously. **Action: EB** to arrange a thank you gift and card.

Winter Festival

This will take place on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December. EB is leading on the arrangements and had formed a sub-group which was scheduled to have its first meeting on 16 September. HM said that he would speak to EB about the budget. **Action: EB and HM.**

Community Skip Hire

HR had contacted Bryson Recycling and several skip hire companies to research hiring a community skip. Most companies did not deliver and collect skips on Saturdays. No-one provided staff to supervise loading and take away items which could not go in the skip. The best option HR had found was Gwynedd Skip Hire who could deliver and collect a skip on a Saturday on a wait and load basis, subject to a driver being available. The first 30 minutes would be included in the skip hire charge with an extra £25 for each extra half an hour waiting. The cost of a skip was £299.60 + VAT for a 10 cubic yard skip but larger skips were available up to 16 cubic yards. Separate arrangements would need to be made to deal with things such as tins of paint and other small items which were not permitted in the skip.

The group agreed that volunteers would be needed to:

- notify local residents about the skip and the ground rules for using it
- ensure that there was clear access for the skip
- marshall cars on the day
- supervise loading of the skip
- take smaller prohibited items such as paint pots to the dump

The group agreed that use of the skip should be restricted to residents of Rowen as far as the boundaries of the village and including Pontwgan.

The preferred date would be a Saturday in October avoiding half term, ie 4, 11 or 18 October.

A 16 cubic yard skip with a door would be preferable.

NF suggested also getting a quote from Worldcare skips who might be cheaper than Gwynedd skip hire.

Action: HR to follow up with Worldcare and Gwynedd skip hire.

Remembrance Day

HM encouraged people to attend the Remembrance Day service at Tyn-y-Groes. He confirmed that a new female soldier figure with bilingual wording had been bought to go with the existing soldier. The figure had been delivered but he had not yet been able to check it. H Roberts asked about ordering the wreath now that the local British Legion had closed. HH advised that these can be ordered centrally. **Action: HR** to follow up with contact from last year or national British Legion office as required to order wreath.

Willow tree and fibre lines

MW had sent an email about a broken branch on the willow tree resting on the BT fibre lines. He had contacted BT but had been told that they did not have a tree cutting team and it was the responsibility of the tree's owner. He did not know who to contact about the problem. HM said that he would speak to Openreach and to GE about whether cutting the tree was the council's responsibility. **Action: HM**

Collapsing wall and road

CH reported that there was a large boulder at the edge of the village on the road towards the Groes Inn which needed to be moved. It was agreed to ask a farmer to move this. **Action: HM** to speak to Meirion.

CH also reported that the repairs to the river bank near Rose Gerlan Cottages which had been done to shore up the road a couple of years ago were now collapsing into the river. CH was asked to report this to the Council using the online reporting tool. **Action: CH**

Preparation for AGM

The AGM will be held on 13 November. SB had advised that he would be standing down from the group. A new Chair would need to be elected at the AGM.

The Constitution allowed for 7-11 committee members. Without SB and assuming all other committee members were happy to stand again there would be 8 committee members remaining. Ideally 1 or 2 new committee members should also be appointed. The group were asked to consider nominations for the chair and committee in advance of the AGM. **Action: All**

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM on 13 November 2025 at 19.30.