

Panel Gweithredu Hinsawdd Cyngor Tref Machynlleth
Climate Action Panel of Machynlleth Town Council

Cofnodion o gyfarfod o Banel Gweithredu Hinsawdd Cyngor Tref Machynlleth
yn y Plas ar Dydd Iau 12 mis Chwefror 2026 am 6:00pm.

Minutes of meeting of the Climate Action Panel of Machynlleth Town Council
in the Vane Tempest Room on Thursday 12th February 2026 at 6:00pm.

Present / yn bresenol:

Town council – Ann MacGarry, Norma McCarten

Residents – Andy Rowland, Chris Higgins, Martin Kemp

Ymddiheuriadau / Apologies - Vic Bamford, David Elias

Datganiadau o fuddiant / Declarations of interest – none declared

Minutes of meeting 4.11.25 accurate

Materion yn deillio / Matters arising / Updates

Gwydr eilaidd yn y Plas / Secondary glazing in y Plas

First set have been installed very successfully. The next set of shaped ones will be done fairly soon but the ones with curved glass have been a bit delayed.

Cefnogaeth i ddeiliaid tai ar effeithlonrwydd ynni / Support for energy efficiency in homes

Eco 4 is being phased out and new measures are being developed. The UK government has announced the size of funds allocated for advice on energy and a 'warm homes plan' but there have been no details of how this will be implemented.

Eco 4 has been extended to the end of the year but there's no extra funding.

There have been a lot of problems with Eco 4 but it's worth noting that the Welsh government NEST scheme's failure rate is only 1%.

Because of the uncertainty we'll pause developing a project until the role becomes clear.

Statws cyfeillgar i wenyn / Bee friendly status

Cllr McCarten reported that the project to develop areas on Bryn y Gog is happening. There is a small grant to develop a wildflower area on a fairly barren bank on the edge of the estate, replace 2 fruit trees, work on existing fruit beds, put up signage and run 3 courses in conjunction with Mach Maethlon. The funding is going through the town council.

The 700 trees

There is a sign explaining the 700 trees planted to celebrate 700 years of the Market charter (near the children's playground). The gates and fencing around the 3 sets of trees are not in a good state. Many organisations were involved in the planting but no one has taken responsibility for them since.

Street trees

Ann has made contact with the people responsible for the street trees and got a list of them (attached).

They are producing a website with a map which will show which is planted where. Ann will ask if they will put signs on each tree and one to explain the whole project (at or in the library?).

Access to the allotments

There will be some courses run in the allotments and open days.

Policies in place for the new graveyard

This is the response from the PCC officer responsible -

- I can confirm we are cutting all of the grass on the site in order to develop a manageable swath from an agricultural field. However, we will likely reduce the cutting regime in a couple of years in the areas we are not currently using. We do not cut the grass underneath the beach trees adjacent of the roadway until later in the year due to the presence of orchids.

This led into a discussion of the fact that people have been observed using that area to exercise their dogs. This would seem very inappropriate when there have been burials there (none yet we think). Alwyn will be asked to check this out with Powys.

Response on management of the proposed market garden –

- The Gardd Lledfair Ltd Articles of Association commit us to promoting "...agroecological approaches to food production as a positive response to the biodiversity and climate crises". In respect of pollinators, this means we will not use agrochemicals and grow plants alongside the vegetables that attract pollinators as part of our pest management.
- In the Planning and Sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme (SuDS) applications we have committed to having a native hedge all round the site.
- Once (if) we get planning and SuDS approval and are definitely going ahead, I will enter into dialogue with local community members active in the town being pollinator friendly, eg, Gerddi BDG.

Dyfi Biosffer update

The Welsh government are making positive noises about funding the Biosffer but there is nothing concrete yet.

Ideas for increasing people's awareness of the impacts and actions on Climate Change

This item led into a discussion about the risk of flooding. NRW's flood risk map for Wales shows some risk (low where the houses are) from the river in the Garsiwn area and a scattering of patches around the town of medium and high risk from 'Surface Water and small Watercourses', including a large patch at the Kennels.

Should MTC develop a flooding plan for the town?

<https://naturalresources.wales/flooding/check-your-flood-risk-on-a-map-flood-risk-assessment-wales-map/?lang=en>

This URL is particularly useful, particularly in relation to the culvert near GBDG *Flood Map for Planning* - this incorporates an estimate of the increased risk due to climate change:

<https://naturalresources.wales/flooding/flood-map-for-planning/?lang=en>

AOBs

Climate Cymru have a database on their website of funding sources for action on climate change.

PACE have developed a Green Guide for the county. We should check that activities in Machynlleth are included.

Dyddiad y cyfarfod nesaf / Date of next meeting 16 April 2026 6pm in y Plas