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Minutes of Meeting of Environment Working Group
held at Cornelly Community Centre with remote facilities
on 17th June 2026 at 6.30pm

Environment Group Members: Cllr J Granville, Cllr R Granville, Cllr D Heryet, Cllr H Kavanagh, Cllr L Pritchard, Mrs Strinda Davies (Glamorgan Bird Club)

Present: Cllrs D Heryet, H Kavanagh, L Pritchard (remote), Mrs Strinda Davies

ITEM	**ACTION**

1. Apologies for absence
None received

2. Elect Chair of the Environmental Working Group for 2026-27
Nominations were invited for Chair of the Environmental Working Group. Cllr Heryet proposed Cllr Kavanagh. Cllr Pritchard seconded this proposal. No further nominations received. Cllr Kavanagh elected as Chair of the Environmental Working Group.

2. Elect Vice- Chair of the Environmental Working Group for 2026-27
Nominations were invited for Vice Chair of the Environmental Working Group. Cllr Heryet proposed Cllr Pritchard. Cllr Kavanagh seconded this proposal. No further nominations received. Cllr Pritchard elected as Vice Chair of the Environmental Working Group.

3. Agree Membership of the Environmental Working Group for 2026-27
Agreed by all members present that Mrs Strinda Davies remain on the group as a representative of Glamorgan Bird Club.

5. To approve as correct record thereof Minutes of Environmental Working Group Meeting held on 1st April 2026
Proposed by Cllr Heryet and seconded by Cllr Kavanagh to accept the minutes as correct.

6. Cornelly Swifts & Other Summer Visitors – Including Nature Talk and Swift Walk
6.1 Strinda Davies reminded the group that Cornelly has been declared Swift friendly and there is a nesting/breeding colony on the Marlas Estate. Other birds who migrate to this area over the summer are House Martins and Swallows. There are House Martins in South Cornelly and some residents have installed nest cups on their houses. Swallows have been sighted in the area around Broom Lane, Kenfig and towards Kenfig Pool.
6.2 Strinda updated that due to her availability for this season, the Swift walk could be planned for the end of May 2027, which is when the Swifts will have returned to the area.
6.3 Agreed that a Nature talk can be planned for March 2027 which will be in line with setting up for the return of the summer birds. This talk can include information about plants for pollinators, which attract insects, which the birds feed off.

6.4 Cllr Kavanagh has contacted Hedgehog Rescue who would be able to provide information in preparation for the Nature Talk. This may be best to take place during Autumn.
6.5 Cllr Pritchard asked if anything could be incorporated into the Family Fun Day and Cllr Kavanagh explained that there will be an activity table for children, which explains the importance of pollinators, with activities around bees. Strinda Davies advised that the Bumblebee Conservation Society can provide leaflets.
6.6 Strinda Davies has some information provided by the Field Studies Council and recommended that they be contacted to request permission to use their literature for an exhibition. They can also be contacted to enquire if they wish to attend the Family Event on 22nd August. Cllr Pritchard also suggested that Kenfig Nature Reserve be contacted to ask if they wish to be involved.

7. Review of the Children's Artwork Exhibition held on 4th May 2026
7.1 Cllr Kavanagh reported that herself, Strinda Davies and the Clerk had attended this exhibition with the artwork on display. The attendance on the day was low, but this is a learning curve. Strinda said that it was good that the schools and other local groups had been involved. The exhibition was classed as a good dry run for other future events which could include information on Swifts, hedgehogs and pollinators.
7.2 A sightings chart was included on the day, and this could also be used at the Summer Fun Day event.
7.3 Suggested writing to the Eco Club at Cynffig Comprehensive to include them in any future events.
7.4 Strinda Davies explained that other councils locally have a logo for being declared Swift Friendly and with the Clerk, has produced a draft logo, taken form one of the drawings submitted to the art exhibition. The Environment Group liked this design, so the Clerk will make some minor adjustments before taking to Full Council for approval to use. Agreed that this should be celebrated with the school and the pupil who drew it.
7.5 Strinda Davies reminded the group that the Glamorgan Bird Club has funding from Local Places for Nature to be used for material to support Swifts.

8. Biodiversity Action Plan
8.1 Cllr Kavanagh enquired if there was a template for the Action Plan. Clerk will check and forward this onto Cllr Kavanagh if there is one.
8.2 Cllr Kavanagh has attended training with One Voice Wales on the 5 Pillars of Nature. Suggested to provide information on them, for display at events and on social media for residents to see.
8.3 Strinda Davies suggested making a Task & Finish Group to start on the Biodiversity Action plan.

9. Any Other Business
9.1 Cllr Heryet raised the issue about the sewage being discharged into the River Kenfig, which is an environmental disaster for the local area, including the problem with odour and noise for local residents. The river has been ruined, and this is spilling out onto the Kenfig Dunes, which is a SSSI site. Cllr Heryet has been making reports of this to Welsh Water for over 2 years as a resident.
9.2 There is a public meeting on this matter being held at the Cornelly Community Centre on 19th June 2026.
9.3 Cllr Heryet suggests gathering information and making sure that the people accountable for this will repair the damage that has been caused, and that the Community Council fully support any action to be taken.
9.4 It was agreed that the Environmental Group would formally register its shock and concern regarding the sewage pollution of the River Kenfig. The Group further agreed to offer its support to the working group and the residents of Cornelly, and to seek full accountability from those responsible for the damage caused.
9.5 Cllr Kavanagh will provide the Clerk with a list of the plants included in the original memorial garden plan. The Clerk will then enquire about their availability at the Garden Centre and, if deemed suitable, arrange for their purchase.

7. Date of Next Meeting
Date of next meeting to be arranged.

Meeting closed at 7.36pm
J Murphy, Clerk to Cornelly Community Council