## Section 1 – Brief History and description of the church building(s), contents, churchyard and setting.

The Church of St Mary's, in the Benefice of Bro Eleth, in the Diocese of Bangor. Set back within a rectangular churchyard, from the south side of the Market Square in the centre of the village of Llannerch-y-Medd. Located on the north entrance to the rectangular churchyard is a mid C18 lychgate, extensively remodelled in mid C19, probably when the adjacent church was rebuilt in 1850, architect H Kennedy of Bangor. Has a datestone above the archway inscribed with the date 1755.

Predominantly Victorian church which retains the tower of it's predecessor. The lower stage of the tower with its east doorway are thought to be C12; upper stages later medieval. The church, except the tower, was rebuilt in 1850 by the architect Henry Kennedy of Bangor. It is listed Grade II as a good mid C19 church which retains fabric of an early church within the west tower which is one of the few early west towers on the island.

Built of rubble masonry with freesyone dressings, slate roof with stone copings Decorated style church comprising W tower with bellcote, nave, chancel and S porch. Built of rubble masonry with freestone dressings; slate roof with stone copings. The oldest fabric of the church is retained in the W tower, the lower stage of which is C12. The lower stage of the tower now houses the vestry, and has narrow rectangular lights to N, S and W with narrow ventilation slots in the stage above. The upper, bell stage has pointed-arched, louvred openings to each face, each with cinquefoil tracery and hoodmoulds with bestial stops. There is an embattled parapet above a moulded string, the roof of the tower has a single gabled sanctus bellcote to the E. The newer, mid C19, church has a raking plinth and each bay is articulated by stepped buttresses; the chancel with angled buttress to E. The windows are a mix of 2 and 3 lights, with cusped tracery and mostly pointed arches; there are rectangular-headed lights to the E end of the N and S walls of the chancel and the E window has 3 trefoil-headed lights in a pointed-arched frame with hoodmould. The S porch has pointed-arched doorways with chamfered frames, the inner doorway has a boarded door with large ornate hinges; side walls have narrow rectangular lights.

There is a 1st World war memorial window. There is a small octagonal gritstone font with a chamfered base, probably c14, brass memorial table 1748/9. Doorway between tower and vestry described as round-headed with square abaci.

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## Section 2: The significance of the church (including its contents and churchyard) in terms of:

i) Its special architectural and historical interest
ii) Any significant features of artistic or archaeological interest.

i) Mid C18 lychgate. Built of rubble, the entrance (S) elevation with freestone dressings and quoins; lateral walls rendered. Steeply pitched slate roof with gabled S bellcote; rendered copings. The S elevation faces the street and has 3 stone steps up to a pointed arched entrance hung with double gates; the side piers have raking plinths and a moulded springing courses. Above the entrance is a clock face in a moulded surround. The eaves have gabled finials at the angles and are scrolled at the head; apex surmounted by single gabled bellcote. The N gable faces the church and has a cambered, brick-headed archway. An inscribed stone above bears the date 1755 and above the datestone is a circular, brick-lined window, now filled in with brick. It has been listed Grade II as a good C19 lychgate, of an unusual style and scale for Anglesey and which forms a group with the adjacent Church of St Mary.

ii) As above, also to note that the lychgate is the only remaining structure which stands on the south of Market Square,

Llanerchymedd, Market Square c.1955 Photo ref: L411006




When the other buildings were demolished, the external wall of the lychgate were rendered and not tied into the fabric. The historic clock (T Cooke & Sons) is a rare example, housed in the roof space of the lychgate were repaired by Smith of Derby, a AW11 automatic winding unit was installed and pendulum arrest regulator system installed. The clock is in the care of the local community council, which received a grant for the repairs. (List B - 2024-010451).The concerns

are the conditions of the timber roof and floor which is highlighted in the structural engineer report, this and the main entrance to the churchyard of St Mary's is why the repair of the lychgate is so important.

## Section 3: As assessment of the impact of the proposals on the significance defined in Section 2.

Bethan Jones Archdeacon property officer conducted Ezra report (QIR) in 2024 and noted her concerns on the Lychgate structure. Alex Evans grave and howe structural Engineer was asked to conduct a report, and this is enclosed with the application. The lychgate is the only remaining structure on the south side of the Market square, the repairs is crucial for it's continued presence in this historic market town.

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