

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 15th September 2025 at 7:35pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr Elaine Lusted
Cllr John Morris
Cllr Roger Bridgwater
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Phillip Bowker
Cllr Jeff Greenidge
Cllr Roger Llewelyn

Attended Remotely: Cllr David Sharman

In attendance: County Cllr Clare Hall (attended remotely)
The Clerk

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Colin Alford
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Greenidge declared a personal interest in Item 8 (Member of Welsh Government Post-16 Training Review)

As Cllr Hall had to leave early the agenda was amended: Items 4 and 8 were discussed next:

4. **County Council Matters: to receive and discuss general Powys County Council Matters:**

Speeding in Glangrwyney: traffic continues to speed through the village presenting a serious safety concern. Cyclists using pavements are causing a danger for pedestrians. Council questioned why repeated requests for electronic speed signs have been refused by the Trunk Road Agency when such signs are present in other areas?

20mph Speed Limit: the road towards Gilwern (from The Bluebell Inn to the Bailey Bridge) is being used as a race track. Previous requests to introduce a 20mph speed limit have been ignored.

ACTION: Cllr Hall will speak to the Trunk Road Agency.

8. **Post 16 Education Review – Crickhowell High School: to consider responding to PCC's review by opposing possible closure of the sixth form**

Council resolved to write to Powys County Council expressing concern at the closure of the Sixth Form in Crickhowell, asking if all potential options have been explored.

ACTION: Clerk to draft letter to send to PCC

20.01 Cllr Hall left the meeting

Signed:.....
Chair

3. Planning Matters:**3.1 Applications: to consider and resolve responses to BBNPA:**

- (i) **25/24014/FUL:** "Erection of timber framed and corrugated iron sheeted shed." **Gelli Weltog, Forest Coal Pit NP7 7LR**

RESOLVED: no objection

- (ii) **25/23621/PAR:** "A new 12m x 12m timber clad barn with corrugated metal sheet roof for the secure storage of agricultural machinery and secure and dry storage of hay bales." **Coed Dias Farmhouse, Cymyoy NP7 7LY**

RESOLVED: no objection

3.2 Decisions/Other: None received.**5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues**

- Glangrwyney: the centre of the village requires tidying and weeding – whose responsibility is this? The Clerk will ask Cllr Masefield.

It was suggested the council consider employing someone to manage local highways matters, ie a "lengthsman". A similar scheme has been trialled in Herefordshire, although its success was unclear. Cllr Morris will make enquiries and report back.

- Grwyne Fechan: drains and ditches need clearing above Ty Laid. Ditches on the road towards Tal Y Maes are blocked. The surface of the road before Moor Park is in poor condition.
- Llangenny: potholes on Druids Alter and Vicarage Pitch.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of the 18th August 2025 meeting

The minutes of the 18th August 2025 meeting [Pages 1600-1603] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Bridgwater] and duly agreed.

7. Clerk's Report: information from the minutes/progress up-date

- BT acknowledges the Council wish to keep the phone service, but if this is not possible want the kiosks to remain.
- The next Five Councils Meeting will be held on 13th November 2025. Agenda items are requested.

9. Cross Border Health Funding and Provisions in Powys: to consider writing to the First Minister expressing concern over lack of funding and question the formula used to calculate this funding

Signed:.....
Chair

Council agreed to write to letter of support.

RESOLVED: to write letter of support.

10. Annual Report 2024/2025: to receive draft version and consider adopting

Council approved the Annual Report subject to approving a photo for the front cover. It was suggested a photo of a “Jubilee Walk” tree is used. The Clerk will take some photos.

RESOLVED to adopt the annual report subject to approving photo for the cover.

11. Llanbedr Community Orchard/Nature Garden: to organise consultation event

Repairs to the nature garden are ongoing. The gate has been re-hung and hedges trimmed, but branches require chipping. Fence posts require renewal. It was agreed a maintenance plan needs to be prepared to ensure future maintenance includes an area for wildlife.

Rather than holding a separate consultation event Council agreed to consult the community by attending Llanbedr Hall’s October coffee morning.

ACTION: Cllrs Morris and Bridgwater to attend Llanbedr Hall’s coffee morning.

12. Donations: to receive and consider adopting draft small grants policy

Council agreed to adopt the small grants policy. .

RESOLVED: to adopt the small grants policy

13. Policies: to receive draft Dignity at Work Policy and consider adopting

Council agreed to adopt the policy,

RESOLVED: to adopt the Dignity at Work Policy

14. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda

- Recycling
- Llanbedr playground
- Training

15. Finance:

15.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Christie; Seconded Cllr Sharman] and duly agreed:

Staff (Salary)	£
HMRC (Tax)	£

Signed:.....
Chair

G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	31.30
G James (Reimburse: Zoom £16.79/Postage £2.61)	£	19.40
Llanbedr School Hall (Hire 19/05/25;18/08/25)	£	60.00

15.2 The Finance Report was noted.

16. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

Llangattock Green Valleys/Black Mountain Community Energy/Community Travel Scheme: Cllr Morris and Bridgwater attended and gave a verbal report.

21.15 Cllr Greenidge left the meeting

17. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.

18. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was received and noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:22 pm

Signed:.....
Chair