

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 20th October 2025 at 7:30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr Elaine Lusted (Chair)
Cllr John Morris
Cllr Roger Bridgwater
Cllr Dean Christy

Attended Remotely: Cllr Phillip Bowker
Cllr David Sharman

In attendance: County Cllr Chloe Mansfield (attended remotely)
The Clerk

Absent: Cllr Roger Llewellyn

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Greenidge and Cllr Colin Alford

2. Declarations of Interest: none declared.

3. Planning Matters:

3.1 Applications: to consider and resolve responses to consultations from BBNPA:

- (i) **25/24104/FUL and 25/24105/LBC:** “Refurbishment, Alterations and Extension to Glyn Pedr Coach House, Flat, and Main Entrance” **Glyn Pedr, Llanbedr NP8 1SR**

RESOLVED: no objection

- (ii) **25/24096/TPO:** “TPO – DC/018/68. T1 – Remove unstable dead wood sections from crown, etc” **Cwrt-y-gollen Camp, Deans Drive, Cwrt Y Gollen Crickhowell**

RESOLVED: no objection

- (iii) **25/23949/FUL:** “Installation of ground-mounted solar panel array. No change of use.” **Croesfach, Llanbedr NP8 1SU**

RESOLVED: no objection

- (iv) **25/24063/TPO:** “Crown reduction – Oak Tree TPO DC/018/1 – T37 Given the structural condition of the tree with advanced basal decay and hollowing associated with *Pseudoinonotus dryadeus*, but retained vitality and current stability, significant crown reduction down to a final height of approximately 10 – 12m is recommended. Sides should be brought into suit, and as much of the inner canopy retained as possible. This will remove the tree from striking distance of the adjacent bungalow and leave a scaffold branch framework from which the tree will hopefully regenerate. This work should substantially reduce wind-loading and target occupancy

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risk while preserving the ecological and landscape value of the tree.” **Penrhiw, Llangenny Lane, Crickhowell NP8 1HD**

RESOLVED: no objection

3.2 Decisions/Other: the following applications were reported to have been **GRANTED:**

- (i) **25/24000/TPO:** “Works to trees T8, T7, G2, T3, T2 as identified in the submitted tree survey (dated 15/02/2024). These trees are protected under DC/018/68. ” **RAF, Cwrt-Y-Gollen Training Camp, Crickhowell NP8 1TE**
- (ii) **25/24014/FUL:** “Erection of timber framed and corrugated iron sheeted shed.” **Gelli Weltog, Forest Coal Pit NP7 7LR**

Cllr Masefield joined the meeting

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

In addition to her written report Cllr Masefield reported:

Powys County Council is responsible for pavement maintenance however the team is busy clearing culverts and ditches in preparation for the storm season therefore there would be a delay before the weeds reported in Glangrwyney could be removed. She offered, with any available volunteers, to remove the weeds. Cllr Christy volunteered to assist.

Cllr Sharman joined the meeting

Funding is available from Welsh Government to celebrate St David’s Day. Cllr Masefield offered to help assist with any community events. Agreed to inform the village hall committees.

ACTION: Clerk to inform village halls.

Council questioned when repairs reported as pending will be actioned, suggesting setting target dates for completion.

In response to questions over when the Bont Lane will be cleared and if a decision has been taken concerning repair of Chapel Lane Cllr Masefield advised ditch clearance works were due to start in October. PCC has yet to decide which option to take for the Chapel Road slip - this will be reviewed in April/May next year. Concerns were again raised at the way highway issues are dealt with locally.

5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues

Speeding in Glangrwyney: Cllr Masefield will ask Cllr Hall for an up-date regarding the request for electronic speed signs discussed at the previous meeting.

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Vehicles speeding through the village and on the road to the Bailey Bridge were reported as dangerous and causing noise pollution. GoSafe vehicles have not been seen in the village since the 20mph limit was introduced. People were encouraged to report speeding incidents on the GoSafe web site. It was questioned whether the ANPR camera on the bridge could be used to record speeding violations? Advice will be sought from the police. Cllr Masfield advised a Community Speed Watch group is set up when training is available.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of the 15th September 2025 meeting

The minutes of the 15th September 2025 meeting [Pages 1604-1607] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Morris] and duly agreed.

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

- Pictures of the jubilee trees have been used to illustrate the annual report;
- The microphone trialled has improved sound quality and therefore will be purchased.
- Remembrance Sunday is on 9th November 2025. Cllr Sharman will laid the wreath in Llangenny and Cllr Morris in Crickhowell.
- Parking in Glangrwyney – landowner is unable to assist.

8. Five Councils Meeting: to agree agenda items

Cwmdu & District CC is hosting the next Five Councils Meeting on Thursday, 13th November 6:30pm. Cllrs Morris and Bridgwater will attend. "Powys County Council's Asset Structure List - to identify structures not currently listed" will be tabled for discussion.

9. Llanbedr Playground: to receive up-date

Cllr Bridgwater reported that, with help of two residents from St Peter's Close, work is underway to upgrade the play equipment. The roundabout has been cleaned and repainted, with work continuing to refurbish the slide and climbing frame. The basketball frame and goal post will be painted next year and the bench repaired.

10. Llanbedr Community Orchard/Nature Garden: to receive up-date

Unfortunately the chipper hired to cut the branches was faulty and had to be returned. Cllr Morris offered to remove the branches. Suggestions to develop the nature garden included laying a beech hedge to introduce colour and create a wildlife area. This will be put on the next agenda for discussion.

11. Recycling: to discuss use of Monmouthshire facilities

Whilst previous requests for residents to use the Recycling Depot in Llanfoist instead of travelling to Brecon were declined due to cost, the booking system introduced in Brecon could now provide data on resident usage to help calculate the cost of a cross border agreement. Insufficient data is currently available, but it is hoped this will be gathered in time. It was proposed the Council write to Welsh Government pointing out the size of the county, stating how ridiculous it is to make residents travel to Brecon to recycle.

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RESOLVED to: write to Welsh Government (James Evans MS/Jane Dodd MS/ Huw Irranca-Davies MS)

12. The Finance & Governance Toolkit: to receive findings of the self-assessment/health check

The main findings of the self-assessment include the need for a review of training and policies, the introduction of a community engagement strategy and a suggestion that councillors attend county councillor surgeries.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate policies/training requirements

13. Policies: to receive the following draft policies and consider adopting:

The following policies were circulated with the recommendation they be adopted:

- (i) Revised Complaints Policy (up-dated by One Voice Wales)
- (ii) Information and Data Protection Policy;
- (iii) Grievance Policy;
- (iv) Disciplinary Policy

RESOLVED to: adopt the above policies.

Cllr Masefield left the meeting.

14. Training: to review training requirements

It was agreed to compile a priority list of training requirements for consideration at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to create list of training requirements

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

No matters were reported.

16. Finance:

- 16.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Sharman] and duly agreed:

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax/NI)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	31.30
G James (Reimburse: Zoom £16.79/Post £2.61/Paper £3)	£	22.40
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire 15/09/25)	£	30.00
Additional Payment:		
G M James (Reimburse: microphone)	£	259.98

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16.2 Due to the additional payment a revised October Finance Report will be issued.

17. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

Tree Officer: Cllrs Morris and Bridgwater met with Mr Nigel Davies, Powys County Council's Highways Team Tree Officer reporting the meeting was very informative and gave an insight into how risks to the public are assessed and the budgetary problems the council faces.

PAVO: Cllr Morris attended and gave a verbal report and provided literature for up-loading to the web site.

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

19. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was noted:

Item 5

Powys County Council: Sustainable Powys Meeting – Cllr Morris to attend

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.35 pm

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Chair