

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 15th December 2025 at 7:30pm in Glangrywney Village Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

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

Attended Remotely: Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Jeff Greenidge

In attendance: County Cllr Chloe Mansfield
The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Colin Alford.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Lusted declared an interest in Item 3.1 (personal, knows applicant)

3. Planning Matters:

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

- (i) **25/24230/CON:** Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant to planning application 15/12579/REM. Replace previously approved house design plans with substitute drawings for new design. **Plot 8, Springfields, Llangenny NP8 1HA**

RESOLVED: No objection

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

- (i) **25/24063/TPO:** Penrhiw, Llangenny Lane, Crickhowell NP8 1HD
(ii) **25/23756/FUL** at Dower House, Forest Coal Pit, Abergavenny.

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

In addition to a written report Cllr Masfield reported:

- Reporting Potholes/Highway Repairs: a new system has been introduced to improve communication. PCC is looking at using local contractors for ditching repairs.
- Speed Restrictions/Enforcement: PCC will not change any speed limits until after the next local elections and is unlikely to reduce the speed limit on the road to the Bailey Bridge.

Signed:.....
Chair

Frustration was expressed regarding Welsh Government's refusal to permit electronic speed signs in Glangrwyney. It was agreed to write to Ken Skates MS. People were encouraged to complete the Dyfed Powys Police survey and report unsafe driving via the GoSafe web site.

- Community Bus Service: the Community Transport Group and Dial a Ride are applying for funding to run a community bus service.
- Crickhowell Library: plans are in place to develop the library into a community hub.
- Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau: digital inclusivity training is being undertaken to support residents with digital inclusion
- Dentist: should know where the mobile dental unit will be sited in January.

5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues

Grwyney Fechan: ditches need clearing and trees cutting back at the top of the valley to enable safe access for lorries and prevent further damage to the road.

Partrishow: a landslip in Monmouthshire has resulted in traffic being diverted on the road past The Celyn. This road is in poor condition. Agreed to advise the MOD this road is not suitable for army vehicles and contact Crucorney Community Council.

Cllr Masefield left the meeting at this point.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of the 17th November 2025 meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2025 [Pages 1613-1616] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded Cllr Morris] and duly agreed.

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

Nothing to report.

8. Llanbedr Water Trough: to receive up-date/agree repair

Welsh Water has turned off the water supply. A local plumber will be asked to quote for repair of the tap/supply pipe.

ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater will contact plumber

9. Llanbedr Community Orchard/Nature Garden: to receive up-date on improvement plans

Cllr Morris will clear branches from the site and get a price for the bare rooted beech trees needed to create a hedge and fence posts to repair the fence.

ACTION: Cllr Morris to remove branches and get a price for materials required to plant hedge/repair fence.

Signed:.....
Chair

10. Donations: to consider funding request from Llangenny School Hall:

It was agreed to donate £250 towards the cost of hosting a community event provided the event is open to all residents within the Vale of Grwyney.

RESOLVED to: donate £250 to Llangenny School Hall

11. Lengthsman Scheme: to discuss/consider implementing

Members discussed the benefits of employing a local lengthsman to clear ditches and undertake other minor repairs. Further information and funding is required from PCC. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda for future discussion.

12. Llanbedr Playground: to receive up-date

PCC has supplied the RoSPA report on Llanbedr Playground. Cllr Bridgwater will draft a response on items requiring attention.

ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater to draft response

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

- Lengthsman Scheme

14. Finance:

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

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	31.30
G James (Reimburse: Zoom £16.79/Post £2.61)	£	19.40
Llangenny School Hall (Hire 17/11/25)	£	30.00
Wales Air Ambulance (Donation)	£	100.00

14.2 The December Finance Report was noted.

14.3 Precept 2026/2027: it was agreed to defer setting the precept to the next meeting.

Cllr Greenidge left the meeting at this point.

15. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

Sustainable Powys Meeting: Cllr Sharman attended.

Signed:.....
Chair

16. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.
17. Miscellaneous/Late Correspondence as itemised in Appendix B was received and noted.

Item 8 – MOD Exercise

Inform MOD of landslip and advise diversion not suitable for army vehicles.
Also write to Crucorney Community Council.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.07pm

Signed:.....
Chair