

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 19th January 2026 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 Colin Alford

Attended Remotely Cllr Dean Christie
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Dave Sharman

In attendance: The Clerk

Absent: Cllr Roger Llewelyn

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Jeff Greenidge and County Cllr Chloe Mansfield

2. Declarations of Interest: none declared.

3. Planning Matters:

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

(i) **25/24289/FUL:** "Proposed extension" **Ty Wen, Llangenny NP8 1HA**

RESOLVED: to submit a response of no objection, subject to the observation any increase in the number of bedrooms, now or in the future, may have an impact on the application's Green Infrastructure Statement.

3.2 Decisions/Other:

No planning decisions were reported.

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

Cllr Masefield's report was received and noted.

Cllr Sharman joined the meeting.

5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues

Partrishow: Cllr Alford advised potholes on the road between Five Ways and Craig Y Bwla are due to be repaired this week.

Llanbedr/Grwyne Fechan: Cllr Bridgwater advised County Cllr Masefield is arranging a site meeting with PCC to discuss the road at the top of Grwyne Fechan. He will register potholes on the road to Llanbedr using Powys County Council's new reporting system.

Signed:.....
Chair

Understaffing was considered a contributing factor to highway issues not being addressed.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of the 15th December 2025 meeting [Pages 1617-1620]

The minutes were approved as a true record. [Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Sharman]

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

- Welsh Water will not reduce the water bill for Llanbedr Water Trough (high due to the undetected leak). The Clerk will raise a complaint given the trough is a community facility.
- The link to PCC's Code of Conduct training is expected later this month.
- It was agreed to change the date of the October meeting to the 26th October and the December meeting to the 14th December 2026.

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

Cllr Bridgwater has not spoken to the plumber, but will do so prior to the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater to speak to plumber and report back

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

Cllr Morris has removed branches from the nature garden. Council confirmed its agreement to creating a beech hedge and replacing the stakes – Cllr Morris will price up the beech trees/stakes.

The Allotment Society has suggested surplus plots are planted with fruit trees - prior to doing this members suggested the plots are advertised further afield. Cllr Morris will discuss with the Allotment Society. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

ACTION: Cllr Morris to obtain prices for beech trees/stakes and speak to the Allotment Society.

10. Lengthsman Scheme: to discuss proposal to implement

Further information is required from Powys County Council. The item will be placed on the next agenda.

ACTION: The Clerk to ask Cllr Masefield to obtain further information

11. Llanbedr Playground: to receive progress up-date

Cllr Bridgwater advised he had nearly finished reviewing the RoSPA report. Once complete he will forward his response for PCC to the Clerk.

Signed:.....
Chair

ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater to complete report for submission to PCC.

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

- Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau – grant application
- Powys Green Guide - events and training opportunities

13. Finance:

- 13.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Sharman]:

Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (Llanbedr Water Trough)	£ 177.72
Staff (Salary)	£
HMRC (Tax)	£
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£ 31.30
G James (Reimburse: Zoom £16.79/Stationery £43.51)	£ 43.51
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire 15/12/25)	£ 30.00
Llangenny Village Hall (Donation)	£ 250.00
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (Llangenny Water Fountain)	£ 22.58

- 13.2 The revised December Finance Report and January Finance Report were noted.

- 13.3 Precept 2026/2027: Following consideration of anticipated expenditure, it was proposed the precept is reduced to £10,000. [Proposed: Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded: Cllr Morris]. Agreed by majority vote (For 5; Against 2).

RESOLVED: to set the precept for 2026/2027 at £10,000.

14 To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

Cllr Phill Bowker: Glangrwyney Village Hall Trustees Meeting (minutes requested).
Cllr Morris: One Voice Wales Area Meeting (audio only).

15 Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was received:

Item 18 - Llandrindod Wells Town Council – Call for Action Cross Border Health Care (place on next agenda)

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

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20.55pm

Signed:.....
Chair