

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> October and the December meeting to the 14<sup>th</sup> 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]:

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| 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*