

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held remotely on Monday, 16th February 2026 at 7:30pm via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

Present: Cllr Elaine Lusted (Chair)
Cllr Roger Bridgwater
Cllr Phillip Bowker
Cllr David Sharman
Cllr John Morris

In attendance: The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs Dean Christy, Colin Alford, Jeff Greenidge, Roger Llewelyn and County Cllr Masefield.

2. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Bowker declared a personal interest in Item 16.5 (Chairman, Glangrwyney Village Hall).

3. Planning Matters:

3.1 Applications: to consider and resolve responses to consultations from BBNPA:
None received.

3.2 Decisions/Other: the following application has been **GRANTED:**

(i) **25/23836/FUL:** “Conversion of One Disused Barn to Holiday Accommodation”
Dower House , Forest Coal Pit NP7 7LP

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

Cllr Masefield’s written report was noted. Concern was raised at the number of highway items pending.

Cllr Bridgwater will ask Cllr Masefield if community councils will be consulted on how the extra money awarded to PCC for transport investment to support tourism will be spent, and whether funding will be available for rights of way.

5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues

Cllr Bridgwater met Mr Phillip Harris, Highways Area Manager for South Powys, on 30th January 2026 and reported:

- Over 30 defects were identified on the C roads running between Llanbedr, Grwyne Fechan and Partrishow, many of which have already been reported via PCC’s online system.
- Last year residents in Grwyne Fawr met with Mr Lyn Parry, PCC’s Senior Highways Manager, and were informed funding had been allocated towards resurfacing the C0118, although it remains unclear exactly how much of this road will be resurfaced. Cllr Masefield will be asked for clarification.

Signed:.....
Chair

- Hauliers are unable to extract timber from Grwyne Fechan until repairs have been undertaken to the road and a certificate of safety issued for the landslip.
- PCC has been asked to send a drainage engineer to inspect the culvert by Green Cottage to assess the remedial works required.

Other highways issues reported included:

- Glangrwyney: a manhole cover on the stone bridge has dropped creating a noise nuisance - report to Trunk Road Agency.
- Llangenny: potholes on Vicarage Pitch have not been repaired; the fallen tree blocking the bridleway on Llangenny Lane has not been removed – Cllr Morris will inform the BBNPA warden.

Concern was raised regarding the effectiveness of PCC’s online reporting system and the length of time repairs are taking. High priority items are not been dealt with effectively.

ACTION:

Inform County Cllrs Jackie Charlton/William Powell the new reporting system is not working effectively.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of the 19th January 2026 meeting [Pages 1621-1623]

The minutes 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

- A complaint has been submitted to Welsh Water – awaiting response.
- PCC has emailed a link for code of conduct training – awaiting instructions on how to circulate.

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

Cllr Bridgwater has not been able to speak to the plumber. He will report back once he has spoken to him.

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

Cllr Morris reported the materials required to create a new hedge and repair the fence will cost approximately £115. Council agreed to proceed.

Cllrs Morris and Bridgwater will lay a woodchip path when the weather improves (woodchip to be supplied by Cllr Morris on a membrane supplied by Cllr Bridgwater).

ACTION:

Cllr Morris to purchase trees/stakes; Cllr Morris and Bridgwater to lay woodchip path.

Signed:.....

Chair

10. Lengthsman Scheme: to receive up-date

Further discussions are required with PCC to determine how this scheme could operate. Cllr Bridgwater will speak to local contractors to see if they would be interested in undertaking such work.

Advice on how this scheme operates will be sought from a town council known to employ a lengthsman.

ACTION:

Ask town council for advice.

11. Llanbedr Playground: to receive progress up-date

Pending - Cllr Bridgwater will report back at the next meeting.

12. Powys Green Guide: to discuss events/training opportunities

No action taken.

13. Cross Border Health Care: to consider request to support Llandrindod Wells TC in lobbying for better and more equitable healthcare for Powys residents and revisiting the funding formula.

Council acknowledged the issues relating to cross-border healthcare. Whilst supportive of the objectives members considered the matter to be less impactful on this area.

It was agreed to offer general support and request the council be kept informed. If a meeting is held locally the council will send a representative.

ACTION:

Inform Llandrindod Wells TC.

14. Risk Assessment: to conduct annual Risk Assessment

The risk assessment was reviewed. It was agreed safety precautions for councillors on site meetings should be included - a high visibility tabard to be purchased.

ACTION:

Amend risk assessment form and purchase high visibility tabard.

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

- Place Plan

16. Finance

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

Signed:.....

Chair

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	31.30
G James (Reimburse: Zoom/Stationery/Post)	£	26.52
Llanbedr Village Hall (Hire 19/01/26)	£	30.00
Wales & West Housing Association (licence)	£	1.00

16.2 The February Finance Report was noted.

16.3 The Auditor General has completed the audit for the year ending 31st March 2025 and issued an unqualified opinion. A transpositional error was noted on Line 11 of the annual return. The requisite notice has been displayed on noticeboards and on the web site.

16.4 **To consider Grant application from Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau (running costs):**

Agreed to donate £500 (Proposed Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Bridgwater)

RESOLVED to: donate £500 to Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau

16.5 **To consider grant application from Glangrwyney Village Hall (hearing loop):**

Agreed to donate £425 (Proposed Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded Cllr Lusted).
Cllr Bowker declared a personal interest and did not vote.

RESOLVED to: donate £425 to Glangrwyney Village Hall

17. **Reports on Meetings Attended:**

OVW AGM: Cllr Morris attended.

18. **Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was noted**

Item 14 - Cllr Lusted will speak to resident
Item 18 - phones not working to be reported to BT

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

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:27pm

Signed:.....

Chair