

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 16th March 2026 at 7:30pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall and remotely via the video conferencing platform Zoom.

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

Attended Remotely Cllr Dave Sharman
Cllr Jeff Greenidge
County Cllr Claire Hall

In attendance: The Clerk

1. Apologies for Absence: County Cllr Masefield,

2. Declarations of Interest: None declared.

3. Planning Matters:

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

- (i) 26/24446/FUL: “Retrospective application for the regularisation of as built driveway and new access to highway, regularisation of as constructed storage shed and construction of stone wall to provide closure of previous entrance to dwelling from private road.” **Ty Celyn, Bellfountain Road, Llangenni NP8 1TD**

The application was not available on the BBNPA website at the time of the meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to investigate why the application has been removed from the BBNPA website.

3.2 Decisions/Other: None received.

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

Cllr Masefield’s written report was noted. Cllr Christy raised concern that the schedule of highway repairs had not been included and stressed the importance of ensuring repairs are not overlooked.

ACTION: Cllr Hall to raise this with Cllr Masefield.

5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues

- **Llanbedr:** A road sweeper was requested for St Peter’s Close.

Signed:.....
Chair

- **Glangrwyney:** The manhole on the bridge has been repaired.
- **Grwyne Fechan:** The road edge near Sunnybank continues to deteriorate.
- **Llangenny:** PCC has determined that the fallen tree on the bridleway off Llangenny Lane does not pose a risk. Cllr Morris will contact the BBNPA warden.
- Potholes on Vicarage Pitch have been filled.
- **Glangrwyney:** Due to the closure of a bridge in Gilwern there has been a significant increase in traffic, adversely affecting the village. Members queried the duration of this and whether there are any contingency plans.

ACTION: Cllr Hall to relay these concerns to Cllr Masefield.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of the 16th February 2026 meeting [Pages 1624-1627]

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

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

- Arrangements will be made for Code of Conduct training (in person and online).
- Powys County Council states it is unable to operate a shared recycling facility with Monmouthshire County Council due to cost implications.
- New computer software is required. As the Microsoft 365 subscription includes Teams future meetings will be held via Teams and the Zoom subscription cancelled.

8. Llanbedr Water Trough: to receive maintenance up-date

Cllr Bridgewater has been unable to speak to the plumber to date.

RESOLVED to: defer to the following meeting.

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

Cllr Morris has planted the beech tree hedge. He will speak to the Allotment Society regarding the surplus plots and report back. The woodchip path will be laid when the weather improves.

ACTION: Cllr Morris to contact the Allotment Society. Cllrs Morris and Bridgewater to lay woodchip path.

10. Lengthsman Scheme: to receive up-date

It is understood Powys County Council is not supportive of this scheme.

RESOLVED to: defer discussion until Cllr Masefield is present.

11. Llanbedr Playground: to receive progress up-date

Cllr Bridgewater’s report was noted.

Signed:.....
Chair

RESOLVED to: write to PCC asking what actions it intending taking, and is there any work volunteers can do.

- 12. Review of Speed Limit - Glangrwyney: to discuss Welsh Government’s proposal to “increase to 30mph on part of the A40 and consider if pedestrian crossing is required”**

Council agreed to write to the Trunk Road Agency to register the need for speed enforcement suggesting a variable speed limit based on activity at the village hall and support a pedestrian controlled crossing.

RESOLVED to: write to the Trunk Road Agency to register the need for speed enforcement suggesting a variable speed limit based on activity at the village hall (as implemented in Llyswen) and to support a pedestrian controlled crossing.

- 13. Place Plan: to consider formulating a Place Plan for the Vale of Grwyney**

RESOLVED to: defer to the next meeting due to time restraints.

21.07 County Cllr Claire Hall left the meeting

- 14. Risk Assessment: to review and adopt**

The amended risk assessment was reviewed. It was suggested an additional sentence is included under Conflicts of Interest stating members with a prejudicial interest in an agenda item should take no part in the discussion.

RESOLVED to: adopt the risk assessment subject to the above amendment.

- 15. Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (DBCC): to consider adopting determinations / payment of mandated allowances**

It was agreed to proceed on the same basis as the current year, ie adopt the following optional allowances:

Chair’s allowance (£100 payable via PAYE or on production of receipts),
Travel and Subsistence allowance (being the actual cost of travel by public transport or the HMRC mileage allowance 45p per mile).

The mandatory extra cost payment £156 will be paid at the beginning of the municipal year, together with £52 for the cost of office consumables.

RESOLVED to: adopt the determinations as detailed.

- 16. Information from Members to be included in the next Agenda**

- Consider the purchase of litter picking devices

Signed:.....
Chair

17. Finance

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

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	31.30
G James (Reimburse: Zoom/Stationery/One Drive)	£	42.39
M Williams – strimming nature garden	£	315.00
One Voice Wales (Membership)	£	179.00
One Voice Wales (Training)	£	42.00
Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau (Grant)	£	500.00
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Grant)	£	425.00
J Morris (reimbursement of trees for nature garden)	£	33.97

17.2 The March Finance Report was noted.

17.3 It was agreed to keep the general reserves at £5,000. No earmarked reserves.

17.4 It was agreed to ask the previous auditor, Mrs J Hughes, to conduct this year's internal audit. Terms of engagement to be prepared.

18. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended

- OVW Training Module 4 (Understanding the Law): Cllr Bridgwater attended and gave a verbal report – notes were circulated.
- OVW Training Module 15 (GDPR): Cllr Lusted attended – notes were circulated.

19. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was noted.

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

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:30pm

Signed:.....
Chair