

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 18th May 2026 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall and via the video conferencing platform Teams.

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

Attended Remotely: Cllr David Sharman
Cllr Dean Christy

In attendance: Cllr Chloe Masefield and the Clerk

There being no members of the public present the meeting moved to the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting

1. Election of Chair 2026/27: Cllr Lusted presided.

Cllr Morris proposed Cllr Lusted be elected Chair for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Alford and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr Lusted as Chair for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Lusted signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

2. Election of Vice Chair 2026/27: Cllr Lusted presided

Cllr Lusted proposed Cllr Morris be elected Vice Chair for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: to appoint Cllr Morris as Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

3. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Jeff Greenidge

4. Minutes of the 27th April 2026 meeting [Pages 1632 -1635] were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Bridgwater] and unanimously agreed

5. Outgoing Chair’s Report:

Cllr Lusted thanked Cllr Morris for his support during the year. Whilst the council did not undertake any big projects this year, it has dealt with ongoing highway issues and speeding in Glangrwyney. Donations were made to Wales Air Ambulance, Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau and Glangrwyney Village Hall, to fund a hearing loop. The council also funded the Jubilee Map. Cllr Bridgwater undertook repairs in Llanbedr Playground and we managed to

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Chair

save the payphones in Llanbedr and Llangenny. Cllr Lusted concluded by expressing the hope the council will undertake some exciting projects this year.

Cllr Christy joined the meeting at this point

6. Election Representatives on Outside Bodies:

One Voice Wales (OVW) Representative: Cllr Morris was proposed by Cllr Lusted; seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Morris continue as OVW representative.

Glangrwyney Village Hall Representative: Cllr Greenidge was proposed by Cllr Bridgwater; seconded by Cllr Alford and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Greenidge continue as Glangrwyney Village Hall representative.

Llanbedr Allotment Society: Cllr Bridgwater proposed Cllr Morris; seconded Cllr Lusted and unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: that Cllr Morris continue as Llanbedr Allotments representative.

7. Annual Accounts: The Clerk/RFO referred to the statement itemising receipts and payments made for the year ending 31st March 2026 as circulated and requested council's approval that this fairly represents the financial position of the authority as at this date.

Cllr Morris proposed the accounts are approved. This was seconded by Cllr Llewelyn and duly agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:40pm

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1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Jeff Greenidge

2. Declarations of Interest: none declared

3. Planning Matters:

3.1 **Applications** to receive & resolve responses to consultations by BBNPA:

(i) **26/24576/FUL:** “Proposed Lean-To Spectator Stand and Associated Works” **Crickhowell R F C, Crickhowell NP8 1ED**

RESOLVED: no objection

3.2 **Decisions/Other:** to receive decisions and any other planning correspondence

Application: 26/24502/FUL: Pendarren House, Llangenny (roof maintenance works etc) has been withdrawn

4. County Council Report to receive and discuss general Powys County Council Matters: Cllr Masefield written report was noted. In addition she reported:

- Resurfacing works on the A40 in Crickhowell should be completed by 19th June 2026.
- Post 16 Education Plans – following feedback PCC will undertake engagement sessions to consider strategies/options. Hopefully Crickhowell 6th Form will be retained.
- PCC appointed a new Chair at its annual meeting on 14th May 2026.
- Crickhowell Library – from August the library will cease to be run by the school. PCC will pay £15,000 per annum towards revenue costs (which are £41,000 per annum). Various options are being considered to fund the shortfall and provide a sustainable long term solution. Crickhowell Town Council intends asking surrounding community councils for support.

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- Highways Reporting System – the Head of Service confirms they will attend a future meeting.

5. Highways: to receive and discuss highway issues

- Road Closure by The Mill, Grwyne Fechan – discussions have been held with the landowner, but no formal agreement reached.
- The culvert by The Cefn, Partrishow has been unblocked but remains open.
- Work to repair the landslip by Trewysgoed is commencing on the 27th May 2026.
- Repairs have been done to The Hermitage. The edge of the road is giving way further north from the landslip - hedges needing trimming back. The forestry hauliers want to know if the road is safe to use.
- The hedge by Sunnybank, Grwyne Fechan needs trimming.
- In response to Cllr Christy’s request that outstanding highway matters are not forgotten Cllr Bridgwater said he is in the process of identifying/logging the issues previously listed on the county council report onto PCC’s online system.
- Speed limits in Glangrwyney are constantly being ignored. Dyfed Powys Police has been asked to undertake speed checks during commuting hours. Following discussion it was agreed to place ways of combatting speeding (ie speedwatch/deterrents) on the next agenda. The Clerk to find out more about the method used in Bwlch.
- Cllr Sharman reported potholes by the mini-roundabout in Crickhowell. Cllr Bridgwater will log this via the online system.
- The tree leaning over the bridleway at Llangenny has been assessed as not dangerous. The landowner is responsible for maintenance. Cllr Lusted will speak to the person who reported it before further action.

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

- Posters advertising Llangattock Litterpickers will be placed in the noticeboards.
- Payphones confirm the phone in Llangenny is working and the door of the kiosk will be repaired.
- The payphones in Llanbedr and Llangenny have been saved, with the proviso they are used regularly – this will be tabled for future discussion.

7. Llanbedr Community Orchard/Nature Garden: to receive update/agree maintenance

Cllr Alford will ask the contractor to trim the bottom section in June – leaving the top section uncut for wildlife. Cllr Morris will cut an area of grass to enable the woodchip path to be laid.

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ACTION: Cllr Alford to instruct contractor, Cllr Morris to cut grass for path.

8. Llanbedr Playground: to receive up-date

PCC confirm they will repair the split under the climbing frame, erect signage and replace the bench. Rather than replacing the bench Cllr Bridgwater offered to repair the existing one with the assistance of another volunteer.

ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater to repair the bench

9. Standing Orders & Financial Regulations: to review standing orders/financial regulations

In accordance with good governance the council reviewed its standing orders and financial regulations. No amendments were required.

RESOLVED: to approve the standing orders and financial regulations

10. Policies: to review policies:

- (i) Co-option Policy – the co-option policy was reviewed. No amendments were required.
- (ii) Members Allowances Policy – the policy was reviewed. No amendments were required.

RESOLVED: to approve the above policies.

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

- Glangrwyney: to discuss obtaining a speed camera device which collects data to combat speeding (Cllr Bowker)

12. Finance:

12.1 To report & resolve to approve items for payment:

- (i) The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Alford] and duly agreed:

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	32.30
G James (Reimburse: Postage £1.82/Paper £4.50)	£	6.30
Zurich Municipal (Insurance)	£	298.55
J C Hughes (Internal Audit)	£	120.00

12.2 The Finance Report was noted.

12.3 The Asset Register was noted.

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12.4 Internal/External Audit: to receive internal audit report and approve Annual Return.

The internal audit report as circulated was noted.

Members were asked to consider and approve the accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement contained in the Annual Return prior to submission to the external auditor. Cllr Morris proposed the annual return is approved. This was seconded by Cllr Bridgwater and duly agreed.

The Exercise of Electors Rights Notice to be published on the website and noticeboards

RESOLVED: to approve the statements in the Annual Return

13. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended: None attended.

14. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was received and noted.

Siting of King Charles III's Portrait: Cllr Bowker to make enquiries with trustees.

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

Item 3 – Smovie

Send to village halls

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:08pm

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Chair