

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 27th April 2026 at 7:37pm held remotely via Teams.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Acting Chair)
Cllr Roger Bridgwater
Cllr David Sharman

In attendance: The Clerk
Cty Cllr Chloe Masefield

Absent: Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Jeff Greenidge
Cllr Roger Llewelyn

1. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Elaine Lusted, Cllr Colin Alford, Cllr Phillip Bowker

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, construction of stone wall to provide closure of previous entrance to dwelling from private road and extension of existing residential curtilage.” **Ty Celyn, Bellfountain Road, Llangenni NP8 1TD**

RESOLVED: no objection

- (ii) **26/24502/FUL** – “Roof maintenance works to the main and annexe buildings including the installation of new clay tiles and associated fixings to match the existing as closely as possible in size, profile, colour, and finish. Installation of fixed access to a localised roof area within the main roof. Installation of fixed access to the culvert to the rear of the annexe building. Stonework repairs and localised replacements to the chimneys using natural stone to match the existing, including replacement of lead flashing details.” **Pendarren House Outdoor Education Centre, Llangenny NP8 1HE**

RESOLVED: no objection

- (iii) **26/24466/FUL** - “Retrospective planning for 2no shepherd huts and ancillary facilities.” **Talymaes, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**

RESOLVED: no objection

3.2 Decisions/Other: the following applications have been **GRANTED:**

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

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Chair

- (ii) **26/24423/TPO** – “Reduce canopy by 2-3m and remove deadwood of one oak tree subject to TPO DC/018/1” **The Coach House, Bellfountain Road , Llangenny**

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

County Cllr Masefield’s written report was noted. In addition she reported:

- The current method of reporting highway issues is not proving effective. The most effective method is to log repairs via Powys CC’s online system. This will ensure works are correctly registered and prioritised. The reference number generated will assist in chasing outstanding works.

Following discussion on how highway issues should be reported Cllr Masefield suggested inviting someone from Powys CC’s Digital Team to speak to the council to discuss ways of improving the online system.

- Works on the A40 through Crickhowell start on the 27th April 2026 with overnight closures taking place. Two weekend closures are scheduled for June. Diversions will be in place.
- Powys Teaching Health Board has awarded a contract for dental provision in Crickhowell.
- The change in recycling collection days was reported to be causing confusion. Cllr Masefield said teething problems have been experienced throughout Powys due to the change of routes with drivers not being familiar with areas, however if a missed collection is reported it will be collected the same day.

5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues

The fallen tree on the bridleway in Llangenny has been inspected by Powys CC and assessed as not being a danger to the public. Cllr Morris will make further enquiries.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of the 16th March 2026 meeting [Pages 1628-1631]

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

- Code of Conduct Training – the Clerk will forward the link, with instructions on how to access the video. If members experience difficulty opening the link a meeting will be arranged in the hall.
- The Clerk asked if the hire fee for the meeting scheduled for 20th April 2026 (abandoned due to lack of internet) should be paid, those present agreed it should not.
- Mrs J Hughes has agreed to undertake the internal audit

Signed:.....

Chair

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

Cllr Bridgwater reported the leak has been repaired by a local plumber.

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

Cllr Morris reported the hedge he planted appears to have established. He will repair the fence and cut a strip of grass so the woodchip path can be laid. He will speak to the contractor about strimming the grass. He will also talk to the Allotment Society about the surplus allotments and maintenance of the grass verge.

10. Lengthsman Scheme: to receive up-date

Cllr Masefield previously stated Powys CC is looking into this scheme however there are issues with insurance. Some community councils operate this scheme with funding from the precept. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

11. Llanbedr Playground: to receive progress up-date

No response has been received from Powys CC concerning the recommendations made in the RoSPA report. Weather permitting Cllr Bridgwater hopes to finish painting the climbing frame by early summer. He has enough paint to paint the goal posts and netball frame and will ask the volunteers who previously assisted if they are able to help. It was questioned whether Powys CC will repair the cracked surface beneath the climbing frame, but agreed to wait until the following meeting for Powys CC's response.

12. Place Plan: to consider formulating a Place Plan for the Vale of Grwyney

Cllr Bridgwater asked if the council should consider preparing a place plan considering some funding opportunities are restricted to communities with place plans. Agreed to defer discussion until more councillors are present.

13. Litter Picking Equipment: to consider request to purchase litter picking equipment

Llangattock Litter Pickers were reported to operate in the area therefore rather than purchasing equipment it was proposed the council ask the group if any members live in the Vale of Grwyney, and if they would like to put posters in the council noticeboards to generate additional members. Proposed Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded Cllr Sharman and duly agreed.

RESOLVED: to contact Llangattock Litter Pickers as detailed.

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

- Llanbedr Nature Garden
- Lengthsman Scheme
- Llanbedr Playground
- Place Plan

Signed:.....

Chair

15. Finance

15.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Sharman; Seconded Cllr Bridgwater]:

Staff (Salary)	£ 392.00
HMRC (Tax)	£ 108.70
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£ 32.30
G James (Reimburse: Microsoft 365 £84.99/Post £1.60)	£ 86.79
Glangrwyney Village Hall (Hire 16/03/26)	£ 30.00
Information Commissioner's Office (Data Protection)	£ 52.00

15.2 The amended March Finance Report; End of Year Report and April Finance Report were noted.

15.3 Internal Audit – the Clerk has a meeting with the internal auditor on 28th April 2026.

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

17. Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A was noted

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

Item 6 – County Council Report

Go Safe Vans – it was suggested times are re-scheduled to encompass busy times

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21:17pm

Signed:.....
Chair