

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 continue as 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 her declaration of acceptance of office.

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

Cllr Lusted proposed Cllr Morris continue as 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 during the 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 the

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

Cllr Christy joined the meeting

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: 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: Cllr Greenidge continue as Glangrwyney Village Hall representative.

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

RESOLVED: 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 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 (PCC) 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. It is hoped Crickhowell Sixth 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 (£41,000 per annum).

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Various options are being considered to fund the shortfall and provide a sustainable long term solution. Crickhowell Town Council intend asking surrounding community councils for support.

- Highways Reporting System – the Head of Service has agreed to 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 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 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 reported he is in the process of identifying/logging issues previously listed on the county council report onto PCC's online system.
- Speed limits in Glangrwyney are consistently being ignored. Dyfed Powys Police has been asked to undertake speed checks during commuting hours. Following discussion it was agreed to place ways to combat speeding on the next agenda. The Clerk to find out more about the method used in Bwlch.
- Cllr Sharman reported potholes on Bellfountain Road by the mini-roundabout in Crickhowell. Cllr Bridgwater will log this on PCC's online system.
- The tree leaning over the bridleway at Llangenny has been assessed as not dangerous. Before any further action is taken Cllr Lusted will speak to the person who reported it.

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

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

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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 the grass in preparation for the woodchip path to be laid.

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

8. Llanbedr Playground: to receive up-date

PCC confirm it will repair the split under the climbing frame, erect signage and replace the bench. As Cllr Bridgwater had previously offered to repair the existing bench, with the assistance of volunteers, PCC will be informed a new bench is not required.

ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater to repair bench

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

In accordance with governance requirements council reviewed its standing orders and financial regulations. No amendments were considered necessary.

RESOLVED: to approve the standing orders and financial regulations

10. Policies: to review policies:

- (i) Co-option Policy – no amendments were considered necessary.
- (ii) Members Allowances Policy – no amendments were considered necessary.

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

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12.2 The Finance Report was noted.

12.3 The Asset Register was noted.

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 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 will 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.

King Charles III's Portrait: Cllr Bowker will ask the Trustees of Glangrwyney Hall if they want to host the portrait.

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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