

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 17th August 2026 at 7:30pm in Llangenny School Hall and remotely via video conferencing.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Chair)
Cllr Roger Bridgwater

Attended remotely: Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Jeff Greenidge

In attendance: Cty Cllr Chloe Masfield (joined remotely)
The Clerk

Absent: Cllr Dave Sharman

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Roger Llewelyn, Cllr Colin Alford and Cllr Elaine Lusted
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Greenidge declared a personal interest during Item 4 (Board Member MEDR)
- 3. Planning Matters:**

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

26/24576/FUL: "Proposed Lean-To Spectator Stand and Associated Works"
Crickhowell R F C, Crickhowell, Powys NP8 1ED

RESOLVED: no objection

3.2 Decisions/Other:

- (i) The following application was reported to have been **GRANTED:**

26/24614/FUL: "The proposal is to improve the current forest entrance to allow easier use and access for timber lorries plus lorries delivering machinery and equipment to Mynydd Du forest to allow NRW to manage the forested estate." **Existing Forest Road Entrance To Mynydd Du Forest, Powys**

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

County Cllr Masfield's written report was noted. In addition she reported:

- Work is ongoing to secure funding for Crickhowell Library
- Due to the risk of wild-fires the Green Man will not be burnt at the end of this year's Green Man Festival.

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Chair

Members discussed the reporting of Crickhowell High School's exam results and noted concerns regarding comparability between years and the sustainability of sixth-form provision.

5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues

Cllr Bridgwater has up-dated and re-issued the highways tracker, although needs to speak to Cllr Alford regarding the issues he raised before it can be finalised.

Speeding continues to cause concern in Glangrwyney. One member reported a recent incident in which a lorry struck his property. It was suggested this, and other reported incidents, should be brought up at the highways meeting scheduled for September. Cllr Jackie Charlton, Cabinet Minister for Highways, will be invited to attend.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of the 20th July 2026 meeting [Pages 1646-1651]

Subject to amending the highways report to state "*sign will be installed*" rather than "*had been*", the minutes were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded Cllr Christy].

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

Members were asked if they wanted to meet with the contractor scheduled to do works in Llangenny. Cllr Bridgwater asked the Clerk to make enquiries as to what exact works are being undertaken rather than organising a meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to contact contractor.

8. Crickhowell Library: to receive response from questionnaire and decide whether to financially support

Feedback revealed residents were generally supportive of providing financial support until the end of the current financial year, although future funding needs re-evaluating. Cllr Bridgwater proposed the Council donate £750. This was seconded by Cllr Bowker and agreed unanimously. Payment details to be provided.

RESOLVED to: donate £750 to Crickhowell Library.

9. Llangenny Water Fountain: to receive up-date

Cllr Alford has turned the water supply off and a plumber has been asked to repair the tap. Cllr Bridgwater will inform the plumber if a new tap is required it must be of a similar design.

ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater to speak to plumber

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

The whole of the nature garden has been strimmed, including the area designated to remain

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Chair

uncut for wildlife. The newly laid beech hedge has also been strimmed. This will need to be relaid.

ACTION: contractor to be employed to undertake maintenance in line with the maintenance schedule

11. Speeding in Glangrwyney: to receive up-date (Cllr Llewelyn)

Covered under Item 5: Highways.

12. Council Meetings: to review dates/times/venues (Cllr Bowker)

Cllr Bowker suggested meetings dates are reviewed. Following discussion the Clerk was asked to email members to find out if they would like dates, times and venues of meetings changed.

ACTION: Clerk to ask members to state their preference.

13. River Bank Erosion: to discuss ways of preventing (Cllr Alford)

Deferred to next meeting.

14. Growing Food Locally: to consider supporting proposal to grow food across Powys

Whilst Council supported the idea in principle, it was concerned with the practicalities.

ACTION: Clerk to inform organisation.

15. Annual Report 2024/2025: to receive draft version and consider adopting

An amended report will be circulated for adoption at the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to amend report.

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

None noted.

17. Finance: to report & approve items for payment as detailed in Finance Report

17.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded Cllr Morris]:

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	32.30
G James (Reimburse Wordpress £43.20 /Paper £8.99)	£	52.19
Llanbedr Village Hall (Hire 20/07/26)	£	30.00

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Chair

17.2 The August Finance Report was noted.

18. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended:

Crickhowell Library Meeting: Cllrs Lusted, Bridgwater, Morris and Christy attended.

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

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

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.17pm

Signed:.....
Chair