VALE OF GRWYNEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday, 21 September 2026 at 7:43pm in Glangrwyney Village Hall and remotely via Teams.

Present: Cllr John Morris (Acting Chair)
Cllr Roger Bridgwater
Cllr Phill Bowker
Cllr Dean Christy
Cllr Jeff Greenidge
Cllr Colin Alford
Cllr Roger Llewelyn

Attended remotely: Cllr Dave Sharman

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr Lyn Parry (Powys County Council (PCC) Highways Officer) met Councillors on site to discuss ongoing issues with speeding in Glangrwyney. He then met with Council to discuss wider highway matters in the Vale of Grwyney. He informed Members PCC plan to trial the lengthsman scheme in The Vale in the next financial year. Issues with the reporting system were also discussed.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Elaine Lusted and County Cllr Claire Hall.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** none declared.

3. **Planning Matters:**

19:49 Cllr Sharman joined the meeting

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

(i) **26/24861/FUL**: "Proposed Ablution Block Extension" **Cwrt-y-Gollen Camp, Deans Drive, Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell**

RESOLVED: no objection

(ii) **26/24860/FUL**: "Proposed Cycle Store Extension" **Cwrt-y-gollen Camp, Deans Drive, Cwrt Y Gollen, Crickhowell**

RESOLVED: no objection

(iii) **26/24828/FUL**: "1. The installation of a number of solar panels on south facing roof. 2. The installation of two velux windows on the south facing side of the roof and two velux windows on the north facing side of the roof." **Cae Ffynnon, Llanbedr NP8 1SY**

RESOLVED: no objection

Signed:……
Chair

(iv) **26/24829/FUL**: "Carry out improvements and enhancements to the existing ancillary accommodation and related services along with provision of enhanced ecological provision" **The Coach House, Glangrwyney Court, Llangenny**

RESOLVED: no objection

(v) **26/24830/LBC**: "Carry out improvements and enhancements to the existing ancillary accommodation and related services along with provision of enhanced ecological provision" **The Coach House, Glangrwyney Court, Llangenny**

RESOLVED: no objection

3.2 **Decisions/Other:**

The following application has been withdrawn:

(i) **26/24754/CON**: "Variation of condition 2 pursuant to planning permission 22/20776/FUL. To alter external material finish owing to lack of availability". **Tyrywen, Forest Coal Pit**, **NP7 7LP**

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

County Cllr Masefield reported:

- A meeting to discuss the library will be held online on Thursday, 24 September 2026
- PCC has been working with Crickhowell High School to make the sports centre available for community use.
- Chapel Lane, Grwyne Fechan - works will not be undertaken this autumn. Repairs are anticipated to commence next Spring.
- She is working on a motion calling for PCC to work with Welsh Government and Dyfed Powys Police on enforcement of speed limits across the trunk roads in Powys. This is expected to go before full Council in December.

5. Highways: to report/discuss highway issues

Discussed prior to the meeting with PCC's Highways Officer, Mr Lyn Parry.

6. Minutes: to approve minutes of 17th August 2026 meeting [Pages 1650-1653]

The minutes were approved as a true record [Proposed Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded Cllr Llewelyn] and duly agreed.

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes

Signed:……
Chair

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

The Clerk reminded Council the October meeting will be held on Monday, 26 October 2026.

8. Llangenny Water Fountain: to receive up-date on repair

Cllr Bridgwater has spoken to the plumber regarding the tap, however he is currently very busy. An up-date will be provided at the next meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Bridgwater to provide up-date.

9. Llanbedr Community Orchard/Nature Garden: to agree maintenance

Cllr Alford offered to replace the bare rooted trees and a plant a new hedge in the New Year. Future maintenance arrangements to be confirmed.

ACTION: Cllr Alford to plant beech hedge

10. Council Meetings: to decide whether to change meeting dates/times/venues

Cllr Bowker suggested Council consider ways of streamlining meetings, including reducing the number of meetings, introducing summer and winter breaks, shortening agendas and holding online meetings for planning matters.

Cllr Masefield left at this point

Cllr Bowker proposed Council introduce a summer and winter break. The motion was not seconded and therefore fell. Further proposals concerning the streamlining of meetings were subsequently withdrawn.

Members asked the Clerk to remind them of the rules governing meetings and to circulate the Council's Standing Orders.

ACTION: Clerk to circulate Standing Orders

11. River Bank Erosion: to discuss ways of preventing

Cllr Alford will forward the location of the river bank erosion to the County Councillor and suggested arranging a meeting with PCC, NFU and river authorities after the October meeting.

ACTION: Cllr Alford to forward location. Meeting to be arranged at future date.

12. Annual Report 2025/26: to consider adopting

Council agreed to adopt the annual report as circulated.

RESOLVED to: adopt the Annual Report.

Signed:……
Chair

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

- Five Councils Meeting
- Queen's Jubilee Walk – status of trees/map

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

14.1 The following items were approved for payment [Proposed; Cllr Bridgwater; Seconded Cllr Christy]:

Staff (Salary)	£	
HMRC (Tax)	£	
G James (Serviced Office £25/Travel £6.30)	£	32.30
G James (Reimburse Postage)	£	1.82
Llangenny School Hall (Hire 17/08/26)	£	30.00

14.2 The September Finance Report was noted.

15. To receive Reports on Meetings Attended:

None reported.

16. To receive items of Correspondence as itemised in Appendix A and discuss as appropriate:

Item 15 – James Evans – Speeding
Cllr Bridgwater will draft a response for approval

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

Royal Commission for Ancient Monuments
Drop-in event to be held on 25 September 2026 (1–7pm) to update registers to ensure historic names are recorded.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20:42pm

Signed:……
Chair