

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025.

Present

Councillors – E Davies (Chair), D Jones, I Edwards, F Cauley and B Jones, G Davies, S Evans, R Ashton, E Lewis and G Mitchell (Powys)

Apologies – P Jones

The Chairman, E Davies, extended a warm welcome to all. Condolences were offered to E Lewis for the loss of his wife and a minute's silence was held for former Councillor Arfon Jones

Presentations – Derek Pughe, One Voice Wales. Invitation to Montgomeryshire Area Meeting in Pontrobert on the 8th of April

Declarations of interest –

Approving minutes of previous meeting held on 5th February 2025

Everyone in agreement

Matters arising

1. Public conveniences – It was agreed that Andy would be asked to replace toilet seats
2. Defibrillator equipment in the Llanbrynmair area – Defibrillator in Pandy has had new batteries. All others are ok.
3. Concealed entrance, Maes yr Efail – S Reast to install post and mirror
4. Parking in front of the noticeboard and bench in Bont – Sign has arrived – S Reast to install
5. BT cable sagging near Wig – S Reast has reported to BT/OpenReach again. It was confirmed that the hedges will be cut again in September so it is imperative that this is resolved by then
6. Signs for toilets on the B4518 – Signs have arrived. S Reast, B Jones and E Lewis to walk around the village to decide where to put them
7. Tree leaning into road in Llan – The trees have been trimmed but there are others alongside that also need cutting. S Reast to write to owner
8. Windfall grant – An application is underway for a footpath between Llanbrynmair and Tafolwern. S Reast and E Lewis met the landowner to determine the exact route and to discuss various aspects of the project including legal agreements. S Reast to contact Aled Jones for advice about connecting the path from the field to the road
9. Litter on the road from Bont to Talerddig – It was understood that a group of volunteers were prepared to collect rubbish. S Reast to co-ordinate efforts after the A470 has re-opened and to formally thank those taking part.
10. Network Rail site in Talerddig – A letter has been written to Network Rail asking for a representative to meet with the Council to discuss residents' concerns. In the process of discussing this matter, the policy responding to requests to make presentations in meetings was confirmed – the Clerk has permission to organise a

presentation upon request with the approval of the Chair and Vice-Chair and without asking the full Council

11. Final accounts and full audit – The figures for the financial year 2024-25 were presented and confirmed as correct and ready to be included in the annual return. A full audit is due for this year; they are conducted every 3 years and are much more comprehensive than the standard audit
12. Boundary changes for Senedd representation – A map showing the new boundaries was presented and it was confirmed that this would be in place for the elections of 2026. Llanbrynmair will be in the new electoral ward of Gwynedd-Montgomeryshire
13. Questionnaire for the big field – A draft questionnaire to be sent around the area in order to gather ideas about developing the field was presented. It was agreed that it should be distributed.
14. Biodiversity report – Ideas for content were invited as this report must be submitted this year. S Reast and F Cauley to co-ordinate

Road matters

PCC

Location	Reported	Notes
Speed of traffic through Bont and Llanbrynmair	Yes	Residents are asked to take number plates and report via OperationSnap or GoSafe web-sites. It was suggested that scarecrows in high vis could be placed strategically. It was agreed that GoSafe be asked for volunteer training and for providing traffic monitoring equipment
Hole in the road between Llan and Dolgadfan	Yes	Opposite the new drain – has been mended
Water on Pont Green	Yes	S Reast reported to Powys. Confirmation received that this is under assessment by the Flood Risk and Sustainable Drainage Engineers
Road to Clegyrnant and Blaen Cwm	Yes	S Reast and G Mitchell have both driven along the whole length of the road to assess damage. It is understood that there will be no more forestry traffic for a couple of years and ownership arrangements are currently uncertain. G Mitchell was asked to co-ordinate with Powys about a repair plan
Road down to Tafolwern from Brook		Damage to edges
Stones on the side of the road		It is hoped that these will be removed once the A470 re-opens

Trunk road

Location	Reorted	Notes
A470		It is understood that the work is going well and ahead of schedule. The road is expected to re-open on the 11 th of April. The drain has been repaired at Pont Bel but there are concerns about the effectiveness of its position. The edge of the road at Glandwr has been repaired. Confirmation pending about the surface before, after and through Pont Bel
Condition of road over Pont Brics		It is unlikely that this will get done while the work at Dolgoch is underway. The worst holes will be filled

Street lamps

Location	Reported	Notes
Llan Shop	Yes	LLN06 Written permission given by James Brunton, executor of late owner's will. It was confirmed that this light would be installed in the coming months
Llan	Yes	LLN05 broken – S Reast to ask if this could be attended to at the same time as the light on the Old Shop

Written and verbal report from Cllr Gary Mitchell (Cyngor Sir Powys)

Correspondence

- Invitation form One Voice Wales to Montgomeryshire Area Meeting in Pontrobert on the 8th of April. R Ashton and D Jones to attend

Planning

Bank balance and financial statement

Available on 02/04/25

Current Account	£1,921.27
Savings Account	£2,970.64
Total	£4,891.91
Cheques not yet presented	£0
Available balance	£4,891.91

Funding requests and financial payments

Date agreed	Item	Total	Notes
02/04/25	Clerk's salary - March	£397.60	Agreed
02/04/25	Tax and NI on salaries - March	£99.40	Agreed
02/04/25	Border Janitorial Supplies	£61.79	Agreed
02/04/25	Mr R A Hughes – Translation	£90.00	Agreed

	services – March		
02/04/25	Ecodyfi – Hiring translation equipment	£50.00	Agreed
02/04/25	Andrew Mears – unblocking drains	£50.00	Paid 06/03/25
02/04/25	Gloversure - web-site	£25.20	Agreed
02/04/25	Office Express	£46.57	Agreed
02/04/25	E.ON Next	£34.69	Agreed
02/04/25	Powys – tax on car park	£477.12	Agreed
02/04/25	S Reast – new seats for toilets and materials for mending salt bin	£45.93	Agreed
02/04/25	Llangollen International Eisteddfod	£100.00	Agreed
02/04/25	Contribution to Armed Forces Charity	£100.00	I Edwards proposed £50, G Davies seconded. F Cauley proposed £100, E Lewis seconded, agreed on a vote of 7:2

AOB

Items for the next meeting

- I Edwards – Parking in the big field and the possibility of stone from Network Rail
- F Cauley – Step from the car park to the path past the Community Centre is wobbly

The following meeting, the Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, 7th of May 2025. The Ordinary Meeting matters will not be discussed in order to concentrate on administrative matters

Sarah Reast
Clerk to Llanbrynmair Community Council