

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 7th January 2025.

Present

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

Apologies – E Lewis

The Chair, R Ashton, extended a warm welcome to all

Presentations – None

Declarations of interest – None

Approving minutes of previous Ordinary Meeting held on 3rd December 2025

Everyone in agreement

Matters arising

1. Public conveniences – Details of bills over the last 6 years were presented to try and find a logical pattern to the charges in the latest bill. Clerk to discuss the figures with Hafren Dyfrdwy. Drafts of posters to put around the building asking people not to leave a mess were presented and agreed upon.
2. Windfall grant – The Clerk expressed frustration that the legal process of creating an agreement with the landowner is taking so slow. An Invoice was received from the landowner's solicitor which was considerably more than estimated. Windfall have agreed an extension to their offer and the timeframe for the project but have stated that this is the last chance for flexibility
3. Final accounts and full audit – Audit Wales have sent a report on the accounts with some conditions and recommendations. The Clerk has received further clarifications and they have now been published on the Council web-site
4. Biodiversity report – Updates to the 'About Us' page on the web-site were shown including a link to the published Biodiversity report
5. Parking on the Community Field and sourcing stone – I Edwards to look out for a source of left over stone to use in the field from the Network Rail site. It is possible that they have further work to do so the stone may not become available
6. Report from Powys CC about the snooker room – The work on the floor has been completed
7. Use of Council yard – A public meeting will be held on the 29th of January 2026 in the Community Centre
8. Street light by Llanerfyl junction with A470 for children returning from school after dark – The results of the speed measuring cables before and after the junction on the A 470 and also on the small road were analysed. Powys CC and the Trunk Road Agency conclude that there is not a problem. Clerk to put the results in the Talerddig noticeboard
9. Manure blocking old Pant Glas to Pont Bell road – I Edwards to take pictures. Clerk to write to the ROW team
10. Review arrangements between the Council and Claerwen in Bont – Clerk to visit the owners of Claerwen

11. Fence on Dŵr Cymru land in Bont – Clerk has received confirmation from Dŵr Cymru that they will be mending the fence in the next financial year
12. Building at Badgers Glade changed use – The building that was a toilet block is now being lived in. Clerk has reported to Powys
13. Noticeboard in Pennant – The costs for repairs and renewals have been included in the budget for the next financial year
14. Junction on the A470 – The Trunk Road Agency have done a review of pedestrian behaviour on the junction with the B4518 and have come to the conclusion that a crossing is needed. Clerk to ask if this entails a reduction in speed limit on the A470 – No update
15. Charging point in village car park – The Carno facility was installed by Powys CC as part of a national strategy. Clerk to enquire with Powys about a similar provision for Llanbrynmair
16. Pen Graig road and 'Private' sign – A map of the area was presented and a draft of a letter to the owners agreed upon
17. Update on Defibs – I Edwards has installed new batteries in the Llan defibrillator and confirmed that the device is back on-line. Awaiting a response to the application for a grant for new equipment
18. Farm traffic sign for Bont, Llan and Talerddig – Clerk to collaborate with E Davies on defining locations
19. Preparing grit/salt bins – Thank you very much to Brychan Anwyl for moving the bin in Bont. Clerk to discuss salt bins with residents on the Glanclegyr estate
20. Bin in the playpark – It was agreed that Andy would be asked to empty the bin this time and then the situation will need monitoring. Funds have been allocated in the budget in case the matter requires more attention during the year
21. New sign post for Newydd Fynyddog public footpath – Clerk has reported the need to Powys
22. Gwern y Bwlch – A gate was left open after the accident on the 26th of October – A response was received from the Police – it is each emergency service's responsibility (police, ambulance, fire engines) to leave the accident site that they have attended secure. The police do not do a thorough search of every part of the whole area before leaving
23. 'Concealed Entrance' sign near Pentremawr turning – Clerk to make enquiries
24. Brambles in Llan churchyard – The paths are cut routinely with financial contributions from the Wind Farm Trust. Volunteers clear some areas of the churchyard and families of the deceased are responsible for the graves
25. Contribution box for the toilets – Clerk to make enquiries
26. Posters to keep dogs on leads – Clerk to make enquiries with the NFU and to draft posters
27. Developments at Gwern y Bwlch – There are not developments of sufficient significance for any formal action to be taken currently
28. Setting the budget and precept – It was agreed that the budget reflected the expected income and costs for 2026-27 and a precept of £16,000.00 was set

Road matters

PCC

Location	Reported	Notes
Speed of traffic through Bont, Llan, Talerddig and Llanbrynmair	Yes	A plastic 'cut out' of a policeman holding a speed camera has been bought. B Jones to reinforce with some structure behind

Slopes on Talerddig road slippery for walkers		G Mitchell to make enquiries and Clerk to report to Powys
Holes in road to Gelli/Coed Pryfydau	Yes	06/01/26 - 9438-7228-3515-6117
Culvert near Ystradfawr needs attention and road near Ystrad Fach is deteriorating	Yes	06/01/2026 - 1964-8587-7492-6152 06/01/2026 – To be inspected
Floods on B4518		R Ashton to discuss the matter with landowner
Drain in Bont needs unblocking	Yes	01/12/25 - 0039-0701-4148-7566 02/12/25 – Logged for jetter
Crugnant Bridge – railings not long enough beside steep drop to the river	Yes	07/01/26 - 7109-3536-3739-2023
7.5 tone weight restriction on Pandy lane to Bont	Yes	The restrictions were in place during the A470 closure but then removed. G Mitchell has made enquiries with Powys to see if they can be re-installed or at least, signs saying the road is unsuitable for heavy vehicles. Powys representatives to visit the site

Trunk road

Location	Reported	Notes
A470		Corner by Wynstay – drains need clearing, overflow creates a slip when frozen
Trees between Station Garage and Pont Brics need trimming	Yes	Clerk to report to Network Rail 06/01/2026 – 260106-000402

Street lamps

Location	Reported	Notes
Talerddig	Yes	Needed at Llanerfyl junction Powys
Lights in Dolfach not working		Clerk to collect lamp numbers of the ones affected
Light on the Pandy road not working		Clerk to collect lamp number to report to Powys

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

Correspondence

Planning – 25/1761/FUL – Change of use of land to domestic curtilage, erection of an ancillary building and access track. Site address: Ty Capel, Pennant, Llanbrynmair, SY21 7BL. Circulated to Councillors by email on 04/12/25 – No objections

Bank balance and financial statement

Available on 01/01/26

Current Account	£9136.43
Savings Account	£3,008.79
Total	£12,145.22
Cheques not yet presented	£0
Available balance	£12,145.22

Funding requests and financial payments

Date agreed	Item	Total	Notes
07/01/26	Clerk's salary - December	£417.60	Agreed
07/01/26	Tax and NI on salaries - December	£104.40	Agreed
07/01/26	Mr R A Hughes – Translation services - November	£120.00	Agreed. These costs are being covered by funding from Menter Iaith Maldwyn
07/01/26	Joanna Whiteway – Cleaning toilets - December	£220.00	Agreed
07/01/26	E.ON Next - December	£28.93	Agreed
07/01/26	Office Express – Printing paper	£32.34	Agreed
07/01/26	Border Janitorial	£102.53	Agreed
07/01/26	Andrew Mears – Emptying bin in the play park	£15.00	Agreed

- An invoice must be sent to Powys for the grant towards toilet maintenance costs in January 2026

AOB

Items for the next meeting

- B Jones – Hedge in Llan
- B Jones – Water between Wynnstay farm and the pub
- S Evans – Salt for the Hafod y Foel road
- F Cauley – Condition of Bryneinty road

The following Ordinary Meeting will be held on the 4th of February 2026

Sarah Reast

Clerk to Llanbrynmair Community Council