

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 4th March 2026.

Present

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

Apologies –

Absennol –

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

Presentations – None

Declarations of interest – None

Approving minutes of previous Ordinary Meeting held on 4th February 2026

Everyone in agreement

Matters arising

1. Public conveniences – The new meter still has not been installed by Hafren Dyfrdwy. The Clerk has received confirmation that the next bill will be based on readings from the new meter rather than historical ones. A cheque for £40 was received by a grateful visitor
2. Windfall grant – The Clerk has received updates update from the solicitors and they promise to complete the agreement before the end of March. It will be necessary to request updated quotes from the suppliers and their agreement to proceed despite the delays and at their originally stated costs
3. The Big Field – A meeting was held with Kevin Jones (grass cutting contractor) and R Ashton, I Edwards, F Cauley and the Clerk on site to discuss possibilities. There are various options such as different ways of cutting the grass, sheep grazing, how to create paths, maintaining the boundaries and protecting the new trees. Kevin charges £25 an hour for grass cutting and has promised to send a quote for a perimeter path (Hex-Pave) As so very few people want to use the field, the cost of cutting the grass cannot be justified so it was decided to put sheep back on it with the proviso that members of the public can still walk there
4. Street light by Llanerfyl junction – Clerk had a meeting at Russell George AS Office and Diane Poston-Jones will be making enquiries about the next steps
5. Review arrangements between the Council and Claerwen in Bont – The property owners have agreed that things can be left as they are with the conditions outlined in a letter. They ask that the bin be moved further away as it smells in the Summer. Clerk to present a letter of agreement for signing
6. Noticeboard in Pennant – The costs for repairs and renewals have been included in the budget for the next financial year – Clerk and F Cauley to collaborate on ideas
7. Crossing on the A470 in Llanbrynmair Village – Clerk had a meeting at Russell George AS Office and Diane Poston-Jones will be making enquiries about the next steps

8. Charging point in village car park – G Mitchell suggested that the Council wait until after the May elections to see if new policies or funds emerge and to organise an on-line meeting with relevant officers in Powys
9. Pen Graig road and 'Private' sign – A response was received from the owners suggesting alternative signage and emphasising the fact that they keep the area clean and tidy despite the filth from some visitors. A suitable sign was agreed upon on condition that it be bi-lingual
10. Update on Defibs – A new defibrillator will be installed at the public toilets in Llanbrynmair very soon
11. Farm traffic sign for Bont, Llan and Talerddig – A response was received from Powys stating that they would not put signs of this sort on the roads
12. Preparing grit/salt bins – Clerk to discuss bins with residents on the Glanclegyr estate – No update
13. New sign post for Newydd Fynyddog public footpath – F Cauley to co-ordinate repair - No update
14. 'Concealed Entrance' sign near Pentremawr turning – Clerk has received a response from NMWTRA but no decision or plan as yet
15. Contribution box for the toilets – A suitable option was agreed upon – Clerk to purchase - £48.00
16. Posters to keep dogs on leads – A suitable option was agreed upon – Clerk to enquire with NFU about how to obtain them
17. One Voice Wales Area Meeting - April 21st in Llanbrynmair – Council to prepare refreshments – to be discussed at the next meeting
18. Overgrown hedge in Llan outside Wyngates – Clerk has written to the owners – No update
19. Biodiversity Training Part 1 – F Cauley to do on 23rd of March
20. Sustainable Powys meeting 2nd March, Theatr Hafren – Attended by the Clerk and F Cauley
21. The look of Llanbrynmair village – Various tidying up jobs were discussed in the context of possible investment from BAM (see 28). The Council has no control over the appearance of private properties. Clerk to contact Open Reach about fence next to car park
22. SoNaRR Report – A study of the condition of bio-diversity (in decline), climate change (damaging warming), and pollution and waste (risk to bodily, environmental and economic health) by Natural Resources Wales. The conclusion of the report declares that the current management of these three elements is not sustainable. It was agreed that this report should be referenced in considering the activities of the Council and to embed sustainable principles in all decisions
23. Signage for Station House – The Managers do not want to supply a sign for the house so visitors keep getting lost. It was agreed that getting a change of postcode for the property would be helpful for sat-navs
24. Reports in the Blewyn Glas – It was agreed that contributions should be made to the paper when significant things happen as opposed to day-to-day matters, eg: when the path to Tafolwern is completed
25. Ceiling of Snooker Room – Clerk to make enquiries about the official management of the building
26. Contracts and routine payments for the new financial year – A document for routine payments and a new contract for the toilet cleaners were agreed upon and signed by the Chair. A salary rise for the Clerk was agreed upon to reflect experience (from level 6 to 7 according to the 'National Joint Council for Local Government Services' guidelines)

27. Untidy garden in Glanclegyr – There is overgrowth from the garden at no.103 but it is believed that this is a private property so the Council does not have much influence on the situation
28. Investment from BAM – It may be possible that the company can invest resources and labour in the community following their activities with Network Rail in Talerddig. It was agreed that a list of possibilities for them to consider should be sent
29. Light on the path between the garages and the Community Centre in Glanclegyr – G Mitchell would like to see the garages taken down to make room for resident parking but there is no movement from Powys on this idea yet. The need for lighting in that area can be added to the plan and in the meantime, it was suggested that solar lights could be used.

Road matters

PCC

Location	Reported	Notes
Speed of traffic through Bont, Llan, Talerddig and Llanbrynmair	Yes	A plastic 'cut out' of a policemen holding a speed camera has been bought. B Jones to reinforce with some structure behind
Floods on B4518 by Maesgwian		Clerk to report to Powys
Condition of Bryneinty Road		G Mitchell to discuss with Powys
Condition of road between Llan and Dolgadfan		Clerk to report to Powys
Condition of Cwm Tafolg road		Clerk to report to Powys

Trunk road

Location	Reported	Notes
Trees between Station Garage and Pont Brics need trimming	Yes	Network Rail have trimmed trees on their land. Clerk to make enquiries about the next stretch of hedging beside Llysun
Road surface around Pont Bel		Clerk to report to NMWTRA

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

Correspondence

- Minutes of One Voice Wales meeting, 02/02/26

Planning

- Application Reference: 26/0171/FUL. Grid Reference: E:289475 N: 311558
Proposal: Conversion of barn for holiday let use with the installation of a package treatment plant and all associated works
Site Address: Yr Allt , Mallwyd, Machynlleth, Powys SY20 9HS
It was agreed that the application be supported

Bank balance and financial statement

Available on 19/02/26

Current Account	£7,595.60
Savings Account	£3,019.75
Total	£10,615.35
Cheques not yet presented	£0
Available balance	£10,615.35

Funding requests and financial payments

Date agreed	Item	Total	Notes
04/03/26	Clerk's salary - February	£417.60	Agreed
04/03/26	Tax and NI on salaries - February	£104.40	Agreed
04/02/26	Mr R A Hughes – Translation services - February	£80.00	Agreed. These costs are being covered by funding from Menter Iaith Maldwyn
04/03/26	Andrew Mears – Cleaning toilets - February	£200.00	Agreed
04/03/26	E.ON Next - February	£19.95	Agreed
04/03/26	Andrew Mears – Unblocking toilets	£50.00	Agreed by email 09/02/26 by R Ashton, P Jones, S Evans, F Cauley and E Davies - Paid
04/03/26	One Voice Wales – Annual Membership	£216.00	Agreed

- An invoice has been sent to Powys for the grant towards toilet maintenance costs

AOB

Items for the next meeting

- B Jones – Croes Heol, Pandy Lane, stones and a drop
- B Jones – Gate between Big and Small Field needs re-hanging
- G Mitchell – Local Impact Report for Esgair Galed Wind Farm development by Bute Energy
- F Cauley – Turn off to Foel on Bont road and steep drop by Isfryn in Bont
- I Edwards – Potholes in road near Llwynceilyn
- I Edwards – Footpath from Dolfach to Llanbrynmair

The following Ordinary Meeting will be held on the 1st of April 2026

Sarah Reast

Clerk to Llanbrynmair Community Council