

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd September 2026.

Present

Councillors – R Ashton (Chair), B Jones (Vice-Chair), I Edwards, F Cauley, G Davies, E Davies, D Jones and S Evans
Translator – A Hughes

Apologies – P Jones, E Lewis, G Mitchell (Powys)

Absennol – 0

Members of the public - 0

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

Presentations – None

Declarations of interest – None

Approving minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting held on the 1st of July 2026

Everyone in agreement

Matters arising

1. Public conveniences

- The soap dispensers have been installed at every sink
- A new toilet has been installed in the ladies but while the water was turned off, people continued to use the other toilets, ignoring the sign ('Out of Order') so blockages occurred which the caretaker cleared
- It has been noticed that there are no isolation valves on the individual toilets so it was decided that I Edwards would put some in and repair damaged insulation caused during searches
- The matter of handling hazardous waste such as pharmaceutical needles was discussed
- A formal certificate or report from the electrician for the renewal work will be needed
- There is no need for a Legionella report as there is no warm/hot water

2. Windfall grant – The Council and the Landowner have signed the final lease and Windfall have paid one part of the costs. The contractor and the landowner have walked the footpath site and agreed a way of working. A technique for maintaining the hedge will need to be established going forward. Clerk and F Cauley to meet Hilary Reed at 4.30pm, 03/09/26 to discuss the details for the noticeboards

3. The Big Field – It was confirmed that the field would be available for the Little Young Farmers' Rally on the weekend of the 5/6 of September. The agreement for the farmer who has sheep grazing on the field was taken by R Ashton and B Jones to co-ordinate signing

4. Street light by Llanerfyl junction – Discussions on this matter will have to start again with the new Senedd Member now he has an office and support staff in place – Clerk to co-ordinate

5. Noticeboard in Pennant – It is expected that the new noticeboard in Pennant will go directly on to the new fence being built by Severn Trent when it is completed
6. Crossing on the A470 in Llanbrynmair Village – Discussions on this matter will have to start again with the new Senedd Member now he has an office and support staff in place – Clerk to co-ordinate
7. Charging point in village car park – G Mitchell has organised a technical feasibility survey – No update
8. Update on Defibs – All currently have functioning pads but a new pair will be needed next month. A training session organised by Caernarfon Creameries is expected in the Autumn which was part of the package connected to the new defibrillator at the public toilets
9. New sign post for Newydd Fynyddog public footpath – Clerk has picked up the broken sign for mending – No update
10. Contribution box for the toilets – B Jones to install on the toilets wall. The wording for a sign to attach to it was approved – Dim diweddariad
11. The look of Llanbrynmair village – Confirmation has been received from BAM that they will be able to do a range of improvement projects in the village starting on 28/09/26 and completing by 08/10/26. A final list is expected in the next few days. R Ashton to co-ordinate
12. Signage for Station House – G Mitchell has requested a specific post code for the property – No update
13. Ceiling of Snooker Room – Clerk has asked the Powys Head of Assets again about organising a formal lease for the building – No update. The historical agreement between the Community Centre and the Snooker Room for players' use of the toilets was discussed but it is understood that times and arrangements have changed since then
14. Monitoring water quality – It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to push for a Public Meeting with Dŵr Cymru and any other relevant agencies such as Lab Dŵr in order to share information and attract further volunteer support for water testing exercises
15. Hanging the gate between big and small field – B Jones and R Ashton to look at it. A new gate was requested and it was agreed to fund it from the Wind Farm Trust – No update
16. Communicating through the web-site and Facebook – F Cauley has succeeded in getting a grant of £500 from One Voice Wales for a local directory. The intention is to create an established paper copy but also a digital copy that can be updated as time goes on. F Cauley and Clerk to look into the possibilities of including the digital copies in the web-site
17. Translation costs – The Menter Maldwyn grant for translation costs has come to an end. The Clerk has confirmed that there is no hope of an extension or other support from elsewhere currently but will continue to make enquiries. The Clerk has a new email address to send request for final payment for the preceding year - £820.00
18. Report from School Governors – There are 30 children in Llanbrynmair School which makes it the smallest in Powys. F Cauley suggested an alternative structure for small schools to be discussed in the next meeting
19. Article for the Blewyn Glass – The Clerk has drafted an article but not translated it yet. The details will have to be agreed by both Windfall and BAM
20. Lease for the toilets – Powys County Council have agreed to extend the terms of the lease from 5 to 10 years
21. Hedges and undergrowth by the school and at Glan y Nant – The hedge by the school has been trimmed. The Clerk and G Mitchell have both made enquiries

- about trimming the hedge by Glan y Nant but to no avail. It was suggested that a local hedge trimmer could just do it on their way past sometime
22. Weeds on bridge in Llanbrynmair – Clerk has reported to NMWTRA that the weeds need blowing off once strimmed otherwise they get tangled in the wheels of mobility scooters
 23. Enquiry into better radio reception in Llanbrynmair - Discussions on this matter will have to start again with the new Senedd Member now he has an office and support staff in place – Clerk to co-ordinate
 24. Path in the play park is uneven – B Jones and R Ashton to have a look at the path to think of a way of resolving it including discussing with BAM
 25. Holding meetings in August - Agreed
 26. Problems with ambulance service – The various challenges facing the ambulance service and patients were discussed
 27. Weeds beside the road in Glanclegyr - Clerk to report to Powys
 28. Mess in Dolfach lay-by – Members of the public using the field behind the lay-by as a toilet. B Jones and the Clerk to look into options for signage
 29. Community Risk Register – Clerk to draft a spreadsheet outlining the kind of problems or emergencies that might arise in the community and what resolutions might be necessary and who or what would be affected
 30. Letter to residents at Bryn Tirion regarding mirror beside the road approved and sent 07/07/26 – “Llanbrynmair Community Council have no authority to approve any fixture on the road side. The pragmatic approach is to acknowledge that there are multiple precedents in the area for unauthorised mirrors and that you might attempt to put one up in the full knowledge that the Trunk Road Agency may remove it if they see fit.”
 31. Trees needing trimming on Pandy road and in Bont – Clerk and E Davies to discuss with landowners
 32. Insurance needs renewing 11/09/26 – The details were discussed and amendments agreed. Clark to update
 33. Eastern corner of Bont bridge destroyed by a vehicle – Powys County Council are co-ordinating repairs but currently awaiting the outcome of the insurance claim. It will be necessary to make sure that the engraved slates get restored to their original place
 34. Trade waste – G Mitchell is making enquiries about commercial waste being treated as domestic waste
 35. Boundaries Commission Review – The Clerk completed the survey and enquiries on behalf of the Council. The response was circulated to the Councillors on 14/08/26. It will be necessary to keep a close eye on developments
 36. Thanks to resident for trimming Willow Whale in the Playground – Clerk to write a letter
 37. New computer for Clerk – Some possible options were presented and the budget for it discussed
 38. Trees on Pont Bel – Evidence has been received by I Edwards. Clerk to report to Network Rail

Road matters

PCC

Location	Reported	Notes
Road edge collapse near Minffordd	Yes	Clerk has asked G Mitchell to make enquiries. The road edge is giving way either side of the worst part so it is

		evident that there is significant work to be done
Visibility on to the A470 at the junction from the Hen Gapwel lane due to 40mph sign being in the way of tractor drivers' eyeline		Clerk to report to Powys
Cattle grids needing clear outs before winter		The Clerk has shared a list of grids from I Edwards with G Mitchell. It is understood that farmers have concerns about protecting their stock. Clerk to ask if they can install gates where grids do not provide an effective barrier
Clearing cylyveret between Maes Gwian turning and Brook		On Powys schedule of work but will have to wait until Forge road closures are over

Trunk road

Location	Reported	Notes
Trees between Station Garage and Pont Brics need trimming	Yes	Network Rail have trimmed trees on their land. Clerk has made enquiries about the next stretch of hedging beside Lllysun

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

Biodiversity

- National Emergency Briefing film – The event on the 9th of July was very interesting with constructive response from the participants (22). F Cauley to organise a second chance to see the film in the Community Centre. A group of supporters has formed to discuss and act upon the matters arising in a practical way – LESS – Local Eco and Sustainability Suggestions
- Listing species noticed in the area – Observed species were discussed such as Barn Owls, hedgehogs, otters and pine martens. It is hope that awareness will expand and lead to better information and understanding of the local biodiversity

Correspondence

- Minutes of One Voice Wales meeting 08/07/26
- Invitation to Esgair Galed Community Link Group 16/09/26

Planning - None

Bank balance and financial statement – A balance sheet of payments and receipts up to 28/08/26 and the budget for 2026-27 was presented

Current Account	£15,437.53
Savings Account	£3,040.00

Total	£18,477.53
Cheques not yet presented	£0
Available balance	£18,477.53

Funding requests and financial payments

£	Item	Total	Notes
02/09/26	Clerk's salary - July	£547.60	Paid
02/09/26	Clerk's salary - August	£547.60	Agreed
02/09/26	Mr R A Hughes – Translation services - July	£140.00	Paid
02/09/26	Andrew Mears – Cleaning toilets - July	£372.00	Paid
02/09/26	Andrew Mears – Cleaning toilets - August	£372.00	Agreed
02/09/26	E.ON Next – June	£28.64	Paid
02/09/26	E.ON Next - July	£30.70	Paid
02/09/26	ROSPA inspection for Playpark	£128.40	Agreed by email 02/07/26 by B Jones, P Jones, I Edwards, F Cauley, R Ashton – Paid
02/09/26	Legal fees for new Tafolwern footpath including first rent payment to the landowner	£3,639.60	Agreed by email 19/07/26 by F Cauley, R Ashton, S Evans, B Jones, I Edwards, P Jones a E Davies – Paid
02/09/26	Rent for Playpark	£1.00	Paid by Alwyn Jones according to tradition. Clerk to write letter of thanks
02/09/26	S Reast – Printer ink	£14.81	Agreed (shared cost with Kerry Community Council)
02/09/26	Plumbline – New toilet	£107.84	Agreed by email 25/07/26 by E Davies, F Cauley a S Evans – Paid
02/09/26	DRE & Co. – PAYE costs	£234.00	Paid
02/09/26	Andrew Mears – Installing 'soap dispenser'	£60.00	Paid
02/09/26	Andrew Mears – Re-fitting 2 toilet seats	£10.00	Paid
02/09/26	Andrew Mears – Emptying bins in Playpark	£15.00	Paid
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02/09/26	Andrew Mears - Unblocking drains	£50.00	Agreed
02/09/26	Hilary Reed – First part of designing graphics for new footpath noticeboards	£373.33	Agreed
02/09/26	Ben Davies – First part of work on new footpath	£9,000.00	Agreed
02/09/26	Audit Wales – Full audit costs for 2024-25	£521.27	Agreed
02/09/26	Border Janitorial – Materials for the toilets	£153.79	Agreed
02/09/26	Peter Lamb – Installing new toilet	£75.00	Agreed

AOB

Items for the next meeting

- F Cauley – Soft plastic waste
- F Cauley – Possibilities for another Windfall grant
- S Reast – Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday

The following Ordinary Meeting will be held on the 7th of October 2026

Sarah Reast, Clerk to Llanbrynmair Community Council