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The following are the minutes of an Ordinary Community Council held on 16th January 2025 7pm at Tretower Village Hall.

Attendance: Cllr J Williams, Cllr P Silk, Cllr S Clay, Cllr L Doggett, Cllr M Calvin, Cllr H Jackson, Cllr Martin Pearce, Cllr J Jones

Also present County Councillor Chloe Masefield and Sian Cox and Clerk Kay Bailey

Public Participation: None

106/24	Apologies for absence: Cllr W Forster
107/24	Members' declarations of Interest: Item 117 Cllr P Silk & Cllr M Pearce Item Flood Prevention Scheme Cllr P Silk
108/24	Minutes to approve from the previous ordinary meeting of the 5th December 24 and any matters arising: Proposed: Cllr M Pearce Seconded: Cllr S Clay Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate record
109/24	Standing Item: Governance One Voice Wales - governance toolkit - Clerk & Cllr J Williams - no updates this month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training Matrix - these forms were given to Councillors, please return to the Clerk once completed. Any more forms to be sent to the Clerk to allow her to create the training matrix. Cllr M Calvin confirmed that he had attended the training held at Builth Well Town Council "Introduction to New Councillors". Cllr P Silk had attended the Planning Aid Wales training session on Place Plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reports: Social Media and Website - this will be brought forward to February's meeting as only one quote had been received. Casual Vacancy Notice and Co-option - Cllr S Clay asked if there was any interest at the Christmas Bizarre, the Clerk confirmed no residents had contacted her at this stage. Working group for Policy Reviews/Risk Assessment Cllr J Williams and Cllr P Silk will sit on this working group.
110/24	Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only) Cllrs C Masefield and S Cox had sent their reports to the Councillors for their interest. Cllr M Pearce thanked Cllr S Cox in relation to the detailed account of budget setting and the issues that Powys County Council were contending with.
111/24	Standing Item: Place Plan/Community Plan Cllr P Silk confirmed that the training he had undertaken gave him greater knowledge of what Place

	<p>Planning is. He stated that this Community Council's current efforts fit more into a Community Plan than a Place Plan. Place Plans are used as SPG (Statutory Planning Guidance).</p> <p>Councillors confirmed that the conversations that had taken place with residents suggested that there was interest in subjects such as transport and services such as dial a ride and buses. There was also interest in more information around local events, especially for people not online, like a newsletter.</p> <p>Playing Field - no update at this time</p>
112/24	<p>Standing item: Vedw Wood Charity (Clerk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk and Chair visited the site on the 13th December <p>The Clerk and the Chair shared photos of their visit on the 13th December and the Chair confirmed that the site fencing appeared sound. There was a discussion in relation to a right of way that may be over part of the site. The group currently managing the site has not sent a recent report on activity and it was felt that the group may not be as active as it once was.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had drafted a risk assessment as requested and that this could be reviewed by the policy working group when they meet.</p>
113/24	<p>Standing Item: Planning applications</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nant Helyg and BBNPA letter - One Voice Wales advice on complaints between public bodies, awaiting a response (Clerk). Clerk has now contacted the Welsh Government for information. • Tretower Court and Castle, Tretower - Cllr S Clay confirmed that she had sent the report to all Councillors at the on site meeting where issues were raised with CADW. She felt that the suggestion of "effective signage" had not materialised as yet, although there was an A-board giving directions. <p>Current:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/23447/CON - Proposal: "Variation to Condition 1 pursuant to Planning Application 17/15496/FUL to allow a further 12 months for the development to be commenced given delays in processing applications, associated with river pollution and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 as amended (known as the Habitats Regulations)." Address: Coed Y Bryn, Bwlch, Brecon LD3 7H <p>No comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/23491/LBC - Proposal: "To repair and replace defective porch roof of Cwmgau Cottage. Replace existing concrete tiles with slate tiles. The following work is proposed: strip existing defective roof back to rafters, removing concrete tiles. Re-felt and batten porch roof area of 13m squared and re-tile in slate to match the attached barn conversion. Repair defective ceiling inside porch which was caused by water damage, and repaint. To include repair work to the porch side internal wall where affected." Address: Cwmgau Cottage , Tretower, Crickhowell NP8 1RG <p>No comment</p>
114/24	<p>Standing Item: Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Reconciliation to be accepted by full council • Motion: To note payments already made and payments due in Dec/Jan:

Proposed: Cllr M Pearce **Seconded:** Cllr L Doggett

Statement of Accounts report

Invoices/up-coming payments:

Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross
16/01/25	001142	M Calvin	Travel	21.60	0	21.60
16/01/25	001143	Builth Wells Town Council.	Training	35.00	0	35.00
16/01/25	001144	Welsh Audit Office	Audit	200.00	0	200.00
28/01/25	001145	K Bailey	Salary	506.80	0	506.80
28/01/25	001146	HMRC	PAYE	126.80	0	126.80

- Online bank access/banking matters (JW/RFO) - update on switch

The Chair and Clerk will liaise with the signatories to continue the switch application.

Budget Discussion - Precept 25-26

To receive the draft budget and discuss the budget for 25/26

Motion: to agree a budget and precept and instruct the RFO/Clerk to send to Powys County Council

The draft budget was discussed at length and a decision to VIRE the increase on costs from general reserves to keep the precept the same as 24/25 was made. It was also decided that the new proposed projects of a biodiversity project and a newsletter were also taken from reserves before increasing the precept.

Proposed: Cllr S Clay **Seconded:** Cllr M Pearce

Resolved: for the RFO/Clerk to request a precept of £17,981.00 from Powys County Council - this will reflect

115/24 Standing Item: Maintenance

The work on the wall had been positively received by residents.

116/24 Standing Item: Speeding & other Village Matters

- U0503 verge Cwmdru - Powys Highways bollards - no update at this time
- Speed gun/speedwatch update

Councillor M Calvin gave an update from the previous incident, it is possible that he may do another speed watch alongside PCSO Lee Garrett. It was suggested that there are mobile signs that could be purchased.

- Greenman - update on letter from the Community Council - no response from the Greenman team at this time.
- Road/Pavement at the A40 at Bwlch - Councillors were in favour of the project, if unsure if financing will be forthcoming.

● Flooding Storm Bert: Summary Report/ Lessons/ Action needed
Cllr M Pearce stated that the homes in Velindra were in peril and also noted that the flood alleviation project should be chased with Powys. County Councillor C Masefield stated that she would ask for an update on the project.

Cllr M Cavlin stated that there were issues with culvert blockages, the Flood Wardens noted a potential issue with drainage within a field belonging to the Glanusk Estate. The Clerk was requested to write to the Estate informing them of this.

117/24 Correspondence:

To resolve if this meeting should exclude the public and press as per the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the potential of personal/ confidential information being discussed:

- Exclusion due to potential legal matters

The Council resolved to exclude the public and press from this item

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The Council resolved to open the meeting back out to the public and press.

Other emails circulated throughout the month:
Email: Powys County Council 02/01/25 - Bus consultation
Councillor J Williams stated that the consultation was supported by a 94 page document and that to respond a resident would require an online account with Powys. This would mean less engagement. It was noted that the villages were not losing services, but once a week it was not really a service to begin with.

Email: Welsh Government 17/12/24 - Senedd Boundary consultation

Outside body reports:

- **Hinterland Group** - no updates at this time
- **Five Councils** - proposed January TBC - Llangattock Community Council hosting - noted
- **Community Transport Group** - update from Councillor M Calvin - no update at this time

	Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams) Councillor J Williams confirmed that the Carols and Cake event had taken place and agreed with Cllr Doggett that communication should be open.
118/24	Date of next committee meeting to be confirmed - 6th Feb 2025