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The following are the minutes of a meeting of the Community Council held on 6th February 2025 7pm at Bwlch Village Hall.

Attendance: Cllr J Williams, Cllr J Jones, Cllr M Pearce, Cllr S Clay, Cllr W Forster, Cllr P Silk, Cllr H Jackson, Cllr M Calvin

Public Participation: None

119/24	Apologies for absence: Cllr Les Doggett
120/24	Members' declarations of Interest: None
121/24	<p>Minutes to approve from the previous ordinary meeting of the and any matters arising: Proposed: Cllr M Pearce Seconded: Cllr S Clay Resolved: that the minutes are a true and accurate report. Request to add that Cllr P Silk absented himself from item 117/24</p>
122/24	<p>Standing Item: Governance</p> <p>One Voice Wales - governance toolkit - Clerk & Cllr J Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training Matrix - these forms were given to Councillors, please return to the Clerk once completed. Noted ● Reports: Social Media and Website <p>The report had been circulated to all Councillors. Three quotes were received from: Aubergine Parish Online - this quote included email addresses Vision ICT</p> <p>Various issues were mentioned, with Cllr J Johns wary of the contractors. Cllr W Forster suggested that the working group meet to list what is required, and create a shortlist so that the Council does not gain extra costs from asking for changes.</p> <p>The overriding suggestion was that the website be as minimal as possible whilst being compliant.</p> <p>The Chair requested that all Councillors read through the information provided so that the item could be discussed again at the next Full Council meeting.</p> <p>Casual Vacancy Notice and Co-option - no applications at the time of publication.</p> <p>Working group for Policy Reviews/Risk Assessment: Cllr J Williams and Cllr P Silk will meet with the Clerk in March to start the review process.</p>
123/24	Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only)

124/24	<p>Standing Item: Place Plan/Community Plan</p> <p>Updates from Councillors Councillors discussed the current information gathered and there was a general understanding that a Place Plan might not be suitable, it would also be a way to influence the BBNPA. A Community Plan was also thought to be an option, however there was also discussion on the Council producing a Vision document before moving forwards.</p> <p>The Chair requested that the focus be on creating a Vision and a community plan and the Clerk was requested to contact the parks officer who specialises in Place Planning to be invited to the next Council meeting on the 6th March to explain the process and meaning.</p> <p>Playing Field - update from Cllr W Forster Cllr Forster stated that the current plan being considered is a MUGA and the group are looking for funding for the project. The Councillors were interested in how this would be paid for, inspected and maintained, with Cllr Forster stating that the project would be paid for by a grant, and maintenance paid for by the partnering adjacent business.</p>																					
125/24	<p>Standing item: Vedw Wood Charity (Clerk)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clerk and Chair visited the site on the 13th December - a risk assessment has been started and will be reviewed by the policy working group. 																					
126/24	<p>Standing Item: Planning applications</p> <p>No applications received</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 - CADW - Cllr S Clay confirmed that at the Tretower AGM the committee voted to not write a letter to CADW so the Council's position is not supported by this decision. 																					
127/24	<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: <p>These were noted and accepted.</p> <p>Statement of Accounts report</p> <p>Invoices/up-coming payments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="193 1688 1399 1888"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Type</th> <th>Name</th> <th>Budget</th> <th>Nett</th> <th>Vat</th> <th>Gross</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>28/02/25</td> <td>001148</td> <td>K Bailey</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>506.80</td> <td>0</td> <td>506.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28/02/25</td> <td>001147</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>PAYE</td> <td>126.80</td> <td>0</td> <td>126.80</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross	28/02/25	001148	K Bailey	Salary	506.80	0	506.80	28/02/25	001147	HMRC	PAYE	126.80	0	126.80
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128/24	<p>Standing Item: Maintenance</p> <p>No updates</p>
129/24	<p>Standing Item: Speeding & other Village Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● U0503 verge Cwmdru - Powys Highways bollards - no updates as at the time of this meeting. ● Speed gun/speedwatch/speeding issues ● Greenman - update on letter from the Community Council <p>The clerk was requested to send a letter to Llangynidr Community Council and to copy in Powys County Council in relation to the communication required around the Greenman event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flooding Storm Bert: Summary Report/ Lessons/ Action needed <p>Cllr M Calvin reported that as part of his Flood Warden role that NRW (Natural Resources Wales) will be holding a "lessons learnt" event on the 6th March that he will be attending. Cllr W Forster suggested that the ward should have more wardens and its Councillors were asked to share the role in the community whatsapp groups and to contact Cllr M Calvin for more information about the role if people were interested in volunteering.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crickhowell Fire Station: Mid and West Wales Fire Service have notified us that there will be a consultation in Crickhowell Fire Station on Wednesday 19th February 2025 between 3pm and 6pm. <p>The issue was discussed and Councillors wanted to encourage people to respond to this consultation.</p>
130/24	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>16th Jan 25 - Powys County Council Have your say on the Draft Powys Sustainable Resource Strategy (sent to all) - noted</p> <p>Outside body reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hinterland Group - no updates at this time ● Five Councils - 13th February - noted ● Community Transport Group - <p>Update: The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams) - no updates at this time.</p>
131/24	<p>Date of next committee meeting to be confirmed - 6th March 2025 - noted</p>

