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

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

County Councillor C Masefield, Cllr S Cox | Clerk - Kay Bailey

**Public Participation: None**

119/24	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr J Johns, Cllr L Doggett
120/24	<b>Members' declarations of Interest</b> Ongoing Declaration of Interest Cllr P Silk and Cllr M Pearce - Cwmdu Water Undertaking
121/24	<b>Minutes to approve from the previous ordinary meeting of the Full Council and any matters arising:</b> <b>Proposed:</b> Cllr S Clay <b>Seconded:</b> Cllr M Pearce <b>Resolved:</b> that the minutes are a true and accurate record
122/24	<b>Standing Item: Governance</b>  <b>One Voice Wales</b> - governance toolkit - Clerk & Cllr J Williams <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Training Matrix - these forms were given to Councillors, please return to the Clerk once completed.</li></ul> Cllr P Silk undertaking further training from One Voice Wales on finance modules. Cllr Silk confirmed he was due to attend two modules with One Voice Wales on finance. Cllr S Clay requested to attend finance modules. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reports: Social Media and Website</li></ul> Cllr S Clay requested that the working group meet to create a matrix to examine the specifics of the quotes on offer and the ongoing annual costs. Working group to arrange a date.  <b>Casual Vacancy Notice and Co-option:</b> no applications to present.  Working group for Policy Reviews/Risk Assessment - the working group is meeting in March and will report back in April.
123/24	<b>Standing Item: County Councillors Report (for information only)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Item referred to County Councillor S Cox in relation to drain blockages</li></ul> County Councillor S Cox's report had been circulated. Councillors asked for an understanding as to how roads are prioritised for maintenance. The County Councillor stated she intended to host some hybrid events in relation to reporting and communicating with the County Council. County Councillor Chloe Masefield confirmed her understanding that the PCSO will now

	<p>be situated in the Fire Station.</p> <p>Councillors requested that the Clerk ask for a quarterly update from the local PCSO.</p> <p>Councillors also mentioned the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Concerns surrounding the rules for using the recycling centre for “small DIY job refuse”</li><li>- The 10 minute rule and travelling from further away, what happens if you are delayed?</li><li>- Communication with the County Council - people and Councillors write to the County Councillors because they are not getting a reply from emails sent to Powys</li></ul>																												
124/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Place Plan/Community Plan</b></p> <p>Updates from Councillors Invite has been sent to BBNPA - awaiting new contact - noted</p> <p><b>Playing Field - update from Cllr W Forster</b> - no update at this time.</p>																												
125/24	<p><b>Standing item Vedw Wood Charity (Clerk):</b> no updates</p>																												
126/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Planning applications</b></p> <p><b>Issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 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.</li><li>● Tretower Court and Castle - CADW</li></ul> <p>No updates to these items</p>																												
127/24	<p><b>Standing Item: Finance Report (Responsible Finance Officer):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Motion:</b> Reconciliation to be accepted by full council</li><li>● <b>Motion:</b> To note payments already made and payments due in Jan/Feb:</li></ul> <p>Statement of Accounts report</p> <p><b>Invoices/up-coming payments:</b></p> <table><tr><th>Date</th><th>Type</th><th>Name</th><th>Budget</th><th>Nett</th><th>Vat</th><th>Gross</th></tr><tr><td>06/02/25</td><td>001149</td><td>Bwlch Village Hall</td><td>Halls</td><td>800.00</td><td>0</td><td>800.00</td></tr><tr><td>06/02/25</td><td>001150</td><td>Cwmdu Village Hall</td><td>Halls</td><td>800.00</td><td>0</td><td>800.00</td></tr><tr><td>06/02/25</td><td>001151</td><td>Tretower</td><td>Halls</td><td>800.00</td><td>0</td><td>800.00</td></tr></table>	Date	Type	Name	Budget	Nett	Vat	Gross	06/02/25	001149	Bwlch Village Hall	Halls	800.00	0	800.00	06/02/25	001150	Cwmdu Village Hall	Halls	800.00	0	800.00	06/02/25	001151	Tretower	Halls	800.00	0	800.00
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28/03/25	001152	K Bailey	Salary	507.00	0	507.00
28/03/25	001153	HMRC	PAYE	126.60	0	126.60
01/04/25	001154	OVW	Membership	212.00	0	212.00

**Proposed:** Cllr H Jackson **Seconded:** Cllr S Clay **Resolved:** to pay the outstanding payments, including the annual payment to One Voice Wales for membership

- Online bank access/banking matters (JW/RFO) - update on switch
- Revisit to the amounts to be given to the Village Halls (RFO)

The Clerk confirmed that the minutes from the meeting in Jan 24 confirmed an annual amount of £800 per hall. This differed from the memory of some Councillors who recalled £700.00. Councillors felt that they should honor the minutes from Jan 24 and any extra money required from the budget should be VIRE from the reserves account.

**Proposed:** Cllr S Clay **Seconded:** Cllr W Forster

The Clerk was also asked to contact the halls and request access to the halls from 6:30pm on meeting nights to allow for the hybrid meeting set up to take place.

| **128/24** | **Standing Item: Maintenance**  - Tremynfa Road Bench - reported to the police (Clerk/Cllr H Jackson)   The Clerk confirmed that she had reported this to the police and they had issued a crime number. The local PCSO was also aware of the incident and she had contacted the insurance company to find out the process of making a claim.  Cllr H Jackson stated that he had been contacted by various members of the community offering to fund a new bench. The Clerk confirmed the previous cost and she would enquire as to an updated price. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **129/24** | **Standing Item: Speeding & other Village Matters**  - U0503 verge Cwmdy - Powys Highways bollards - Powys County Council have confirmed that the land is unregistered.   The Councillors noted Powys' response - some Cllrs felt that the ownership would still be Powys'. It was noted that water from the Cwmdy Water Undertaking passes under the verge.   - Speed gun/speedwatch/speeding issues   The Clerk was requested to contact Llangynidr Community Council regarding information relating to what they bought.   - Greenman - update on email sent to Llangynidr Community Council and County Councillor Jackie Charlton   A meeting had been requested with the Chair of Llangynidr Community Council. Cllr J Williams and Cllr H Jackson will attend.   - Flooding Storm Bert - report back from Cllr M Calvin in relation to NRW meeting & responses from Glanusk/Powys in relation to the culverts (if available)   Cllr M Calvin had sent his report to all Councillors. Cllr Calvin requested approval to request leaflets from NRW to be disseminated locally for public information. |  |  |  |  |  |

130/24	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>07th February Email:</b> Trek 26 organiser - query in relation to route. Councillors were unaware of public access to assist the organisers in relation to the route.</p> <p><b>12th February Email:</b> Public Ombudsman for Wales - complaints x 3 - confirmation of closed cases The public ombudsman for Wales emailed the Council with closed complaint letters for three cases. This was noted.</p> <p><b>21st February Email:</b> Powys County Council 20mph requests for changes list This was noted and it was acknowledged that the issues in relation to speed and speeding were outside of Powys' remit and were dealt with by the Welsh Government's trunk road agency. The Council are expecting an update to the guidance document "</p> <p><b>Outside body reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Hinterland Group</b> - no update</li> <li>● <b>Five Councils - update from the meeting on the 13th February</b></li> <li>➔ Request for Councils to write in relation to the Mid and West Wales Crickhowell Station consultation (correspondence also received from Llangattock Community Council in relation to this item)</li> </ul> <p>Clerk to write to the relevant parties to request that the levels of service remain and that any proceeds from the sale should be available to the new office within the Fire station. If this will not be the case, they wish to have an understanding regarding where the money will be sent. They also questioned why there was no consultation at all on the matter. Cllr W Forster confirmed he wished to attend any meeting with the police that may be arranged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Request for Councils to consider forming a "Flood Board"</li> <li>● <b>Community Transport Group</b> - update from Councillor M Calvin</li> <li>● <b>LGV Five Councils Energy Group</b> - update from Councillor M Calvin</li> </ul> <p>Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau - the Council wished to ask for a representative to attend the next meeting in relation to funding.</p> <p><b>Update:</b> The potential community use of Bwlch Church (Cllr J Williams)</p>
131/24	<p><b>Date of next committee meeting to be confirmed 3rd April 2025</b> - noted</p>

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