



Llangattock Community Council - *CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANGATWIG*

The following are the minutes of an ordinary meeting of Llangattock Community Council, held online on the 16th September 2025 7pm.

Attendance: Cllr T Jones, Cllr G Jones, Cllr H Burns, Cllr S Jones, Cllr S Charitos

15 minutes Public Participation: None

43/25 Apologies for absence: Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr G Logie - **accepted** Cllr J Rees

44/25 Members' declarations of Interest: None

45/25 Minutes to approve from the Ordinary meeting on the 15th July 25 and matters arising:

Motion: to accept the July minutes as a true and accurate record

Proposed: Cllr S Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** that the minutes are a true and accurate record

Matters arising:

Flooding: Following a constructive meeting with Powys County Council Land Drainage Officers, Cllrs, PCC are arranging to walk the Onneu Brook on September 23rd with landowners, Cllrs, flood wardens and residents to discuss flooding issues, riparian responsibilities. A S.19 flood report is due by November.

Post 16 Education: Community Committee discussed a letter from 11 residents thanking LCC for its opposition to any option which would lead to the closure of CHS 6th form and calling for a public meeting in Llangattock. The Chair wrote to the residents saying LCC was willing to facilitate their meeting but was concerned it would detract from PCC's facilitated engagement process, which is due in late September/early October. A response has now been received and they would like to go ahead with a public meeting, Cllr T Jones will look for dates and LCC will facilitate.

Bridge Closure: Correspondence dealt with by the County Councillor to the satisfaction of residents.

Active Travel: Councillors have been briefed on the draft Active Travel proposals for Llangattock and have decided to promote PCC's forthcoming consultation on 5:15 pm Friday September 19th. LCC will form a view after that event.

Mountain Fire: A significant peat fire near Clydach poured smoke onto Llangattock over a four-day period. The major incident has been stood down.

Hub: A preplanning meeting with BBNPA is expected on September 30th. The [latest survey](#) of residents showed 72% of respondents in favour, 11% don't know and 17% against. This was inline with previous and there is now a date with pre-planning.

46/25 County Councillors Report (for information only):

County Councillor J Charlton was not available to attend this meeting. She has given updates to the Chair in relation to the 6th Form consultation.

Cllr H Burns mentioned that the works undertaken on the road - there are missing markings (Bikes and keep clear).

47/25 Governance Item:

Local government in the 5 Councils area. To discuss clustering and possible mergers among local councils, explore options for the future management of LCC assets and **Motion:** to instruct the Clerk to seek more information.

Context was given by the Chair in relation to clustering and merging and the recent work undertaken by the Senedd Inquiry via a powerpoint presentation. Including the council sizing report being written by the Welsh Boundary Commission.

Proposed: Cllr G Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** the Clerk was asked to research mechanisms to protect their assets if mergers were enforced and to present a report on how clustering works.

Review of Council Priorities: To review progress against [LCC priorities for 2025-2027](#) and decide a timeline for completion.

Cllr T Jones to re-work the priorities to show the items with the strongest priorities. With core responsibilities and other responsibilities.

Charing of Council Committees. Organisation of committees, sub committees, working groups and public engagement:

Motion: to delegate all functions of the Core Services Committee, except for staff management and HR, to The Clerk and suspend the Finance Committee. (Clerk Report)

Proposed: Cllr S Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** for core services to be dissolved and all functions to be delegated to the Clerk and to suspend the Finance Committee and all functions to return to the Full Council.

48/25: Report from the Finance Committee for Full Council agreement and any associated Motions for the Full Council (Cllr S Ady & RFO)

Committee report (if available) followed by monthly Finance - no report as the Committee had not met.

Budget 2026/7. To discuss budget objectives for the next financial year and management of assets.


The Chair reminded Councillors that the Budget season is upon us and shared a visual aide to represent how our budget affects the work the Council can undertake. This was an opportunity for each Committee and the Core costs to be considered and guided by the Council's priorities. A draft budget will be presented to Council over the next few months, however given the decisions taken in relation to delegating Core Services to the Clerk, and the suggestion of funding a new role to cover various handyman and administration jobs the budget may increase and the Council will need to focus on cutting other expenditure if they wish to lower the precept request, for example the Peninsula Business Services and the 7 day cleaning rota for the toilets. Priorities and the budget request will also need to be examined, for example a focus on the Cemetery path project may increase the precept request. If Councillors could give some time to thinking about the budget over the next month that would be helpful.

Motion: for full council to accept the payments and receipts made/received in July & Aug and instruct the Clerk to pay the invoices listed

Proposed: Cllr G Jones **Seconded:** Cllr H Burns **Resolved:** to accept the payments and receipts throughout July & August and pay the invoices listed

Motion: for the full council to accept the reconciliation report for July & August

The Clerk/RFO ran through what the reconciliation report is and how it confirms that the Scribe Accounting system is reconciled to the end of the month (in this case August), and that if checked against the bank statements the end number tallies. She also requested that a new Councillor nominate themselves to be the quarterly checker. Cllr S Jones nominated themselves for this role, and the Council were happy for him to undertake the duty.



Proposed: Cllr S Jones **Seconded:** Cllr G Jones **Resolved:** to accept the reconciliations for July-August.

Motion: to discuss and decide on the grant application received from Llangattock Green Valleys

The Chair ran through the application received that had been sent to all Councillors. He commented that the application had been filled in very comprehensively. The request was to part fund a Thermal Gun and with LCC's contribution set at £198.15.

Proposed: Cllr H Burns **Seconded:** Cllr S Jones **Resolved:** to accept the grant application and grant £198.15 to Llangattock Green Valleys

49/25: Community & Environment Committee Report for Full Council agreement and any Motions required (Cllr T Jones)

The Chair stated that much of the Community & Environment Committee's business had been dealt with under matters arising. One item remained in relation to the Hub project, the Chair gave more context to the motion and the Council's requirement to create a lease for the land that any hub building might be built on.

The RFO confirmed that the Council have a legal budget heading, which will be used for the LACAS lease work, however the Council also have reserves and a proportion of the general contingencies fund that are available if the cost of the current work uses the budget heading.

Motion: That LCC engages a solicitor to draw up a lease, based on a peppercorn rent, for that part of the Recreation Ground included in the outline drawings submitted for pre-planning approval.

Proposed: Cllr H Burns **Seconded:** Cllr S Jones **Resolved:** for the clerk to engage a solicitor to work on the HUB lease.

50/25: Report from the Central Services & Planning Committee for Full Council agreement and any Motions for the Full Council to Consider (Cllr G Jones)

Central Services & Planning committee met online on 31st July and were in delegated powers during August break

Cemetery (& burials)

- Burials for August/September - the Clerk confirmed 3 burials over the delegated period
- Thank you Gwyn for putting up new signs -- at the cemetery entrance and by the compost bin.
- Joda Solutions due to start work on replacing the cemetery roof this week.

Maintenance of Assets – Asset Tour

- Asset tour rota to be re-worked.
- Wildflower seeds purchased for the gated path next to the cemetery and in the recreation ground. LVS to help sow them.
- Quiet in the recreation ground over the summer break. Cancelled remaining Wally the Waffle visits.

Maintenance (Public Toilets)

- On 18th July assisted a request from primary school for water supply for the end of school year water fight.
- Quite a few issues with toilet blockages during break in August. Thanks to Dave Harries for helping resolve one of the long-running ones. The other blockages were mainly due to excess toilet paper and using social media to remind parents/guardians not to let children play in the toilet block.
- Andy Baithwaite was brought in to cover toilet cleaning care while Geraint away on holiday.
- Thanks to Richard Jones (previous chair) for obtaining all necessary paperwork for the solar panels – Gail will look at requesting a smart meter from Scottish Power in the first instance then at changing tariffs etc.,


New Play Project

- Catch up with Sydney and pull the project together. We are still considering the Powys grant.

Trees Update:

- Diary date for May 2026 for revised quote from Matt Corran for work on Cherry tree overhanging Park Drive near post-box.

Planning



- No applications at publication of the agenda.

51/25: Correspondence & Other outside Committee feedback:

Motion: To accept the following policies as sent to all Councillors by the Clerk:

- Carer's Policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Sickness Absence policy

Proposed: Cllr G Jones **Seconded:** Cllr S Jones **Resolved:** to accept the policies presented

Correspondence:

Email 02nd September - Town Clerk Llandrindod Wells Town Council - Cross-Border Health Funding and Provisions in Powys

The correspondence was discussed and Councillors felt that writing to the First Minister in relation to the issues raised was not appropriate at this time, and that if specifics relating to Llangattock were raised by residents then these would be discussed and responded to with specifics.

Community Hall Committee: None at this time

Five Councils: There is a meeting being arranged by Cwmdu & District Community Council on the 13th November. Please give agenda items to the Clerk.

Governors' feedback: None at this time

Llangattock Community Benefits Society: No further updates at this time (mostly covered under the Hub project discussions earlier in the meeting).

52/25: Date of the next committee meeting will be the 21st October 2025 - noted

