LLANGATTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Ordinary Meeting – Minutes
The following are the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Llangattock Community Council.

Date: 16th June 2026 Time: 7.00pm Location: Online Chair Tim Jones - Clerk Kay Bailey
Attendance: Cllr T Jones, Cllr G Jones, Cllr G Dobbs, Cllr H Burns, Cllr S Charitos, Cllr S Jones, Cllr J Logie

Also in attendance: County Councillor J Charlton, 1 member of public

31/a Public Participation – 15 minutes
A resident attended the meeting to discuss the potential reuse of the former Council noticeboard. The resident outlined their proposal for repurposing the noticeboard for community benefit and answered Members' questions regarding its intended use and future maintenance.

Members thanked the resident for attending and agreed that the book club could be accommodated, Cllr G Jones, the clerk and the new Facilities Support Officer would support the project.

Resolved: to support the book club project - reconstituting the old noticeboard space to allow this.

31/26 Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Rees Resolved: the absence was accepted

32/26 Declarations of Interest: there were no declarations of interest

33/26 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 19th May 2026.
Llangattock CC Minutes 19th May 2026.docx
Resolution: that the minutes were a true and accurate record

34/26 Matters Arising
Llangattock Community Council Matters Arising for Full Council 16th June 2026.docx
Members received the Matters Arising report.

Active Travel

The Chair reported that discussions with Powys County Council regarding the Active Travel proposals were continuing. Members were advised that comments submitted during the consultation had been carefully considered and that there was broad alignment between the views of a local retired highways engineer and the work being undertaken by the County Council's highways engineers. County Councillor Charlton confirmed that, as the proposals related to her own ward, she had asked another Cabinet Member to determine the final decision to ensure objectivity. Once the draft network map and supporting information were available, these would be circulated to Members for further consideration and debate.

RESOLVED: To note the update.

Glebe Field Kissing Gate

Members received an update regarding improvements to the Glebe Field kissing gate. It was noted that limited works would be undertaken to improve drainage pending the wider Active Travel scheme. County Councillor Charlton advised that a local contact had identified a specialist designer capable of producing bespoke kissing gates in keeping with the local environment and agreed to forward the details to the Chair and Clerk for future consideration.

RESOLVED: To note the update.

Protection of Council Assets

Members received an update on discussions with the Council's solicitors regarding the protection of Council assets in light of potential Local Government Reorganisation. It was noted that legal advice remained ongoing and a further report would be presented once a settled position had been reached.

RESOLVED: To note the update.

Community Energy

Members noted that Black Mountains Community Energy was recruiting members for a local Energy Club associated with a proposed solar energy project within Llangattock. An information event was due to take place at Clarence Hall.

RESOLVED: To note the update.

Summer Fête

Helen Burns reported that the Summer Fête had been postponed due to forecasts of heavy rain and lightning. Organisers hoped to rearrange the event during the summer holidays when weather conditions permitted, although no date had yet been confirmed.

RESOLVED: To note the update.

35/26 County Councillor's Report

Members received the written report from County Councillor Jackie Charlton.

County Councillor Charlton provided an update on proposals to install additional livestock warning signage on the common. Members noted that the proposed signage would display the message **"Beware Livestock – 80 killed in 2025"**, with the intention of providing a clear and highly visible reminder to motorists. Funding had already been secured for the signage and further grant funding was being explored through the Police and Crime Commissioner to support a wider awareness campaign. Members welcomed the proposal and recognised the importance of raising awareness, particularly during periods of increased visitor traffic.
An update was received regarding Neighbourhood Policing. Members were advised that two new Police Community Support Officers had been appointed for the Crickhowell area and, following completion of their training, it was intended that Community Councils would receive regular visits. Whilst the officers would continue to be based in Brecon, they would work across the wider area, including Llangattock. Members welcomed the increased local policing presence.
County Councillor Charlton reported that Powys County Council had invested in three new **"Pothole Pro"** highway repair vehicles, which were expected to become operational during July. The new equipment would provide longer-lasting highway repairs on rural roads and would also support additional verge and drainage maintenance.
Members also noted that work had commenced on the development of a Powys Road Safety Strategy, drawing on examples of best practice from elsewhere in the United Kingdom. The strategy would build upon work already undertaken within the local area to improve road safety and address speeding concerns.

The Chair thanked County Councillor Charlton for her report.

RESOLVED: To note the County Councillor's report.

36/26 Governance Items

- **36.1 Assertion 10**

The Clerk reported that the work required to implement the Council's new email arrangements in support of Assertion 10 had largely been completed. It was noted that implementation would be deferred until completion of the external audit to avoid disruption should any additional audit queries be received.

RESOLVED: To note the update.

- **36.2 Review of Council Priorities 2025–2027**

The Chair presented the annual review of the Council Priorities 2025–2027. Members considered the revised document, noting that it had been streamlined to reflect current Council resources whilst continuing to support the objectives identified within the Community Plan and Place Plan.

Members discussed the proposed priorities, including maintaining financial sustainability and community assets as the Council's primary objective, promoting delivery of the Community Plan, the Hub project, parking provision where evidence of need existed, Active Travel, improvements to the Glebe Field kissing gates, planning, cemetery improvements, speed enforcement and environmental protection. Members also suggested identifying a lead Member for each priority to strengthen accountability.

RESOLVED: That the draft Council Priorities be amended to reflect Members' comments and brought back to Council for further consideration.

- **36.3 Membership of Committees**

Members reviewed the Council's committee structure and memberships in light of the current number of serving Councillors.

It was noted that the existing committee arrangements continued to meet the Council's operational requirements. Members agreed that the **Central Services & Planning Committee** and the **Human Resources & Staffing Committee** should continue to operate in accordance with their Terms of Reference. It was further noted that the **Community & Environment Committee** would remain constituted but would only meet as required, with routine matters continuing to be considered by Full Council where appropriate.

Members confirmed their willingness to continue serving on their existing committees.

RESOLVED: To confirm the existing committee structure and memberships.

- **36.4 Membership of Outside Bodies**

The Council reviewed its appointments to outside bodies and confirmed the current appointments.

County Councillor Charlton highlighted the vacancy for a Community Council representative on the Governing Body of Llangattock Church in Wales Primary School. Following discussion, Helen Burns agreed to act as the Council's representative.

RESOLVED: That Helen Burns be appointed as the Community Council representative on the Governing Body of Llangattock Church in Wales Primary School.

- **36.5 Policy Review – Model Code of Conduct**

Members reviewed the Council's local addendum to the Model Code of Conduct.

Following discussion, Members agreed that the wording should be broadened to cover approaches relating to anti-social behaviour generally, rather than referring solely to dog fouling.

RESOLVED: That the amended local addendum to the Model Code of Conduct be approved.

37/26 Finance Items

37.1 Bank Reconciliation

Members considered the bank reconciliation to **31 May 2026**, together with the supporting financial reports previously circulated.

The Responsible Financial Officer confirmed that the balances had been reconciled to the Council's bank accounts.

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation be approved.

37.2 Payments and Receipts

Members considered the schedule of payments and receipts since the previous meeting.

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the payment schedule and answered Members' questions.

RESOLVED: That the schedule of payments be approved and the receipts received since the previous meeting be noted.

37.3 Audit Update

The Responsible Financial Officer provided an update on progress with the 2025/26 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

Members were advised that the audit work was progressing well and that the remaining work primarily related to completion of the audit process and publication requirements. The Clerk confirmed that implementation of the Council's new email arrangements would be delayed until completion of the audit to avoid disruption should any further audit queries be received.

Members thanked the Responsible Financial Officer for the work undertaken in preparing the Council's accounts and audit documentation.

RESOLVED: To note the audit update.

38/26 Community & Environment Committee Report
The Chair reported that the Community & Environment Committee had not met since the previous meeting and therefore there was no report for Members to consider.

RESOLVED: To note the update.

39/26 Central Services & Planning - next quarterly meeting in June 2026

Members considered the planning application for the proposed Hub at the Recreation Ground. The Chair reminded Members that, although the Central Services & Planning Committee had not met, the Committee's Terms of Reference permit planning applications to be determined by Full Council where necessary.

Members discussed the application, recognising its importance in delivering the Council's long-term aspirations for enhanced community facilities at the Recreation Ground. Following consideration of the proposal and supporting documentation, Members agreed that a detailed consultation response should be submitted in support of the application.

RESOLVED: That planning application **26/24650/FUL** be supported and that the Chair prepare a detailed consultation response on behalf of the Council.

40/26 Correspondence & Outside bodies updates

Members noted that correspondence received since the previous meeting had been circulated to Members as appropriate.

40.1 Powys Civil Contingencies Officer – Community Risk Register Engagement Exercise
Members received correspondence from the Powys Civil Contingencies Officer regarding the Community Risk Register Engagement Exercise.

RESOLVED: To note the correspondence.

40.2 Outside Bodies
The Council received updates from its representatives on outside bodies.
Helen Burns advised Members that the Llangattock Summer Fête had been postponed due to adverse weather conditions and would be rearranged when a suitable date became available. Members also noted ongoing work by Black Mountains Community Energy, including recruitment for its local Energy Club.

RESOLVED: To note the updates.

41/26 Date of Next Meeting 14th July 2026

Members noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Council would ordinarily take place on **21st July 2026**. Owing to Members' availability during the summer period, it was agreed that the meeting be brought forward.

RESOLVED: That the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council be held on **Tuesday 14th July 2026**, commencing at **7.00 pm**, and that the meeting be held **in person**.

Members agreed that, as one of the Council's periodic face-to-face meetings, the July meeting would be held in person. Gail kindly offered to provide refreshments.