



LLANGATTOCK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Ordinary Meeting - Minutes

15 September 2026 | Online | Scheduled time: 7.00 pm

Attendance: Cllrs Tim Jones, Jane Logie, Helen Burns, Sam Jones, Sydney Charitos and Gwyn Dobbs.

Also in attendance: Kay Bailey, Clerk & RFO; County Cllr Jackie Charlton (part of meeting); Mark Williams, Facilities Coordinator (part of meeting). Full attendance, apologies and any late arrivals to be checked against the attendance record.

The Chair varied the order of business to accommodate the County Councillor and Facilities Coordinator and to deal with governance and finance before the Clerk left. These minutes follow the published agenda numbering. No public representations.

53/26 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were reported for Cllr Gail Jones and Cllr Julian Rees.

54/26 Declarations of Interest

No additional declarations of interest were made beyond those already declared.

55/26 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 July 2026 as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Helen; seconded by Cllr Jane Logie. Carried.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting were also approved as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr Tim Jones; seconded by Cllr Sam. Carried.

56/26 Matters Arising

The Chair's written matters-arising report was received and discussed. Matters requiring decisions and follow-up are recorded under the relevant items below.

57/26 County Councillor's Report

County Cllr Jackie Charlton's written report was received. Members discussed the Section 19 flood investigation, funding for a catchment-wide flood-risk assessment and the work of the drainage team. The Chair reported positively on the meeting with Powys County Council, consulting engineers and the Canal & River Trust on 3 September.

The County Councillor reported that a meeting with residents affected by the wildfires was being arranged for December, involving neighbouring communities and the Fire and Rescue Service. Possible support for hall hire was discussed; no funding commitment was recorded.

Members raised concerns about fragmented emergency information and suggested a single, clearly identified source of official local incident information. County Cllr Charlton agreed to raise the suggestion of an emergency information webpage with Powys County Council and provide feedback.

58/26 Central Services & Planning Committee Report

The Committee had not met since the previous Ordinary Meeting. The Council received operational updates from the Clerk and Mark Williams.

Cemetery: Burials had taken place over the summer; there was nothing further to report for September at that point. Cllr Jane Logie agreed to send the Clerk a photograph of a vehicle regularly parked in the cemetery driveway so that its presence could be checked. Security improvements for equipment stored in the cemetery shed were being arranged.

Recreation Ground: Some post caps on the multi-play equipment had been replaced. A cable on the rope bridge had snapped. Mark Williams would obtain comparative costs for a timber replacement and a rope-bridge repair/replacement, for consideration by Central Services. No repair option or expenditure was approved at this meeting. The Clerk noted that relevant health-and-safety and loss-of-service work could fall within her existing delegated authority.

Utilities and maintenance: An electricity smart meter had been installed. The destination of the benefit from the solar-panel feed-in tariff was being investigated. Mark Williams had obtained timber for the Memorial Garden plaque and intended to fit it within the following couple of weeks. Water-meter monitoring is recorded under 61/26.

Community use: Cllr Sydney was thanked for supporting the primary-school water fight. Cllr Helen offered to approach the village society about providing spare water pistols for future events. Members welcomed the residents' book nook and thanked Mark for his assistance.

A possible request for lighting to enable the children's athletics group to use the park in winter was raised. No request had been received by the Clerk at the time of the meeting. The Clerk would check correspondence and research planning and ecological implications if a proposal was received. No lighting installation was approved.

Planning: Members noted that the roof-height increase previously proposed for a bungalow in Lime Trees had been withdrawn from the application, following objections referencing the Place Plan. No new planning determination was recorded.

59/26 Governance and Administration

Temporary delegated authority: At the opening of the meeting, Council RESOLVED that the temporary delegated arrangements for the summer recess had ended with the resumption of Ordinary Meetings. Proposed by Cllr Tim Jones; seconded by Cllr Jane Logie. Carried. The Clerk reported that transactions during the recess had been dealt with under delegated authority and were included in the financial schedule.

Assertion 10: There was no further progress update. Work planned by the Clerk and Cllr Sydney on cemetery records and transferring information from Google Drive to Microsoft had been delayed by the full audit. They would resume the work and expected to report back around November.

Council Priorities 2025–2027: No separate progress report or decision.

60/26 Community and Environment

Active Travel: Members noted that residents could make further representations on the revised proposals until 25 September. The Chair would convene an Extraordinary Meeting once Powys County Council had provided residents' feedback and earlier responses, allowing members time to consider the evidence. That meeting would first consider whether Council wished to take a position, followed, if appropriate, by substantive motions. No position for or against the scheme was adopted at this meeting.

Storm Bert flood investigation – **RESOLVED:** Llangattock Community Council welcomes the publication by Powys County Council of its Section 19 report into flooding in Llangattock during Storm Bert, and the continuing work to assess flood risk from all sources, identify responsibilities and develop appropriate mitigation. The Council thanks residents who supplied evidence to the investigation; welcomes the finding that measures taken by the Canal & River Trust during engineering works were insufficient; commits to engaging with the Trust ahead of future works and closures; and calls upon Powys County Council to engage constructively with Church View residents seeking a comprehensive assessment of the flood risk associated with the grips at Bridge 116. The response would be sent to Powys County Council. Proposed by Cllr Sam; seconded by Cllr Tim Jones. Carried.

RESOLVED: To write to the Canal & River Trust requesting that, in light of the Section 19 report, it sets out the protocols, timescales and information it will use when consulting the Council before planned engineering works in the Llangattock area, including mitigation of risks associated with severe weather. Proposed by Cllr Sam; seconded by Cllr Tim Jones. Carried. The Clerk was asked to send the letter to Lee Brain and copy the relevant area manager and head of CRT Wales. Members also requested sight of risk assessments addressing impacts on the surrounding community, rather than only risks to workers.

Flood wardens and sandbags: Preparations and sandbag filling for severe weather were noted. The Chair would include further flood-preparedness information and links in Council communications. Cllr Sydney was thanked for coordinating residents' evidence for the flood investigation.

Wildfires – **RESOLVED:** To thank the emergency services, Powys County Council staff, contractors, farmers, the County Councillor, community councillors and residents who assisted during the August wildfires; to note the increasing risks to mountain properties and the wider community; and to write to relevant stakeholders and regulators asking what action is being taken or planned to restore and protect the mountains, including the SSSI, from future wildfire risk. Proposed by Cllr Sam; seconded by Cllr Helen. Carried. Cllr Sam agreed to work with the Chair and Clerk on the letters, distinguishing long-term land management and prevention from emergency response and communication. Members wished to receive feedback from the proposed December meeting.

Private water supplies: Concerns about the identification of private supplies during the wildfire response were noted. The Chair would include information in the next newsletter about registering private water supplies with Powys County Council.

Recreation Ground signage: It was agreed that Central Services should consider adapting the existing gate-sign design to cover barbecues, e-scooters and relevant e-bikes, with information on reporting anti-social behaviour. Kate Inglis could be approached about revising the design. The detail was left to Central Services; no purchase was approved and no separate formal vote is identifiable.

Community Hub: Objections to the proposed northern Recreation Ground location from Cadw and National Park conservation and biodiversity officers were reported. Members noted that an alternative location had previously raised highway concerns. Cllrs Tim Jones and Jane Logie would attend the site meeting on 21 September and report back. The working group's concern about the viability of alternatives was noted; Council did not resolve to withdraw the project.

Crickhowell Library: The data supplied covered the wider NP8 area and did not establish Llangattock-specific use. Members considered the library's social and children's activities as well as book lending. Cllr Sydney offered to gather additional information from library staff and enter it into the grant documentation. Members agreed that this could be accompanied by Cllr Rafe Devlin's general report.

RESOLVED: To make a grant of £1,000 towards emergency transitional funding for Crickhowell Library, subject to gathering additional information by Cllr Sydney. The motion was put to a show of hands and carried; Cllr Jane Logie indicated that she was seconding. No ongoing annual funding commitment was made.

61/26 Finance

Bank reconciliation and payments: The Clerk presented the reconciliation to 31 August 2026 and confirmed that the bank and accounting records reconciled. The payments and receipts schedule included transactions dealt with under delegated authority during July, August and early September. Receipt of the precept instalment at the end of August was noted.

RESOLVED: To approve the bank reconciliation and schedule of payments and to note receipts. Proposed by Cllr Helen; seconded by Cllr Jane Logie. Carried. The financial schedules should be retained with the minutes.

2025/26 external audit: The RFO reported that the full-audit submission had been received by Audit Wales and that approximately seven follow-up questions had been answered. No audit outcome had yet been reported.

Water charges: Members noted that the monthly direct debit had increased from £45 to £544 and that the account was under investigation. Mark Williams reported that the meter was not moving while checked with no water use, with readings being photographed and further monitoring planned. Nearby water works had also been observed.

RESOLVED: To instruct the Clerk to cancel the Welsh Water direct debit pending further directions and investigation. Proposed by Cllr Helen; seconded by Cllr Jane Logie. Carried. Further review of the bill and investigation was to continue through Central Services.

Exclusion of press and public: Council resolved to enter a private session for the employee pay item on the basis set out in the published agenda: section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, owing to the confidential nature of the business. Proposed by Cllr Sam; seconded by Cllr Helen. Carried.

National pay award: In private session, Council approved implementation of the nationally agreed pay award for Council employees, including applicable back pay. Proposed by Cllr Tim Jones; seconded by Cllr Helen. Carried. The Clerk would submit the calculations to payroll for checking and implementation. Individual pay details are omitted from this public draft.

Council resolved to return to public session, carried. The Clerk then left the meeting.

62/26 Community & Environment Committee Report

The published agenda stated that the Committee had not met since the previous Ordinary Meeting.

63/26 Correspondence and Outside Bodies

Community Hall: Cllr Helen reported that quotes were being obtained to replace the windows, with £2,000 support reported from the village society and other funding being considered. Bookings had been lower over the summer. Light Up Llangattock was reported for Wednesday 2 December 2026.

Green Valleys: Cllr Sydney reported organisational and leadership changes and a transition towards Black Mountains Energy, and would keep Council informed.

Cllr Sydney was also thanked for her assistance with a horse found in the Recreation Ground.

64/26 Date of Next Meeting

The published agenda scheduled the next Ordinary Meeting for Tuesday 20 October 2026 at 7.00 pm.

Signed by the Chair: _____ Date: _____