Penybont and District Community Council

You are summoned to attend a Council meeting of the Penybont and District Community Council to be held at 7.30pm, 10th November 2026 in Main Hall of Penybont Community Hall. Zoom Link

Geraint Evans
Clerk to Community Council

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declaration of interest:**
Reminder to members. A personal Interest is also a Prejudicial Interest because under the objective, public perception test (Para 12(1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) where you have a personal interest in any business of your authority you also have a prejudicial interest in that business if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest. Forms available from the Clerk

3. **Minutes.**
To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on the: -
8th September 2026

4. **Clerk's Update.**

5. **County Councillors Report**

6. **Planning**
- P/26/1113/FUL : CAMP SITE, CHERRY TREE LODGES & STABLES, LLANDEGLEY, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, LD1 5UE. Change of use of existing stables & paddock (equestrian use) from personal to a mixture of personal and commercial livery for horse holidays in connection with adjacent holiday use

7. **Community Issues Raised or Ongoing**
- Letter of 'No Confidence' in Powys Teaching Health Board.

8. **One Voice Wales**
Minutes from 21 Sept: summarised by ChatGPT

9. Finance
(i)To Approve:

Scribe Accounts DD		£33.12
Postage re Agenda Sept		£26.70

- Elections of Councillors 2027
- Grant Application-Penybont Community Hall

10. Correspondence
    - Email from County Councillor G.Morgan Re rally 7th November (circulated)
    - Letter From A.Willemsen re telephone kiosk Llandegley

11. Public Discussion [1]

12. Date of Next Meeting and format
    12th January 2027 Budget Meeting. at 7.30pm Hybrid available.

Public Attendance and Involvement at Community Council Meetings

1. Members of the public are entitled to attend Community Council Meetings except when the Council has something of a confidential nature to discuss.

2. Members of the public have no automatic right to speak at Community Council Meetings

3. Penybont and District CC have allocated a space at the end of meetings when members of the Public are invited to raise matters for the Community Council to consider as items to be put on the agenda for their next meeting.

4. Members of the public who bring other matters to the attention of the Community Council may be listened to at the discretion of the Chair.

5. Members of the public who are told that an item is not relevant to the work of the Council may be told to desist. Failure to desist could mean that the person is asked to leave. Failure to leave the Meeting could result in the Chair adjourning the Meeting and/or calling the Police.

6. The Chair may call upon members of the public who have specialist knowledge on an item being discussed to speak at any time during the Meeting.

[1] Standing Orders 2.15C

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2026

PRESENT: Cllrs Bufton; J. Lawrence: Cllr Duggan: Cllr Ingram:Cllr A.Shearman:Cllr A.Davies

Apologies : Cllr Watkins (accepted):Mr Geraint Evans Clerk, sick

Absent:

Others: County Councillor G.Morgan

Declarations of Interest:

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PD/0088/26 Minutes.

To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on the: - 14th July, Vice Chair to authorise as correct. Unanimous

PD/0089/26 Clerk's Update. No update

PD/0090/26 County Councillors Report

- A levels below Welsh average
- Powys training health board – Bed reduction concerns meeting on 10 September 2026

PD/0091/26 Planning

- P26/083/Full – No comment
- P26/0888/Full – unable to support application

PD/0092/26 Community Issues Raised or Ongoing

- Councillor Geoff Morgan to enquire about original planning agreement Sewage works been emptied every week by tankers. Issues raised about the odour that happens on occasions, environmental health issues. Community Council to send a letter to MP & Environmental Health officer.
  Proposed by J Ingram and seconded by R Bufton

The above minutes were taken by Cllr J. Lawrance in leu of Clerks absence

- **Cattle Grids** – Letter to go to council to Matt Perry & John Force
- **Emma Palmer** – CEO of council reinforces the issues raised in a letter from Rachel & Jimmy Hughes

PD/0093/26 One Voice Wales

- None posted

PD/0094/26 Finance

(i)To Approve:

- **Annual Bank Reconciliation. Supplied**

T.Price	**Aduit**	**83.00**
Paints$Trade	**Re paint telephone kiosk**	**68.98**
Scribe DD	**Accounts**	**33.12**
VAT refund		**326.98**

Proposed to accept all Cllr Bufton Unanimous

- **Poppy wreath approved**
- **Cllr A.Sherman to be authorised signatory.**

PD/0095/26 Correspondence

- **Discussed during above items.**

PD/0096/26 Public Discussions

- It was noted that the Clerk will seek to retire upon a new person to be agreed.
- Replacement of plastic bus shelter, cost approved £40.
- Speed cameras, to remove from Llandegley and replace in Penybont, now 2.

Meeting concluded 2105 hrs, next meeting 10th November 2026 @ 7.30pm ..

The above minutes were taken by Cllr J. Lawrance in leu of Clerks absence

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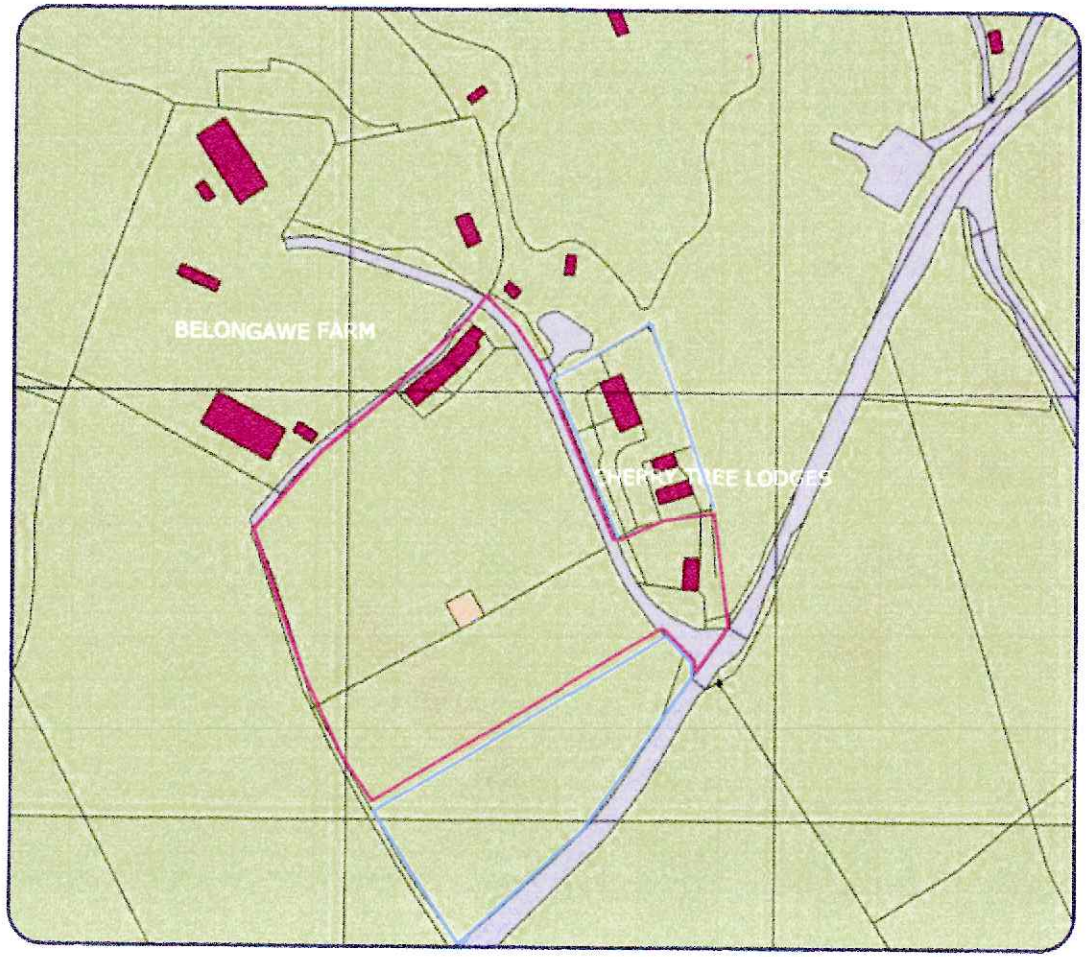
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BELONGAWE FARM

A/2 Block Plan
1:500

CHERRY TREE LODGE

Existing Stables

Wash down area.

Muck Heap

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For the attention of **Dr Carl Cooper, Rhiannon Beaumont-Wood, Ronnie Alexander, Steve Elliot, Mick Giannasi, Jennifer Owen-Adams, Cathie Poynton, Ian Thomas, Simon Wright, Hayley Thomas, Pete Hopgood, Mererid Bowley, Nicola Johnson, Elaine Lorton, Claire Madsen, Paul Hooton, Debra Wood-Lawson, Kate Wright, Hywel Pullen, and Helen Bushell at Powys Teaching Health Board, and Rt Hon Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, Mabon ap Gwynfor MS, Nerys Evans MS, and Delyth Jewell MS, of Welsh Government, and Alyson Thomas, Professor Medwin Hughes, Mair Gwynant, Bamidele Adenipekun, Karen Lewis, Jack Evershed and Mwoyo Makuto of LLAIS, and Future Generations Commissioner for Wales Derek Walker.**

RE: Formal Notification of a **Vote of No Confidence** in Powys Teaching Health Board regarding the *Better Together* Consultation Proposals and Process, and call for intervention

1st November 2026

I write on behalf of Llanidloes Town Council to formally communicate that this Council has passed a unanimous vote of No Confidence in the leadership, governance, and strategic direction of Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB). This decision follows the launch of the Health Board's *Better Together* consultation. This council, echoing the profound distress of the residents of Llanidloes, objects to both the deeply flawed consultation process and the catastrophic wider impact these proposals will bring to rural healthcare across Montgomeryshire and Powys.

1. Objections to the *Better Together* Proposals

The proposed removal of physical health inpatient beds from Llanidloes War Memorial Hospital, alongside similar swingeing cuts at Machynlleth and Welshpool, is both unfathomable and unacceptable. Concentrating north Powys' inpatient care exclusively into Newtown represents a dangerous centralisation of services.

By slashing community beds county-wide, the Health Board is actively designing a healthcare desert. Under these numbers, Powys will be left with just one bed for every 2,250 patients. This is in a vast rural county, almost a quarter of Wales, which lacks any general hospital or dedicated hospice facility. Removing inpatient care is, in the eyes of our community, an unacctable downgrade of Llanidloes Hospital at a time when the future suggests more care will be needed.

2. Concerns over the Consultation Process

Llanidloes Town Council has No Confidence in the legitimacy of the ongoing public consultation, which runs until January 2027. The presentation of the information appears heavily predetermined and deeply disingenuous.

While the Health Board publicly insists that no decisions have been made, previous under-the-radar decisions, such as instructing local GPs to bypass available beds in Llanidloes, demonstrate that the Board has been actively engineering service reductions.

Rather than consulting on a genuine spectrum of options that champion rural healthcare, the Health Board is forcing communities into a corner by presenting a narrow set of damaging, cost-cutting scenarios.

3. Wider Impact on Healthcare

The structural failure of these proposals will be felt far beyond our town's boundaries.

• The Domino Effect on Acute Hospitals: Stripping Llanidloes of its step-down and rehabilitative inpatient beds will severely exacerbate bed-blocking. Our local GPs and health professionals have already warned that this shifts an untenable burden onto neighboring acute hospitals, including Bronglais Hospital in Aberystwyth.

• Unviable Travel and Rural Isolation: Forcing frail, elderly, or acutely ill patients to criss-cross Powys for admission separates them from vital support networks. In an area with limited public transport infrastructure, requiring families to travel extensive distances to visit loved ones creates an unacceptable and inequitable barrier to care.

• Disregard for Professional Expertise: The Health Board has systematically ignored the vocal and expert opposition of current and former local GPs, nurses, and clinical staff who know this terrain and understand that these plans are fundamentally unsafe.

In Summary

Whilst the financial pressures facing PTHB are acknowledged, closing local beds to resolve structural deficits is short-sighted and dangerous. For too long, Powys residents have been expected to tolerate an ongoing cycle of downgrades and diminishing services.

We demand a complete halt to the *Better Together* proposals, and call upon the Welsh Government and our regional political representatives to urgently intervene, reject this managed decline, and commit to funding a resilient, safety-first model for rural healthcare.

Llanidloes Town Council stands in absolute solidarity with the many hundreds of local residents and healthcare staff who have taken to our streets. We have lost all confidence in Powys Teaching Health Board's ability to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our community.

Yours sincerely,

Town Clerk, On behalf of Llanidloes Town Council

Summary – Brecon & Radnor Area Committee

Meeting held: 21 September 2026

1. Powys Net Zero Strategy

- Powys County Council's Net Zero target revised from 2030 to 2035.
- Town and community councils encouraged to:
  - Appoint an environmental champion.
  - Measure annual energy consumption.
  - Identify three immediate improvements and one long-term project.
  - Consult local communities.
  - Report progress annually.
- County Council to provide guidance and support.
- Potential funding through Pride in Place.
- Farming initiatives discussed, including water conservation and flood prevention.
- Concerns raised about increased travel distances to public services.
- Recycling limitations identified, particularly soft plastics and electrical waste.

2. Road Safety and Speeding

- Serious concerns raised about speeding across Powys.
- Recent fatalities highlighted in Tawe Uchaf.
- Difficulties obtaining highway authority support reported.
- Action: Andrew Lord and Alun Harries to draft a letter to Powys County Council's Director of Highways.

3. Cemeteries and Burial Provision

- Tawe Uchaf considering taking responsibility for a local cemetery.
- Advice available from other councils and professional organisations.
- National review considering burial legislation and possible grave reuse.
- Community councils responsible for planning future cemetery capacity.
- Action: Tawe Uchaf to consult Ystradgynlais and Talgarth councils.

4. Funding Opportunities

- Small Eco Awards: £300–£20,000 for community environmental projects.
- Sustainable Steps Wales (Egin): Maximum grant increased to £35,000.
- People and Places:
  - Medium grants increased to £150,000.
  - Large grants increased to £700,000.
- Pride in Place funding of £1.5 million available across Powys towns.
- National Lottery funding advice: 0300 123 0735.

5. Local Council Initiatives

- Llanwrthwl, Rhayader and Llandrindod Wells collaborating on volunteer footpath maintenance.

- Talgarth reviewing local speed limits with County Council support.
- New skate park opening in Llandrindod Wells.
- Baby bank and clothing exchange initiatives reported.

6. One Voice Wales

- Mike Theodolou appointed President.
- Councillor Gordon Hughes appointed Chair.
- Welsh Government funding available for designated training courses.
- Councils to be charged for unexplained non-attendance at funded training.
- One shared website password provided per member council.
- Annual One Voice Wales meeting scheduled for 3 February 2027.
- Deadline for council motions: 4 December 2026.

7. Decisions and Actions

- Minutes of 1 July 2026 approved.
- No declarations of interest.
- Road safety letter to be prepared.
- Tawe Uchaf to seek advice on cemetery management.
- Potential changes to hybrid meeting arrangements to be raised through the Area Committee and National Executive Committee.

8. Future Meetings

Date	Arrangement
11 January 2027	Online
20 April 2027	Tawe Uchaf
7 July 2027	Llandrindod Wells
29 September 2027	Online

All meetings scheduled for 7.00 pm.

9. Matters of Particular Interest to Community Councils

- Opportunities to secure environmental improvement grants.
- Local responsibility for cemetery provision and management.
- Continuing concerns regarding speeding and road safety.
- Potential benefits from joint working between neighbouring councils.
- Requirement to demonstrate local environmental leadership.
- Availability of funded councillor training.
- Deadline for submitting motions to One Voice Wales.

Dear Clerk,

As you are aware the next ordinary elections of the 110 Town and Community Councils in Powys are due to be held on Thursday, 6 May 2027, the same day as the elections for the County Council. This letter is intended to provide Clerks with introductory guidance concerning the election in 2027.

Elections and Costs
It is important that your Council is aware of and considers these elections, as you will need to make a provision in your precept to cover the costs of the election. The Council should ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover the full cost of the elections (in the event that the Town / Community Council elections are held on their own), whether the election is contested or not.

To give you some guidance on setting the precept the estimated costs of a contested Town / Community or Town / Community Ward election:

Up to 1,000 electors	£3000
Up to 2,000 electors	£4000
Up to 3,000 electors	£4750

These are not definitive costs and are based on recent costs to administer by-elections. These costs will vary depending on hire charges for polling stations, size of ballot papers, number of staff, stationery and postage costs. Where the poll coincides with a contested County Council election, certain costs such as staffing and polling stations would be apportioned equally and overall cost would be less.

We estimate that an uncontested community ward election of around 1000 electors will cost approximately £950. I cannot really advise Community Councils any further on this matter, but hope that this information is sufficient to allow you to make informed estimates for your budget.

Filling Casual Vacancies in the last six months
Many of you will be aware that in the last six months before the day on which the Community Councillors would normally retire, casual vacancies that have arisen from the death, resignation or disqualification of a Councillor do not have to be advertised in the normal way. The Community Council may still fill the vacancy by co-option for the remaining term of office. This six month period will commence on **Tuesday, 10 November, 2026.**

Retirement of Community Councillors
All Community Councillors retire together in election year on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election, and the new Councillors come into office on that day, which will be **Monday, 10 May 2027**.

Annual Meetings of Community Councils
Clerks are reminded that in the year of ordinary elections, the annual meeting of the council must be held on or within fourteen days after the day on which the councillors take office.

Clerks are also reminded that new members are required to sign a declaration of acceptance of office at or before this annual meeting. You are advised to ensure that you have the necessary forms available.

New Register of Electors
The new Register of Electors is published on 1 December 2026, and councils that want a copy of the new register should complete the following link to request a copy: Register of Electors- Request Form - Town and Community Councils – Fill out form

Clerk Contact Names and emails
Obviously, communications with clerks will be very important in the run up to the elections, can you please keep us updated with any change of contact details. As part of the preparations, we are hoping to arrange some short online briefing on Teams for clerks next February. This will provide an opportunity to go through issues which will be important to you in the run up to and after the elections. If anyone anticipates a problem accessing these, please could you let us know and we can review our arrangements. We will notify you of dates once they are agreed.

If you require any further assistance with regards to the elections, please contact us on 01597 826747 or by e-mail on electoral.services@powys.gov.uk.

Regards
Sandra

Sandra Matthews
Electoral Services
Powys County Council
01597 826747

Good afternoon Geraint,
On behalf of the Management Committee of Penybont & District Community Centre I would like to thank the Community Council for funding the provision of Broadband at the village hall. However, the cost of this provision for the benefit of the community has increased - from £692.76 (£57.73 per month) in the financial year 2025 - 2026 to £740.40 (£61.70 per month) since April 2026.

We therefore ask The Community Council to continue funding the broadband provision at the higher rate of £740.40.

Thankyou,
Kind regards,
Christine Haslock,
Secretary to the Management Committee,
Penybont & District Community Council

Hi Geraint,

It appears that when the phone box was repainted in 2018 by Openreach, they changed the colour of the crowns from red to gold. I have a photo taken in late 2013 which clearly shows red crowns. Gold crowns apparently started appearing in the 1990s, and the phone box was listed in 1991, which means that it is likely that the crowns were also red at the time it was listed (although the listing does not mention the crown colour explicitly). I wonder if the Community Council could contact the PCC Conservation Officer to get a view on whether the crowns should be red or gold, given the above information?

The repaint is in progress - the box has had two coats of red paint externally. The plan is to also repaint the base black, and the inside of the roof white (to match the existing colours). Hopefully if the weather holds out the job will be complete by the end of this week.

Regards,

Andrew