# Penybont and District Community Council

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Geraint Evans Clerk to Community Council 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

# **ANNUAL MEETING**

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Election of Chairman
- 3. Election of Deputy Chairman

# **Approval of Annual Meetings Calander**

13th May (AGM)	2025	7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	2025	7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> September	2025	7.30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> November	2025	7.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> January (Budget)	2026	7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> March	2026	7.30pm

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# 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: -

11th March 2025

- 4. Clerk's Update. (Currently on sick leave)
- 5. County Councillors Report
- 6. Planning (information):
  - Update letter from Bute Energy-Councillors advised
  - Rhos-Swydd Common, correspondence between council and National Grid + map

# 7. Community Issues Raised or Ongoing

• To discuss the benefits of a community interest group from proceeds from renewable energy. See Chairs discussion paper

# 8. One Voice Wales

See attached minutes

# 9. Finance

# (i)To Approve:

<b>Council Insurance to</b>	£426.13
Zurich	
Welsh Audit Office	£260
2023/4	
VAT refund	953.89

# Penybont and District Community Council

Audit Office refund, assigned to incorrect year

- Internal audit for submission to Welsh Audit office.
- 10. Correspondence
- 11. Public Discussion <sup>1</sup>
- 12. Date of Next Meeting and format 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025 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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Standing Orders 2.15C

# Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025. At Penybont Community Hall at 7.30pm <sup>1</sup>

**PRESENT:** Cllrs D.Turner (Chair); Cllr D.Lyall Cllr Bufton Cllr R.Duggan:R.Watkins:J.Lawrence; Cllr D. Bayliss

**Apologies**: County Councillor G.Morgan

**Absent:** 

Others:

# **Declarations of Interest:**

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# **PD/0011/25 Minutes**

To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Proposed Cllr D.Lyall Unanimous

# PD/0012/25 Clerk's update

On sick leave

# PD/0013/25 County Councillors Report

Councillors discussed the documentation of Appendix A and his position of becoming the Reform Councillor

# PD/0014/25 Planning:

- Application Ref:25/0130/FUL Grid Reference: Proposal: Conversion of an agricultural barn to dwelling, installation of treatment plant and associated works Site Address: Upper Swydd, Penybont, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5TA
- Application Reference: 25/0236/REM Grid Reference: E:311601 N: 264044 Proposal: Section 19 application to vary wording of condition 5 of listed building consent 21/0252/LBC Site Address: Severn Arms Hotel, Penybont, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5UA

No adverse comments made from councillors.

# PD/0015/25 Community Projects/Issues:

On going matters for councillors to raise.

# PD/0016/25 One Voice Wales

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Clerk on sick leave, no on-line facilities

# No area meetings

# **PD/0017/25** Finance

• Expenditure to authorise.

(i)To Approve:

30/1/25	Information	£40
	Commissioners	
	Office	
18/1/25	Penybont Hall	£648
	WiFi	
17/1/25	Zoom	£155.88*
11/3/25	Clerks ½ yr	£1117.50
	Salary**	
11/3/25	Home	£156
	Allowance ½	
	yr	
15/01/2025	Vision ICT	270.00*

<sup>\*\*</sup>PAYE \* VAT reclaim

• Current financial position supplied

# Proposed to pay Cllr Bufton Unanimous

# PD/018/25 Correspondence

Letter of thanks-St.Teclas Church Noted Letter of thanks from Andrew Willemson finance officer for Community Hall on the councils donation.

# PD/0019/25 Public Questions

- Mr Hulse reported Damaged railing surrounding War Memorial
- Mrs Jenkins sought an update relating to incinerator in Llandegley

# PD/0020/25 Date of Next Meeting and format

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.30pm Hybrid available. Annual Meeting

From: Councillor Geoff Morgan Sent: 06 March 2025 18:43

To: the clerk <clerkllanbadarnfawrcc@gmail.com>

Subject:

# **Urgent Motion for Consideration at next Full Council Meeting**

Submitted under Rule 4.43.1 of the Constitution

Councillors recognise the urgent need to address the maintenance backlog on minor roads and calls on Powys County Council to ring-fence the recently approved £1.226 million increase in the highways budget for essential road maintenance, specifically for pothole repairs and culvert clearance.

This work should be carried out by contractors, ensuring that potholes are properly cut out, filled, compacted using a whacker plate, and sealed to improve the long-term resilience of the road network.

To ensure transparency and efficiency, one county councillor from each shire should be appointed as an overseer, acting as a liaison between ward councillors and council officers in planning and overseeing the schedule of works.

Justification Under Rule 4.43.3.1

- 1. The need for this motion has arisen following the allocation of an additional £1.226 million to the highways budget on 20th February 2025.
- 2. The frustration expressed in the Council Chamber on that date, coupled with the fact that 83% of councillors voted in favour of allocating this funding to highways—compared to 53% for a council tax increase—demonstrates the pressing need to act on this matter. This funding presents a critical opportunity to address longstanding issues.

Urgency Under Rule 4.43.3.2

An urgent decision is required to ensure this funding is protected and allocated specifically to improve the deteriorating minor roads across Powys. Without swift action, there is a risk that this money could be diverted elsewhere, missing a vital opportunity to improve road conditions for residents and businesses.

Council is therefore urged to support this motion and ensure the necessary works commence without delay.

Proposer cllr Geoff morgan Seconder cll iain mcintosh

# **BUTE ENERGY**

You may recall we contacted you in November 2024 to arrange a briefing meeting on the updated Aberedw Energy Park proposals, before the next stage of community engagement. Since then, we have had to undertake more detailed studies and refined our plans further.

We are now in a position to update you with the most up to date information on our energy park proposal in your community. We have arranged two opportunities to engage with the Aberedw Energy Park team:

# 1. Project update clinic

We have organised a series of clinics on **Monday 12 May** 2025 between 11.00am and 7.00pm at the Wyeside Arts Centre in Builth Wells. You will have the opportunity to discuss the proposals with the project team, learn more about the development of the proposals since our non-statutory consultation in November 2023 and raise any queries you may have. We have a series of individual 45-minute discussion sessions available throughout the day. **Contact us to book your place.** 

# 2. Community benefits round table

We would also like to invite you to our community benefits round table at 6.30pm on **Tuesday 13 May in Hundred House Hall**. The Bute Energy Cymuned Community Investment team will give you a short presentation on Bute Energy's approach to community investment and progress to date, before breaking out into smaller groups to discuss local priorities and challenges. Cllr Gareth E Jones, County Councillor for Llanelwedd will chair this meeting.

Attendance at these events is on an invitation only basis for **two nominated members** of your community council.

To book your place on one or both of these events, please **phone 01597 730133** or email Aberedw@bute.energy. For the clinics, we are keen to ensure we give you a time that suits you. Please let us know your preferred time so that we can accommodate you.

We aim to acknowledge all emails within 24 hours during working hours. The phone line is operated between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.

We look forward to hearing from you and discussing our proposals further.

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Tom Edmunds

**Project Manage** 

# **Rhos-Swydd Common,**

From: Turrell, Mark E. < <a href="mailto:mturrell@nationalgrid.co.uk">mturrell@nationalgrid.co.uk</a>>

**Sent:** 16 April 2025 11:35

To: penybont.district@hotmail.co.uk <penybont.district@hotmail.co.uk>

**Cc:** Claire Lewis < claire.lewis@powys.gov.uk >

**Subject:** Commons Registration

Dear Mr Evans

Please find attached a number of emails between Claire Lewis at Powys County Council and myself.

As you can see from the attached plan, we have been asked to get a supply of electricity across to the new houses being built on the old Penybont Mart site.

Our proposals call for changing the existing wood pole and transformer, before overlaying the existing low voltage cable with one of greater capacity.

Claire is happy from her side , but as you can see , has asked that we contact you with details of the scheme.

We will obviously keep an eye on the weather and prevailing ground conditions before commencing works, and will advise Claire when we have a proposed start date.

Many thanks

Mark.

From: Penybont District <penybont.district@hotmail.co.uk>

**Sent:** 20 April 2025 11:38

To: Turrell, Mark E. <mturrell@nationalgrid.co.uk>

**Cc:** Claire Lewis <claire.lewis@powys.gov.uk>; Chairman <info@thomas-shop.com>; dlyall1@aol.com; Doug <dbayliss127@btinternet.com>; eaglestonefarm@yahoo.co.uk; glenda.lawrence@btconnect.com; Richard DUGGAN (dickduggan57@hotmail.com) <dickduggan57@hotmail.com>; Richard WATKINS (ricwatk8@yahoo.co.uk)

<ricwatk8@yahoo.co.uk>

Subject: Re: Commons Registration

Mark

Thank you for the information of the planned works across Rhos Swydd (Penybont Common).

I have circulated to councillors of which some have grazers rights for their information.

I mention the following advice the council gave to an earlier matter:-

The council resulting to another enquiry found that those believed to have 'title' to the land, were unable to prove so to the various government agencies.

The legislation governing our council in this matter comes from Section 45, of the Commons Act 2006. However, there are very precis restrictions:

· Local authorities have a power but not duty to take steps to protect the land, and where necessary take enforcement action.

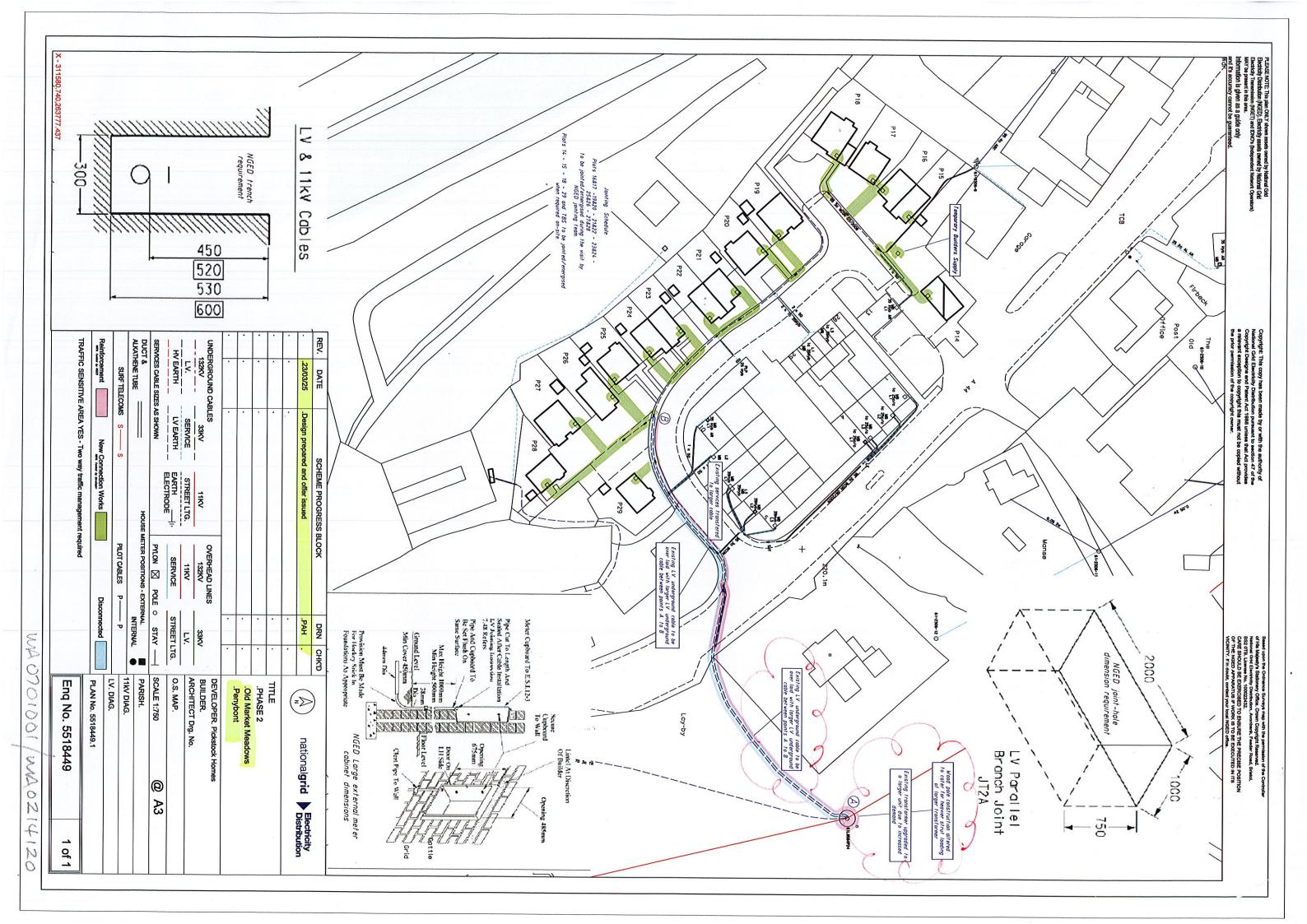
 There is no power for an authority to permit local inhabitants or others to use unclaimed land.

I have spoken to the Chair and Deputy of Penybont Council and we have no adverse comments to make.

Regards

Geraint Evans

Clerk to Council.



# Discussion Paper Penybont and District Community Council Hendy Wind Farm

As the years pass and, as a Community Council, we have heard nothing to suggest that Hendy Wind Farm might become operative it may be worth considering whether the Community Council might work with others to see if it might be possible to set up a Community Interest Company, along with other Councils in the area, to enable the Wind Turbines to finally produce electricity for the benefit of the local population.

This is particularly relevant at the moment as Bute Energy are beginning the final consultations to see if the Welsh Government will give them permission to create a much larger Wind Farm on the hill tops of the Radnor Forest. If this goes ahead there will be considerable Community Interest money available, and there could be no better use for this money than to use it to bring Hendy to life and to serve the local community.

Clearly there has been a lot of opposition to the development of wind farms locally and while we would not want to exacerbate community tensions, the time may now be right to explore this proposal as Hendy is there and using electricity to keep its blades turning and Bute Energy may get permission for their development. If they do not then this proposal may fall flat but if it does then it will be important to have a plan in place or we will find that it is likely that the 'community interest' may be defined by other people who may or may not have an 'interest' in the local community.

# The formal definition of Community Energy Companies is:

Community energy companies in the UK are organizations focused on collective action to address climate change and fuel poverty through community-led renewable energy projects and energy efficiency initiatives. These projects often involve local ownership or control and aim to deliver social, environmental, and economic benefits locally.

# **Support for Community Energy Initiatives:**

# **Community Energy Wales**

Community Energy Wales is a not-for-profit membership organisation that provides assistance and a voice to community groups working on energy projects in Wales. They say: "We want to help create the conditions in Wales that allow community energy projects to flourish, and communities to prosper." See: <a href="https://communityenergy.wales/about-us">https://communityenergy.wales/about-us</a>

# Additional information for discussion.

Further the Chairs document for discussion, outside of your area, a planning application to 'Development of an electricity substation, including associated ancillary buildings and structures, boundary fencing, creation of a new access into the compound as well as associated engineering, landscaping and drainage works. 23/1115/FUL

His application has been approved.

Regards

Geraint

# DRAFT Minutes of the Brecon & Radnor Area Committee held at the Strand, Builth Wells LD2 3BG at 7.00pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

At the start of the meeting a presentation was made by Jacqui Wilding (Chair, Board of Bronllys Well-Being Park CLT Ltd - BWBP) and Barry Farrell (Deputy Chair, BWBP) regarding a new position paper, entitled "Reimagining Rural Healthcare: The Case for the Bronllys Well-Being Community Hub" - See also images of leaflet copied below.

The presentation was followed by several questions from members.

BL thanked JW and BF for attending the meeting and speaking to the members.

# Present:

Cllr Barbara Lloyd (Chair) Glasebury & District CC

Cllr John Morris Vale of Grwyney CC
Cllr Justin Horrell Ystradgynlais TC

Megan Pryce (Clerk) Llanwrthwl, Llanafan Fawr, Treflys & Duhonw CC's

Alun Harries Development Officer, One Voice Wales

### **Apologies:**

Cllr Gareth Jones Aberedw CC
Cllr Julia Gruffydd Crickhowell TC
Cllr Angela Yates Old Radnor CC
Cllr Douglas Coleman Talgarth CC
Cllr Nick Pritchard Gwernyfed CC
Cllr Doug Coleman Talgarth CC

## 1. Welcome

The Chair BL welcomed members to the meeting an expressed surprise at the low attendance this evening.

# 2. Apologies

As listed above.

### 3. Declarations of interest

None were declared.

4. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (attached)

The minutes were approved.

5. Matters arising from the above minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)

There were no matters arising but members stated that despite the assurances provided by both the Chief Executive and Leader of Powys County Council during their attendance at previous Area Committee meetings, there was no discernible improvement in the delivery of public services locally.

There was no update on the Powys Community Review of local council boundaries but it appears that Powys CC has approached all local councils asking questions linked to the work of the council (including if they had a clerk).

ACTION: MP to forward the email to AH for information.

ACTION: It was agreed by members that the AC would write to both the CEO and Leader of Powys CC requesting an update on the delivery of services and in particular the progress of the delivery of the Sustainable Powys initiative.

6. Chair's update re engagement with member councils – Cllr Barbara Lloyd

BL said that she had spoken informally to several member councils in the Brecon & Radnor area with the aim of reviewing what the Area Committee can achieve as a group.

No of councils in Brecon & Radnorshire 63

No of councils in OVW membership 57

No of councils that have attended OVW AC meetings since last AGM (July 2024) 17

No of larger councils 9
Represented by 7

They were asked about their top 5 issues/concerns and 5 things they ar proud of. Contacts so far have been with both councillors and clerks- depending on the information on their website. Clerks felt that they could not answer appropriately on behalf of their council and many clerks provide support to more than one CC/TC.

Clerks and councillors raised concerns about instability and uncertainty regarding:

- Transition and vacancies feeling of being in survival mode
- Financial threats to local government
- Uncertainty at Powys County Council and at the Senedd

Many issues seem to be parallel to those reported via the Welsh Government Inquiry consultation:

- Overburdensome audit
- Some strained relationships between councillors and clerks

There were mixed views about working together/combining – some councils are quite keen to fill vacancies and share workload (in keeping with the Welsh Government Inquiry recommendation re clusters)

Strong feelings (expressed, though not necessarily widespread) that OVW is remote and unhelpful.

Strong feelings (expressed, though not necessarily widespread) that some agenda issues are very local, so not relevant to make other T&CC's want to attend a meeting.

BL said that some confusion/overlap has been caused by the different surveys/requests for information in December and January - Welsh Parliament: Aber Uni: and requested an update regarding the study conducted by Aberystwyth University.

**ACTION:** AH to seek update.

- 7. Reports from bodies on which the Area Committee is represented:
  - a. The National Executive Committee of One Voice Wales minutes were distributed with the papers for the meeting. AH said that Cllr Mark Hammond (Builth Wells TC) had vacated his seat on the NEC and the Area Committee. It was resolved that BL would represent the Area Committee on the NEC.

BL expressed her thanks to Cllr Hammond for his contribution to the work of the Area Committee and the NEC.

8. The Wales Air Ambulance Service at Welshpool

A decision is awaited from the High Court regarding the judicial review – please see the following article as reported in the County Times newspaper in February:

<u>Decision delayed again in Welshpool Air Ambulance hearing | County Times</u>

9. Planning Application 23/1120/SO PCC re Hendy Wind Farm - Cllr Angela Yates

This item will be removed from the agenda.

10. Monks Trod/Llywbr y Mynaich - Cllr Angela Yates

This item will be removed from the agenda.

11. Inquiry into the role of the town and community council sector in Wales <u>Inquiry into the role</u>, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector (senedd.wales)

The Welsh Government report published on 6<sup>th</sup> March was distributed with the papers for this meeting and contained 12 recommendations; AH went through the recommendations and a discussion followed amongst those present. AH added that the leadership of OVW will be meeting with Welsh Government officials later this week and the full report will be considered by the Minister.



Referring specifically to the recommendation made regarding making Code of Conduct training mandatory, MP said that the annual audits this year was asking questions about the extent of Code of Conduct training in local councils.

ACTION: MP to forward the request to AH.

12. News and reports of good practice from Councils

This item was not discussed at the meeting.

- 13. One Voice Wales Update
- 1. One Voice Wales Update
  - a. Training Programme

AH said that his colleague Wendi Patience had recently circulated the quarterly notice of courses available to all member councils.

b. Cost of Living Crisis Project Team (papers attached)

AH referred to the regular updates provided by the Team and an update is attached with these minutes. The CoLC Team will be hosting the following webinars:

**Grants & Funding: Securing Lottery Funding** will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm

Link to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ppf8mRHHRA6JamcrZD\_tzg

Councils connect:

**Making grant applications** will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm Link to register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/wYuERv8HRgqDYWLj0rSxqw

Booking links and information will be emailed out and will also be available on facebook forum.

### Future Plans:

Webinar: Community Engagement: Effective Community Consultations will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2pm to 4pm.

# c. Pethau Bychain

AH said that as public bodies all town and community councils are required to report to Welsh Government on how they have met the statutory Biodoversity abd ecosystems Duty – Section 6 of the Enviroenment Act 2016. This is often referred to as the **Section 6 Report**. The report should include all actions taken by the Council over the 3 year period. It should be published on a website or provided on request if this is not possible. 2025 will be the third reporting round for the Section 6 duty.

The OVW Local Places for Nature Officer Rachel Carter has recently circulated information to all councils about this and a series of webinars will take place in April (email with full information was sent to all councils on 17th March).

### d. Digital Project & Website

AH said that the new website has been launched and encouraged members to register and use the wide range of resources available: <u>Home - One Voice Wales</u>

# e. OVW Annual General Meeting

A new date will be cirulated in due course (now confirmed to be 1st October 2025).

### f. Area Committees

AH said that the findings of the recent survey are awaited.

NOTE: the closing date for the survey has been extended until 30th April 2025.

# g. OVW Annual Awards Conference 30th April 2025

This will take place at Llanelwedd.

### 14. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

# 15. Guest speakers for future meetings

Inspector Lloyd from the Brecon Division of Dyfed Powys Police had indicated that that she will attend a future meeting and the others already on the list from the previous meeting will also be requested to attend future meetings:

- Hayley Thomas, CEO of Powys Teaching Health Board
- The person responsible for refuse collection and recycling in Powys County Council

# 16. Date of next meeting

**7.00pm Wednesday 18**<sup>th</sup> **June 2025,** at Llyswen. Village Hall - parking at Archdeacon Griffiths School

# Membership Form

Please complete both sides of this form, tear off the panel and return with your £1 membership fee to Jacqui Wilding, The Malt House, High Street, Talgarth LD3 0PD



I do not live or work in any of the above localities, but lam 16 years or older and live" / work" in Bronflys" (" delete as appropriate) Talgarth / Hay area

wish to become an Associate Member of Bronilys Well Being Park Community Land Trust Name .....

Address

Postcode

Phone ....

Email .....

Please turn over and Sign & Date your Membership Form before returning it to us N.B. Bronijss Weil Being Park O.T. will use your contact details to knep you informed, and will not pass them on to any other organisation



Please retain this part of the form and your Membership No. will be sent you.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP THIS IS YOUR OF BWBP CLT

Membership No. below Insert your

Aims of Bronllys Well Being Park CLT



To establish Bronlys Well Being Park CLT as a new legal entity with community ownership and support



ennances Bronlys Hospital

development of the Park for housing, work, To stimulate and oversee the sustainable

transport, leisure and well being facilities



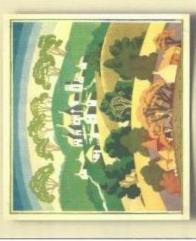
Bronliys Well Being Park Community Land Trust

Teg Fan, Church Lane, Llyswen LD3 0UU

# BRONLLYS WELL BEING

PARK

Community Land Trust



Community Land Trust now groundbreaking well being community around and help create a **Bronllys Hospital** Join your local

# BROZILYS WELL BEIZG PARK : THE VISION

The purpose of Bronllys Well Being Park is to create and deliver a ground-breaking community asset which is inspired and owned by local people. It will complement and enhance Bronllys Hospital itself through the sustainable development of housing, transport, work and leisure opportunities, as well as a range of well being facilities for the entire community.

Please join in as a member for a £1 fee and make an active contribution to this exciting community project!

# The Story So Far

Based on Garden City principies, Brontys Weil Being Park Community Land Trust has been established to enable the development of an inspirational park for our Mid-Wates communities, with Brontys Hospital at his heart. Owned by the local community, it will provide sustainable and affordable housing and transport, work and lesure copportunities; health and well-being amendies in support of the existing Brontys WHS hospital.

We mend to make it possible for people to the close to their place of work so that local job vacances can be fulfitled, the community can function effectively, and local young people be given an opportunity to remain in the area should they wish to do so.

# What is a CLT?

Community Land Trusts are not-for-profit local organisations set up and run by local people to develop and manage local assets like land, that is important to the community. A CLT takes a long-term view, working to ensure that genumely affordable homes and other facilities are available to current and future generations of local people. There are over 170 CLTs in England and Wales.

# Who is involved?

Each CLT is run by local people for the begefit of the Yocal community. There is a halional CLT network providing acrybic and resources, while the example of other successful CLTs helps start-ups to cevelop plans with confidence.

# How Will Bronllys WBP CLT Work?

CLTs may work dreatly or with partners like housing associations, to provide fromes and other social facilities to rent or self at affordable prices. They might take advantage of redundant land for new-build, support self-build projects or refurbable existing buildings, but will always retain the long-tarm night of ownership for the benefit of the community into the future.

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# HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Become a Member of the Bronllys Well Being Park COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Express your support for the Bronilys Well Being Park CLT initiative by joining Bronilys Well Being Park CLT (see form overleaf). It will cost you ONE POUND for life!



I note that my Membership is in support of the Bronilys Well Being Park CLT, and does not give me rights to own, purchase or lease any properties.



Minutes of the Brecon & Radnor Area Committee held online at 7.00pm on Thursday 9th January 2025

At the start of the meeting a presentation was made by Mr Simon Evans the Chief Executive of the

Wye and Usk Foundation about soil management and its impact on the River Usk and the wider

effect on communities everywhere.

This was followed by several questions from members.

The chair Cllr Barbara Lloyd thanked Simon for a very informative and powerful presentation.

This is a link to the Wye and Usk Foundation website: Home - The Wye & Usk Foundation This was Simon's presentation during the meeting (it has to be looked at as a whole):Updated UCM for

public 2.pptx

This a video taken on the morning of Storm Bert that demonstrates what work the Wye & Lisk

Foundation carries out.VID-20241125-WA00

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NOTE: if you are unable to open the above they are also attached separately with the email Present:

Cllr Barbara Lloyd (Chair) Glasebury & District CC

Cllr Mark Hammond Builth Wells TC

Cllr Julia Gruffydd Crickhowell TC

Cllr Paul Woods Glyn Tarrell CC

Cllr James Prothero Hay on Wye TC

Cllr Clive Easton Llanwrthwl CC

Cllr Angela Yates Old Radnor CC

Cllr Douglas Coleman Talgarth CC

Cllr John Morris Vale of Grwyney CC

Alun Harries One Voice Wales

Apologies:

Cllr Justin Horrell Ystradgynlais TC

1. Welcome

The chair BL welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

As listed above.

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2024 The minutes were approved.

- 5. Matters arising from the above minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)
- a. Item 6 a AH said that the next local boundaries review in Powys is due to take place during the 2025/26 period.
- 6. Chair's update re engagement with member councils Cllr Barbara Lloyd BL said that she had not yet been able to contact councils directly (there are 63 town and community councils in Powys) but will start this process during coming weeks and will provide an update at the next Area Committee meeting in April.
- 7. Reports from bodies on which the Area Committee is represented:
- a. The National Executive Committee of One Voice Wales (13th December) Cllr Mark Hammond

There followed a discussion about representation at the NEC by Area committee members.

ACTION: AH will circulate the minutes with these draft minutes.

8. The Wales Air Ambulance Service at Welshpool – Cllr Mark Hammond The Judicial Review will report when complete (retain on the agenda).

ACTION: BL will forward related information to AH for circulation.

NOTE: the Judicial Review started and was adjourned during the week commencing 20.01.25

9. Planning Application 23/1120/SO PCC re Hendy Wind Farm - Cllr Angela Yates There was no update from AY but CE provided an update on the response he had received to his FOI request from Welsh Government. This was a long and detailed response. MH said that Builth Wells TC and other local councils had been cntacted by Bute Energy with a view to attending meetings locally to share information. PW said that this was a very important issue in the local area and members should be updated as much as possible. ACTION: CE to forward to AH for circulation to members. Retain this item on the agenda.

10. Monks Trod/Llywbr y Mynaich - Cllr Angela Yates

There was no update available – retain this item on the agenda.

11. Inquiry into the role of the town and community council sector in Wales Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector (senedd.wales)

AH said that the Chair, CEO and other OVW representatives had attended the consultation event at the Senedd in November and updates will be provided when available. MH said that he had watched the event live and it was unclear what the direction of travel of the Inquiry was likely to be. He complimented Cllr Mike Theodolou (OVW Chair) and Lyn Cadwallader (OVW CEO) on their presentation to the Inquiry.

- 12. Governance within health services in Wales POLICY 2024/44 Discussed and resolved at the previous meeting.
- 13. News and reports of good practice from Councils

AH emphasised the importance of member councils sharing good local practices with colleagues from other councils during these Area Committee meetings and urged

members to bring examples to future meetings.

- 14. One Voice Wales Update
- a. Training Programme
- b. Cost of Living Crisis Project (paper circulated with the agenda)
- c. Pethau Bychain
- d. Digital Project
- e. OVW Annual General Meeting will taek place online at 2pm n Tuesday 11th March 2025
- f. Area Committees
- i. Survey this will be circulated to all members in the next few weeks and members and councils are encouraged to respond.
- g. OVW Annual Awards Conference will take place at the Showground in Llanelwedd on 30th April 2025.
- 15. Correspondence
- a. COVID-19 Day of Reflection takes place on Sunday 9 March 2025
- b. All councils are urged to respond to the 2024 Local Policy & Innovation Partnership Community Survey being undertaken by Aberystwyth University with an extended closing date of 31st January 2025. Further information has been sent to all community and town councils in Wales:

Participate in new important Wales community resilience research

We recently invited you as a representative of a community or town council to
participate in a survey about community resilience in Wales. So far, 80 community

or town councils have completed the survey. Our target response rate for the survey is 500 community or town councils. This is to help build a complete data set of community resilience in Wales in relation to local economies, climate change, culture and wellbeing, that can be used by policymakers and stakeholder organisations to improve quality of life in Welsh communities. We have extended the survey deadline to the 31st January to give more time for community and town councils to respond.

To fill out the survey in Welsh, please click this link:

https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/aber/2024-arolwg-cymunedol

To fill out the survey in English, please click this link:

https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/aber/2024-community-survey

16. Guest speakers for future meetings

Suggestions were made as follows:

- Powys Divisional Police Commander
- Hayley Thomas, CEO of Powys Teaching Health Board
- The person responsible for refuse collection and recycling in Powys County Council

BL asked members about any engagement councils might have received from Powys CC

regarding 'Sustainable Powys' since the presentation made by the Chief Executive Emma Palmer at the Area Committee in April last year. MH said that there had been very little communication other than via the local county councillor (meeting to take place in February)

17. Date of next meeting

7.00pm Tuesday 1st April 2025, at Builth Wells (The Strand