

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**, 8th July 2025 in Main Hall of Penybont Community Hall with online facilities [HERE](#)

Geraint Evans
Clerk to Community
Council
2nd July 2025

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 meetings of the Council held on the: -

13th May Annual Meeting

13th May Meeting

10th June extra-ordinary meeting

4. Clerk's Update.

5. County Councillors Report

6. Planning

7. Community Issues Raised or Ongoing

- Capability of Penybont Sewage Works with new housing estate.
- Community benefit from alternative energy parks.
- BIODIVERSITY REPORT – July 2025
- Defibrillator at Llandegley.

8. One Voice Wales

- See attached minutes

9. Finance

(i) To Approve:

Mrs Tracy Price	Internal audit 24-25	£74.75
Visionict	Web Maintenance	£48*
*VAT to be claimed		

Penybont and District Community Council

- 1) Bank reconciliation for May/June 2025
- 2) Approval of bank mandate for ICO
- 3) To approve Scribe accounting system

10. Correspondence

- Ramblers' footpaths

11. Public Discussion ¹

12. Date of Next Meeting and format

9th September '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.

¹ Standing Orders 2.15C

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 13th
May 2025 at Penybont Community Hall at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: D.Turner Bufton:R.Duggan:R.Watkins;D.Lyall

Apologies: Cllr J.Lawrence

Absent: Cllr D.Bayliss

Others: County Councillor Morgan

The live link was not operational there being wi-fi issues. Will be resolved with the installation into the Penybont Hall.

PD/0021/25 Election of Chairperson

Nominated Cllr R Watkins by Cllr Duggan, **Unanimous** accepted by Cllr Watkins

PD/0022/25 Election of Deputy Chairperson.

Nominated Cllr D. Lyall by Cllr Turner, unanimous and accepted by Cllr Lyall.

PD/0023/25 Approval of Annual Meetings Calendar

The following dates were proposed by the Chair for the council dates May-May2025.

13th May-AM	2025	7.30pm
8th July	2025	7.30pm
9th September	2025	7.30pm
11thNovember	2025	7.30pm
13th January-Budget	2026	7.30pm
10th March	2026	7.30pm

Approved Unanimous

Meeting close at 1940hrs

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 13th
May 2025. At Penybont Community Hall at 7.30pm ¹

PRESENT: Cllrs R.Watkins (Chair); Cllr D.Lyall Cllr Bufton
Cllr R.Duggan:R.Watkins;

Apologies: J.Lawrence

Absent: Cllr D. Bayliss

Others: County Councillor G.Morgan

Declarations of Interest:

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PD/0023/25 Minutes

To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on the 11th of March 2025
Proposed Cllr D.Turner Unanimous

PD/0024/25 Clerk's update

On sick leave

PD/0025/25 County Councillors Report

Councillors discussed matters further arising from the documentation relating to an urgent question of the budget for in part our area. It was ruled out on procedural matter preventing his representation. In part the consequence his position of becoming the Reform Councillor. The forthcoming Annual Meeting of PCC and the resignation of the Chair widely reported.

PD/0026/25 Planning:

- Update letter from Bute Energy-Councillors advised this was not an issue of planning, already determined but to be discussed as per community projects/issues. (See below)
- Rhos-Swydd Common, correspondence between council and National Grid + map. Documentation acknowledged.

¹ Clerk on sick leave, no on-line facilities

PD/0027/25 Community Projects/Issues:

Cllr Turner presented a discussion document Appendix A regarding '*Community Interest money*'. Following a discussion, it was decided that the Clerk contact surrounding community councils, to establish work already carried out, or possibly joint action. To contact Powys Planning relating to the governance of community benefits of large planning works.

PD/0028/25 One Voice Wales

Minutes of their meetings published with agenda.

PD/0029/25 Finance

- Expenditure to authorise.

Council Insurance to Zurich	£426.13
Welsh Audit Office 2023/4	£260
VAT refund	953.89
Audit Office refund, assigned to incorrect year	£260

- **Internal audit for submission to Welsh Audit office.**
Clerk gives explanation and Chair signs for submission to Welsh Audit Office.
- Current financial position supplied

Proposed to pay Cllr Bufton Unanimous

PD/030/25 Correspondence

None

PD/0031/25 Public Questions

- Mrs Jenkins raised the following matter: A Section 6 report for community councils is a required document that outlines a public authority's efforts to comply with the biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems duty under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. What is the current position of this community council?
- [///spenders.cork.pencils](http://spenders.cork.pencils) has a fallen tree into the river. The effect to the road, is that the river Mithil is undermining the road. Highways to be informed.

PD/0032/25 Date of Next Meeting and format

10th June 2025 at 7.30pm Hybrid available.

Appendix A

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:

<https://communityenergy.wales/about-us>

Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday
10th June 2025. On line via Zoom at 7.30pm ¹

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

Apologies: Cllr R.Duggan

Absent: Cllr D. Bayliss

Others:

Declarations of Interest:

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PD/0033/25 Community Issues Raised or Ongoing

- Erection of 27 dwellings and 2 live work units and creation of new vehicular access. RAD/2004/0557.
- The discussion heard from Cllr Turner a history of sewage matters effecting the community of Penybont from 1960 to date.
- It was accepted that the initial application may have been made without full knowledge of the sewage capabilities at Penybont Sewage Works.
- The Clerk has been unable to access any planning documents that may contain discussions relating to the capabilities then or now when matters were discussed on 25/0175/NMA.
- The councillors had the updated map for development, attached to the minutes.
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Resolved, the Clerk shall contact Gwilym Davies, Head of Planning and Regulatory Services and seek disclosure of original replies from the statutory agencies, then (2004/7) and reviewed matters now, specifically relating to sewage.

8th July 2025 at 7.30pm Penybont Hall +Hybrid available.

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your email, which has been forwarded to myself.

The application RAD/2004/0557 (PR630000) was, as you have correctly stated, determined in September 2007. This granted consent for the “*Erection of 27 dwellings and 2 live work units and creation of new vehicular access*”. This was subsequently commenced with the building of some of these houses, which have become to be known as “Old Market Meadows”. As you will be aware, this development was not completed – whilst the footings of the outstanding plots were constructed, the actual houses were not. There remains an extant and lawful planning permission to build these remaining houses under the permission from 2007 at the site.

In February 2025 the Local Planning Authority received a non-material amendment (NMA) request to make minor alterations to the designs of some of the outstanding houses approved under the 2007 permission (and as amended earlier under an NMA request in 2019). This request, reference 25/0175/NMA, was approved in March 2025. Given the type of submission, being an NMA request and not an application for planning permission, the planning authority is limited by legislation in regard to what it can consider, and must acknowledge the lawful position of the developers being able to continue with the development by lawfully building out the remainder of the plots which they have already got planning permission for.

The file for 25/0175/NMA is available online. Given the age of the application under reference RAD/2004/0557 (PR630000) this is not available online, however, should you be able to confirm what you would like to see of this, I will pass the request onto one of our Technicians who will look into this for you.

I hope this is of assistance.

With regards,

Rhian Griffiths

Uwch Swyddog Cynllunio / Senior Planning Officer
Rheoli Datblygu / Development Control

Community Investment Roundtable – relating to Aberedw Energy Park

Date: 13th May 2025

Location: Hundred House Village Hall, LD1 5RY

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Attendees:

Councillor Gareth Jones GJ (Chair of Meeting) – Llanelwedd Ward
Councillor Bryan Davies – BD - Llanafanfawr with Garth Ward
Councillor Jeremy Pugh – JP - Builth Wells Ward
Councillor David Price – DP - Duhonw Community Council
Councillor Steve Deeks-D'Silva – SDD – Llandrindod Wells Town Council
Councillor Jamie Jones – JJ – Llandrindod Wells Town Council
Councillor Berwyn Jones – BJ – Glascwm Community Council
Councillor Ed Jones – EJ – Old Radnor Ward
Councillor Richard Brown – RB - Glascwm Community Council
Catryn Newton – Bute Energy, Community Investment and Communications Director
Eluned Lewis – Bute Energy, Community Investment Manager
James Green – Bute Energy, Social Mapping and MEL Lead
Kadun Rees – Bute Energy, External Affairs Co-ordinator
Tom Edmunds – Bute Energy, Project Manager

The **purpose of the meeting** is to provide an information sharing exercise on Bute Energy offering of the Community Benefit Fund that is related to Aberedw Energy Park. A clear distinction between the project clinic (held on 12th May 2025 at Wyeseide Arts Centre in Builth Wells) and the Community Investment Roundtable.

Summary of meeting:

- Prior to the presentation being delivered, concerns of the project and related grid infrastructure were raised and discussed.
- Presentation was delivered by members of the Community Investment Team of Bute Energy. EL outlined that community benefit funding (CBF) is standard practise with wind farm developments and that Bute Energy's offer is set at £7,500 per megawatt. This is set at the higher end to enable some compensation for the communities along the grid infrastructure (due to them not providing a CBF). There has been no decision yet about how this would be split and if it is formally split, it is just a commitment at this stage.
- It was outlined that Green GEN Cymru (GGC) are a separate entity and are a regulated company by Ofgem¹. Therefore, Bute Energy are a paying customer of GGC.
- GGC do not have a community benefit fund – as they are regulated by Ofgem.
- A major concern raised by Cllrs was that the fund would not be kept local and would be given to those villages on the grid infrastructure. An example of local issues included the school closure of Garth.
- Bute Energy are ensuring that the CBF is legally tied to each energy park that is developed so that regardless of future ownership this commitment to the community remains in place. It was stressed however that it is Bute Energy's intention to develop, construct and own-operate every wind farm in the portfolio.
- A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), which will be regulated by Charities Commission England & Wales will be set up to deliver, manage and

¹ Ofgem are the energy regulator for Great Britain. [Welcome to Ofgem](#) | [Ofgem](#)

administer the fund. There will be one CIO to cover all of the Bute Energy parks in the portfolio and as each energy park is consented a local panel will be set up.

- In terms of timescale this process has begun as it is required to be in place for our first consented energy park at Twyn Hywel near Caerphilly. A Governance Document for the CIO is currently being prepared by our Legal team and once approved internally will be made available to those who wish to scrutinise it.
- The CIO, as with any registered charity will require Trustees and we it is our current intention to launch the recruitment phase for this in July at the Royal Welsh Show.
- The impact of the Senedd Elections in 2026 were briefly raised and discussed.
- History of previous projects (namely Hedy) still sit in the memory of the local communities. Hedy was a scheme paid by subsidies and the developer was paid to deliver the scheme, which is not the case for Bute Energy Park's.
- A report of the Social Value would be welcomed, including how much is available, what has been spent on current projects to date and ideally, who fits into the social value (geographically).
- Ideas of how the Social Value can be utilised were presented, including the reinstatement of Llandrindod Wells, a training centre or centre of excellence to train apprenticeships and finally whether a substation can be installed allowing local communities to utilise. RWE are currently providing a 3 year apprenticeship relating to manufacturing and the delivery of wind projects.
- JG expressed the new partner of Bute, namely Big Issue Recruitment who provide job opportunities for the vulnerable and unemployed in the southeast area of Wales (theme was identified as a key issue surrounding the Twyn Hywel Energy Park).
- A thematic series of events is recommended to understand potential projects in the local area, utilising the Social Value and CBF.
- Concerns were raised of the official Charity Commission for England and Wales relating to publications of accounts.
- It was noted that the new Powys CC leader will start on 15th May 2025.
- A discussion was held on whether there is benefits to a singular panel local panel to cover the three proposed Bute Energy projects in the area. There will be further discussions on that once it is established which energy parks are consented.

Actions following meeting:

- EL to issue a copy of the CI presentation to all those in attendance (emails were noted down).
- TE to issue a copy of the project clinic presentation – hard copies were provided to those in attendance on Monday 12th May 2025.
- CN accepted invitation to Duhonw CC meeting. To be arranged with DP.
- Community Cllrs, Community Councils and Town Councils to prepare a list of projects that could be applicable to social value (which is existing money) and Bute will engage directly. Request of information from the Councils.
 - Related to the above, if easier, Bute are happy to email the clerks of the various Councils setting out information we want to start the engagement process.

No AOB was raised.

End

Parc Egni Aberedw Energy Park
Diweddariad – Update
05.2025

Parc Egni Aberedw Energy Park Diweddariad - Update





Bute Energy

Aberedw Energy Park

Located 3km east of Builth Wells

The proposal includes up to 18 wind turbines

Generating up to **120.6MW** of clean, green energy

Powering the equivalent of **97,000** homes

Annual Community Benefit Fund up to **£904,500**

Consultation to date: Non-statutory consultation completed in **November / December 2023**.

Consultation stage: pre statutory consultation engagement.

*figures on this page are subject to change as project design progresses



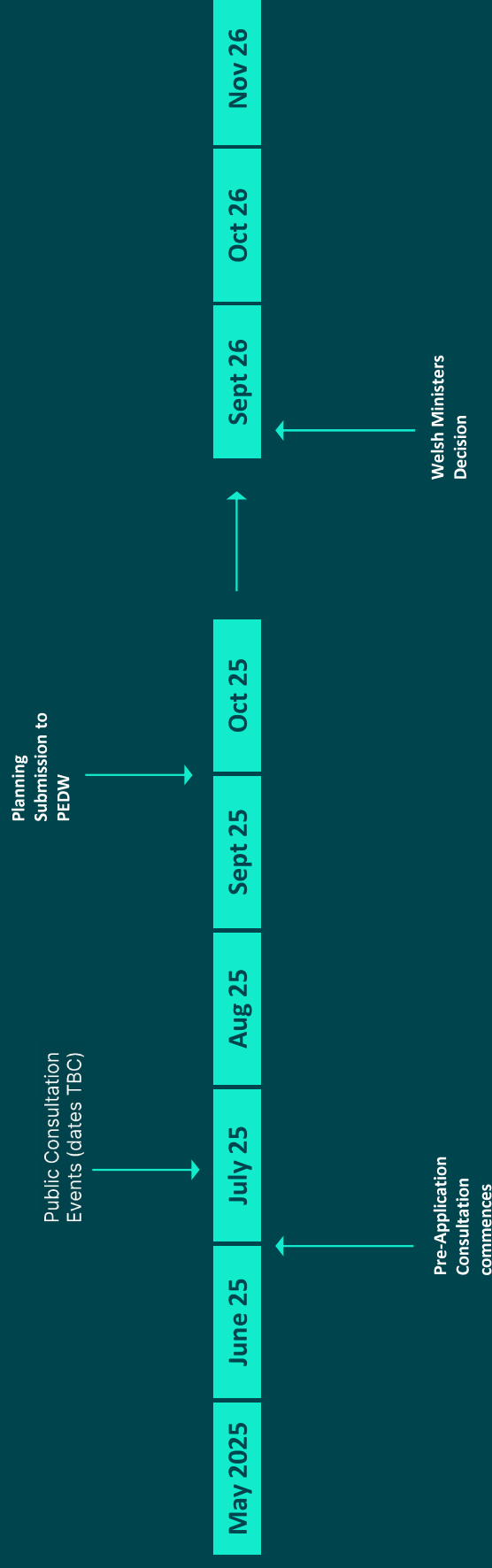
Overview of work since non statutory consultation – update on design work

Following the feedback received during our non statutory stage of consultation, and through dialogue with various departments at Powys County Council, including noise, landscape, access and recreation and ecology, a number of key design strategies have been implemented into the scheme.

- Measured baseline noise levels at appropriate places around the site (as agreed with EHO at PCC), and also agreed acceptable daytime and nighttime noise limits with PCC. The proposed design has been assessed against the baseline levels and accounting for acceptable noise limits.
- The design has been cognisant of the step wise approach as part of the DECCA framework as advocated as part of PPW12 and details will be provided in the Green Infrastructure Statement.
- Identify an acceptable aviation lighting scheme – the design has recently been approved by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).
- Protect the site's hydrological regime, including the catchment of the River Wye.
- Take account for potential for effects on ecology and all bird species.
- Limiting infrastructure on common land, to minimise land take overall, including access tracks, associated drainage etc.
- Buffer of GCN ponds.

Programme Key Events, Targets and Activities

We will ensure that you and key local stakeholders are briefed at key junctions the programme.



Consultation

Proposed Outreach Methods

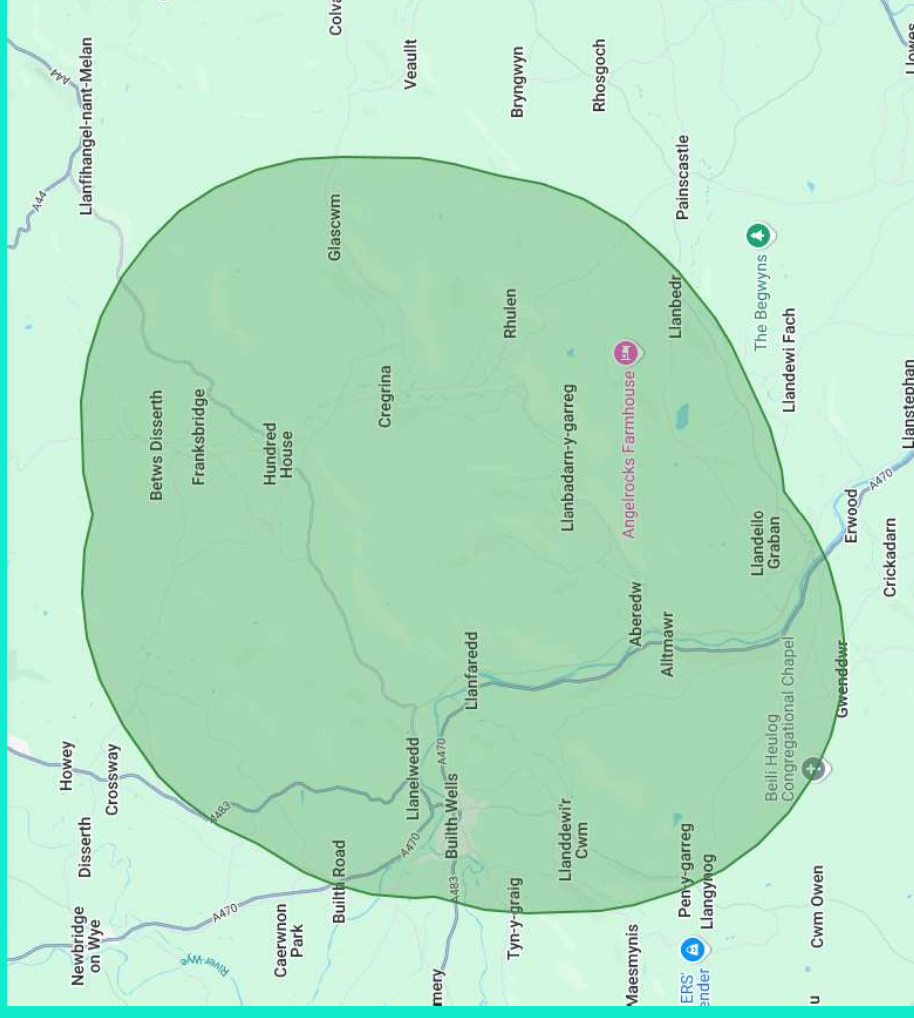
- Distributing a newsletter to local addresses – proposed 5km boundary of the Aberedw Site (c.3,000 homes).
- Draft planning application uploaded to website.
- Local library notified to be able to help people view the consultation online.
- Advertisement within local newspapers for consultation.
- Posters will be distributed in the local community..
- Events in the local community.

Proposed Events and Feedback Mechanisms

- Official statutory consultation period between 2 July and 17 August – **subject to change**.
- 3 Events in July 2025.
- Venues in Aberedw, Builth Wells, and Hundred House.
- Different ways to submit feedback during consultation:
 - Give My View survey for quick feedback,
 - Feedback form for detailed feedback (both online and paper)

Contact Details

- Dedicated email: Aberedw@bute.energy
- Joint phone line: 01597 730133
- Contact form on website: aberedwenenergypark.wales
- Freepost: freepost GRASSHOPPER CONSULT (no stamp required)
- Contactable before, during, and after consultation.



Proposed Aberedw Energy Park
consultation zone



Our Community Investment Team

Our dedicated Community Investment team are working hard to keep as much of the £3billion investment in Wales for the benefit of people and communities.

We are doing this by:

- Ensuring all contractors sign up to our Social Value Standard where 2% of the contract value is invested in communities near our projects
- Focusing on building the capacity of the Welsh Supply chain to create up to 2,000 jobs.
- Combined Community Benefit funds of up to £20million annually
- Bio-diversity net benefit on all projects with a nature first approach to design and innovation in access for recreation
- Shared ownership for local people through Welsh Pension Partnership investment



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Diolch Thanks



Approach to Community Interest

Overview: The document outlines the investment and community benefits associated with the Aberedw Energy Park project in Wales.

Our investment in Wales

- £3bn investment by Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners and Wales Pension Partnership.
- £460m in business rates over the project lifetime.
- Up to £20m annual Community Benefit Fund for local communities.
- Up to £800m Community Benefit Funding throughout the project.
- 2GW+ of renewable energy generated by onshore wind projects.
- 2.6m tonnes of CO2 offset by the projects.
- Equivalent to powering 2.5m houses with clean energy.
- 2% of suppliers' contract value invested in local communities.

Bute Energy Aberedw Energy Park

- Located 3km east of Bwlth Wells with up to 18 wind turbines.
- Generates up to 120.6MW of clean energy, powering 97,000 homes.
- Annual Community Benefit Fund of up to £904,500.
- Non-statutory consultation completed in November/December 2023.

Community Benefit Funding

- Commitment to support communities near energy parks.
- £7,500 per megawatt of generating capacity into the community benefit fund.
- For Aberedw, this amounts to £904,500 per year based on current turbine numbers.
- Fund linked to Consumer Price Index for inflation adjustment.
- Administered through a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation regulated by the Charities Commission.

Social Value Standard

- Commitment to delivering community benefits and addressing complex challenges.
- Emphasis on data-driven solutions and compliance with the Well-being of Future Generations Wales Act 2015.
- Social value training for local stakeholders at key program junctures.

The Environmental (Wales) Act 2016

Penybont & Llandegley Community Council is committed to support the creation of a sustainable community. The Council also recognises that some of the activities will have some negative impact on the environment, and the aim of this policy is to establish broad objectives to enable the development of actions which mitigate the effects on the community.

Energy and Water Management

The Town Council is committed to responsible energy management and will promote energy efficiency throughout its community. Examples of which are:

- 1.1 Encouraging residents and businesses to ensure that electrical equipment and unnecessary lights are switched off when not in use.
- 1.2 Encouraging residents and businesses to close windows and external doors when heating is on.
- 1.3 Encouraging residents and businesses to minimise the use of electric heaters.
- 1.4 Encouraging residents, to use water efficiently.
- 1.5 Where possible utilise water butts fed by down pipes as a non-drinking water source.

RECYCLING AND CONSERVATION

The Community Council will :-

- 2.1 Encourage the recycling of wastepaper and cardboard and where possible plastics and glass.
- 2.2 Promote and encourage recycling across the community.
- 2.3 Use Recycled Paper products where feasible.
- 2.4 Minimise pollution and prevent where possible.

BIODIVERSITY AND GREEN SPACES

The Community Council will:

- 3.1 Seek to protect and where possible enhance the quality of Penybont & Llandegley's natural environment and open spaces.
- 3.2 Support the conservation of trees, hedgerows, ponds and streams.
- 3.3 Consider the conservation and promotion of local biodiversity in all activities but particularly with regard to the management of land
- 3.4 Seek to manage its green spaces in a manner that promotes and protects biodiversity

AWARENESS, LOBBYING AND PARTNERSHIPS

The Community Council will:

- 4.1 In all relevant communications promote awareness of, and information on environmental issues within the community.
- 4.2 Where appropriate, act as a voice for the local environmental concerns to those agencies given the statutory powers to tackle problems.
- 4.3 Ensure that all individuals involved in the organisation are aware of their responsibilities in implementing this environmental policy
- 4.4 Where appropriate work with its partners to minimise the effects of noise and light pollution on the communities.

The Community Council will:

- 5.1 Seek to minimise environmental damage caused through the transportation of goods on its roads.
- 5.2 Ensure that the use of pesticides/herbicides are minimised in others land management and horticultural activities by encouraging the land management owners to have a like policy.

Penybont & Llandegley COMMUNITY COUNCIL

BIODIVERSITY REPORT – July 2025

Penybont & Llandegley Community Council is committed to reducing the decline of biodiversity in its area and realises the importance of biodiversity conservation and enhancement for our communities' health and wellbeing and enables behaviour change towards a sustainable lifestyle.

Environment (Wales) Act 2016

Under the Environment (Wales) Act (2016) all public bodies in Wales are required to;

- Maintain and enhance biodiversity when carrying out their responsibilities and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems
- Demonstrate an ecosystem approach by applying the principles set out in the Act
- Prepare and publish a plan outlining how they intend to fulfil the duty
- Publish a report, every three years, on the actions which they have taken to meet this duty. (This first report is due to be published by the end of 2019 covering the period 2016-2019)

A public authority, in complying with the Section 6 duty, must have regard to:

- The Section 7 list of habitats and species of principle importance for Wales.
- The State of Nature Report published by Natural Resources Wales.
- Any area statement which covers all or part of the area in which the authority exercises its functions, once these are produced.

Complying with the Section 6 duty will also help Public Authorities subject to the Well-being of future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to maximise their contributions to the Well-being goals. At present this is not a statutory obligation for New Radnor Community Council.

The Community Council

The Community Council does not currently manage any land or property and therefore its scope is limited however, the Council is aware of the necessity of bearing in mind the need to maintain and enhance biodiversity and will do so as and when possible.

The Council has therefore agreed the following -

- A commitment to engage through parents in the community, with local primary school to encourage it to create habitats for birds and other wildlife, for which grants will be made available.
- To continue to liaise with organisations such as Natural Resources Wales to reduce incidences of pollution, fly tipping and flooding and to immediately report any issues coming to the Council's attention.
- To consider the net benefit of biodiversity when considering planning applications so that development does not cause significant loss of habitats or populations of species.
- To consider supporting any local organisation which wishes to promote biodiversity.

Agreed at the July Council Meeting. To be reviewed and monitored each third year at the Annual Meeting and stated July 2028.
Last full review December 2022.

Minutes of the Brecon & Radnor Area Committee held at Llyswen Community Hall on
Monday 8th April 2024

At the start of the meeting a presentation was made by Emma Palmer the Chief
Executive of

Powys County Council.

Emma told members that her three main strategic priorities were:

- 1 To put in place a corporate leadership team structure.
- 2 To achieve a sustainable Powys, especially with regard to its future budget and funding arrangements. EP highlighted the severe budget pressures that the County Council was facing in future years; this was an extremely serious and unprecedented situation that could not be addressed without dealing with some very difficult questions.
- 3 To enhance and develop existing and new partnerships between Powys CC and others across the county, including town and community councils.

EP stressed that policy decisions and strategy were the responsibility of the county councillors, her role and that of her officers and staff was to implement those policy decisions.

This was followed by a number of questions from members, including the following:

- AA had submitted the following question beforehand: 'Approximately 5 years ago Powys County Council drafted a Memorandum of Agreement setting out the basis upon which its responsibility for maintaining and improving rights of way could be shared with Town and Community Councils, who would enlist the help of local volunteers. Is it intended to develop this approach and, if so, what actions are planned?' EP said that grants were being secured to help with this work and there was certainly an opportunity to implement the existing memorandum of understanding.

NOTE: a written response to this matter and other information relevant to town and community councils was received from EP's office on 09.4.24, and this is

attached at Appendix A.

- Concerns were expressed about the volume of planning applications for wind farms in the county and requested consideration of a public referendum on this issue. EP said that consultation about this was a matter for Welsh Government and that there would be no local referendum.
- GJ said there was a perception amongst the local councils that they were not being listened to by the County Council. CE said that communication between PCC and local community and town councils was poor, and this was something that needed to be improved so that the town and community councils and Powys CC could work more effectively together.

He said that he and AH attended a meeting in 2022 with the new Leader, when promises were made about this - but there has been no improvement. CE added that One Voice Wales and local councils could provide a lot of expertise and assistance to PCC in helping it deliver its various services, but it appeared that this was not recognised by the County Council. AP asked what was being done about the poor internet connectivity in different parts of the county including Erwood.

EP said that she saw the local town and community councils as an extension of PCC and looked forward to working more closely with them. She expressed her disappointment that only 38 of the councils had attended a recent forum organised by PCC. EP said that she noted that there were three county councillors in attendance this evening and added that she could not guarantee the attendance of senior officers at every OVW Area Committee meeting but will try to arrange attendance when required.

EP added that the Director of Communications and IT at PCC – Diane Reynolds – was working hard to try to address the historical challenges, but that the ownership of internet and other related connectivity technology was ultimately the responsibility of Welsh Government.

- BL asked about performance management and monitoring of service delivery by PCC,

referring to a historical problem regarding the football playing facilities at Brecon Leisure Centre. EP said that the County Council was data rich and there was a lot of information available to it to allow it to measure the effectiveness of its work. She expressed some concern that many services were currently outsourced and added that this was something she was monitoring closely.

- JM referred to the funding challenges faced by the National Parks Authority due to the funding settlement provided by Welsh Government.

- CE asked how PCC and its other partners and stakeholders could work more effectively together. EP replied that PCC had 3 statutory priorities, namely safeguarding, education and social services. Given the budget pressures already referred to it was almost inevitable that other services provided by PCC would have to be reviewed. CE suggested that sponsorship or funding might be considered from other sources, including the tourism sector. EP replied that those sort of policy issues were a matter for the politicians to determine.

- CE referred to the Clyro Passif housing Development and the lack of performance date from the project to allow it to be evaluated properly. EP will review the project.

- MH enquired whether there were plans to review the Core Areas Project, as it appeared that resources were in future likely to be focused around Llandrindod Wells, Brecon, Welshpool and Newtown. EP replied that there was evidence to suggest that very low use was being made of certain services in different areas and to continue to deliver services as had been done previously could not be sustained into the future. Her team is currently reviewing the available data and will make recommendations to county councillors about this.

- GJ asked what the next steps would be in respect of the Sustainable Powys initiative. EP replied that the challenges were huge, and PCC needed all the assistance it could get from the local town and community councils. PCC was currently consulting with young people about how they saw the delivery of its services into the future.

This link will take members to the ‘Sustainable Powys’ presentation that was provided

at the recent Powys Town & Community Council Webinar:

<https://youtu.be/W4sgmZVSAp4?si=eCZ7H3uKwOPhhp9c>

Present:

Cllr Clive Easton (Chair) Llanwrthwl CC

Cllr Gareth Jones Aberedw CC and representing Llanelwedd CC,

Glascwm CC and Painscastle CC

Cllr Mark Hammond Builth Wells TC

Cllr Alan Pryce Erwood CC

Cllr Geoffrey Lewis Erwood CC

Cllr Barbara Lloyd Glasbury & District CC

Cllr Pauline Hill Glyn Tarrell CC

Cllr Geoff Morgan Llanbister CC

Cllr Alan Austin Llanwrthwl CC

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

Cllr Angela Yates Old Radnor CC

Cllr Douglas Coleman Talgarth CC

Cllr John Morris Vale of Grwyney CC

Cllr Bryan Davies Powys County Council

Lyn Cadwallader CEO of One Voice Wales

Alun Harries One Voice Wales

Apologies:

Cllr Julia Gruffydd Crickhowell TC

Cllr James Prothero Hay on Wye TC

Rhayader TC

1. Welcome by the Chair

Cllr Clive Easton formally welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

2. Apologies

As listed above.

3. Declarations of interest

No interests were declared.

4. To approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2024

The draft minutes of the meeting were approved.

5. Actions and matters arising from the above minutes (not otherwise on the agenda)

Following a brief discussion about item 5 b the meeting was closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at The Strand, Builth Wells. It will also involve the AGM.

Please note that the chair Cllr Clive Easton will discuss the wording of these minutes at the

next meeting.

Appendix A

Prynhawn da Alun,

Further to last night's meeting, Emma has asked that I forward the following information to you. Please see below.

Please will you kindly send me the dates for future quarterly meetings for the remainder of this year. Emma will suggest that a Cabinet representative attends.

Please can you clarify your question to Emma regarding the passive houses in Clyro.

Please will you let me know whether there are any other outstanding queries from last night's meeting.

The Question about the Memorandum of Agreement.

The question about the Memorandum of Agreement below has recently been posed and answered by the Cabinet Member at full Council (see (Public

Pack)Supplementary Agenda Agenda Supplement for County Council, 07/03/2024

10:30 (moderngov.co.uk)The response is below, with a brief update on activity.

The Memorandum of Agreement is a tool through which the Countryside Access and Recreation team can work in partnership with Town and Community Councils and other organisations, to look after the public rights of way network and public

greenspace. It is not a transfer of responsibilities, nor does it replace or amend the powers and duties that are already available to the County Council and Town and Community Councils. It is intended that we develop this approach. However, for the reasons below, we do need to take the time now to review how we can effectively support communities who would like to work in this way, before extending the approach further.

The Memorandum of Agreement was prepared in 2019, before the COVID 19 outbreak. At that time, it was envisaged that constraints on revenue budgets would mean that officers of the Countryside Access and Recreation team would spend the majority of their time working with community volunteer groups, to reopen and maintain public paths. However, following the COVID outbreak, the team has found itself working with very different opportunities and constraints. Core revenue budget savings have led to a reduction in the number of area maintenance officers but delivering work using a much higher level of external funding (predominantly capital grants) than expected.

This is both an opportunity and a challenge. The team is able to fund projects on the ground to a much greater extent than anticipated, but these are time bound with tight deadlines and relatively short delivery windows. Officers are managing competing time pressures, balancing project and contractor management and volunteer engagement for the active projects, against supporting community volunteer groups where there is no current project being delivered. We are looking at ways to address that challenge, whilst also seeking to make sure that we maximise the opportunities offered to the public through the external funds available to us.

Update since 7th March: A review of the volunteer programme is under way; we will work with our volunteers and Local Access Forum to discuss ideas and develop an approach ready for implementation from April 2025 onwards. This will allow us to align our support for the programme with the outcomes of Sustainable Powys, to

ensure that it can realistically be delivered.

Penybont & Llandegley Community Council

Prepared by: Geraint Evans
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Date: 1st June 2025

Approved by: _____
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

Date: _____

A	Bank Reconciliation at 31/05/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		7,034.28
	ADD Receipts 01/04/2025 - 31/05/2025		3,006.89
	SUBTRACT Payments 01/04/2025 - 31/05/2025		10,041.17 12.00
	Cash in Hand 31/05/2025 (per Cash Book)		10,029.17
B	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 31/05/2025	0.00	
	Unity Trust Bank 31/05/2025	10,029.17	
	Less unrepresented payments		10,029.17
	Plus unrepresented receipts		10,029.17
	Adjusted Bank Balance		10,029.17
	A = B Checks out OK		

Penybont & Llandegley Community Council

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

	Bank Reconciliation at 01/07/2025		
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2025		7,034.28
	ADD		
	Receipts 01/04/2025 - 01/07/2025		3,170.36
			10,204.64
	SUBTRACT		
	Payments 01/04/2025 - 01/07/2025		1,094.64
A	Cash in Hand 01/07/2025 (per Cash Book)		9,110.00
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash	01/07/2025	0.00
	Unity Trust Bank	01/07/2025	9,110.00
			9,110.00
	Less unrepresented payments		
			9,110.00
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
B	Adjusted Bank Balance		9,110.00
	A = B Checks out OK		

Penybont & Llandegley Community Council
RECONCILIATION - Unity Trust Bank 01-07-2025

From Accounts	£9,110.00
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Payments not cashed	Add
Receipts not entered	Subtract

Statement should be	£9,110.00
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From: Information Commissioner's Office Renewal Reminder
<dpfee_renewal_reminder@ico.org.uk>
Sent: 29 January 2025 01:20
To: Bryn Haul
Subject: Data Protection fee - Reminder to renew ICO:00019181271

Organisation name: Penybont & District Community Council
Order reference number: 00084bf5110d
Registration reference: ZA033983

Dear Bryn Haul

GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018
Data protection fee renewal - ACTION REQUIRED BY 12/03/2025

Organisations that process personal data are subject to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Under the Data Protection (Charges and Information) Regulations 2018 (the Regulations) they must also pay an annual data protection fee, unless they are exempt.

Your payment and registration as a data controller under the Regulations will expire on 12/03/2025. You must now either:

- renew your registration, taking the tier assessment to confirm the fee you need to pay (see ico.org.uk/fee-self-assessment), or
- cancel your registration if your circumstances have changed, telling us why you no longer need to be registered.

Changes to the fee

The current fee structure is under review and is expected to change shortly.

For more information about the fee changes and to see how much you need to pay, please visit ico.org.uk/fee-change for the most up to date information.

How to pay

Did you know that 89% of fee payers pay on time? You can pay in any of these ways:

Direct debit - this is the best way to make sure you renew on time. Just click on the link ico.org.uk/direct-debit and follow the instructions to complete your payment online. It's really quick and easy to do. **If you pay by direct debit you will automatically receive an annual reduction of £5.** You will need your **order reference** and **registration reference** from the top of this email.

Online - pay securely with a debit or credit card at ico.org.uk/pay. You will need the **order reference** and **registration reference** from the top of this email.

Further information

Good afternoon

You may be aware of the campaign to save lost rights of way, which has had quite a lot of publicity recently, even though the deadline for saving them has been withdrawn for now.

On behalf of the Ramblers and the Open Spaces Society, I have been conducting research into lost rights of way in Radnorshire- routes which are not on the rights of way map, but where there is good historical evidence that they should be on that map so that everyone can use them.

I have discovered over 170 routes in Radnorshire that are not on the rights of way map, but there is good evidence that they should be. This is far too many to apply to Powys CC for.

So I am asking Community Councils and groups representing walkers, equestrians and off road cyclists to prioritise the routes that should be applied for. I attach a more detailed explanation and a form that you can use to return your preferences to me. I am happy to receive replies from the council as a whole, individual members, or members of the public.

I have set a deadline for the end of July for replies, but if you feel you need more time please let me know.

Best wishes

Chris Smith

cs@hbhelp.co.uk

Ramblers and Open Spaces Society lost rights of way researcher Radnorshire



LOST RIGHTS OF WAY IN RADNORSHIRE

You may be aware of the campaign to save lost rights of way, which has had quite a lot of publicity recently, even though the deadline for saving them has been withdrawn for now.

On behalf of the Ramblers and the Open Spaces Society, I have been conducting research into lost rights of way in Radnorshire- routes which are not on the rights of way map, but where there is good historical evidence that they should be on that map so that everyone can use them.

In deciding on which routes might be worth applying for I have:

- Not included routes which are not on the rights of way map but are on the map of roads maintainable by the Council, unless there is some evidence that they are obstructed.
- Included routes which are not on any current map
- Included routes that are on the rights of way map as footpaths which research says are actually bridleways
- Not included routes which are on the map as bridleways, but which research says should be restricted byways (there are a lot of these)

That leaves me with about 170 routes that should be on the rights of way map but aren't.

This is where you come in.

I would like you to say which of those routes to prioritise. (and to pass a copy of this document to anyone else you know who walks rides horses, or cycles off-road in Radnorshire)

HOW TO TAKE PART

1. Visit the web site at <https://www.bhsaccess.org.uk/dobbin/Ridingmap.php?id=wales/2026Powys&map=2026paths> You can zoom in and out on the map.
2. You will see a number of routes set out in turquoise or purple, with a diamond on each route. (Ignore the ones in red. Applications have already been made for them by others)

3. If you click on the diamond, you will see information which gives a route number with a prefix (POW-) and a number, for example 0138. You will also see a brief statement of the historic evidence for the route.
4. This project is only about the routes in Radnorshire. These are numbered 0076 to 0252. (Please ignore routes 0001-0075.)
5. It is unlikely to be possible to apply for all of the 170 or so routes to be added to the route map, so I am asking you to consider what priority should be given to them as follows: PRIORITY 1- Routes that would PROBABLY be a useful addition to the rights of way network. PRIORITY 2, routes that MAY be a useful addition to the rights of way network. PRIORITY 3, routes that are UNLIKELY to be a useful addition to the network.
6. There is no need to allocate a priority to all the routes if you don't want to. For example, some may be in areas of the County that you are not familiar with or which are outside your area.
7. PLEASE DON'T SEND ME ROUTES THAT I HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED. These are all the routes that have easily accessible historic evidence so far as I can tell.
8. I have provided a form that you can use to reply, but don't feel you have to use it. If you prefer you can just put the same information in an email and send it to me at cs@hbhelp.co.uk.
9. PLEASE REPLY BY THE END OF JULY. If this is not possible, please email me to let me know when you hope to reply.
10. If you would like to be kept in touch with the project please let me know, either by putting your email address on the form or, if you do not use the form, saying so in your email. For privacy purposes I will not contact you otherwise (unless I can't read your writing!)
11. Please copy this document to anyone else you think might be interested in the project.

Best wishes

Chris Smith, for the Ramblers and the Open Spaces Society.

LOST RIGHTS OF WAY IN RADNORSHIRE PRIORITY FORM

Your name.....

Are you:

- 1) Replying on behalf of a community council? Yes/no
- 2) Replying as an individual councillor? Yes/no
- 3) Replying as an individual? Yes/no

If you are replying as an individual

- 4) A walker? Yes/no
- 5) An equestrian who hacks out Yes/no
- 6) An off-road cyclist? Yes/no
- 7) None of these.

If you would like to be kept in touch with the development of this project please print your email clearly below.

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I/we think the numbered routes below should be priority 1 (- Routes that would PROBABLY be a useful addition to the rights of way) (Just put the numbers, you can ignore the prefixes)

I/we think the numbered routes below should be priority 2 (- Routes that MAY be a useful addition to the rights of way) (Just put the numbers, you can ignore the prefixes)

I/we think the numbered routes below should be priority 3 (- Routes that are UNLIKELY to be a useful addition to the rights of way) (Just put the numbers, you can ignore the prefixes)

Please email this form to CS@hbhelp.co.uk