**Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 8th July 2025. On line via Zoom at 7.30pm [[1]](#footnote-1)**

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

**Apologies**:

**Absent:** Cllr D. Bayliss

**Others:**

**Declarations 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*

**PD/0034/25 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

**Propose**d to accept by Cllr D Lyall…Unanimous

**PD/0035/25 Clerk’s Update.**

Reference at the last meeting to a Section 6 mentioned in the report from Ove Voice Wales, was referring to a requirement on community councils from 2022 to publish their own environmental report. Also, in this agenda.

**PD/0036/25 County Councillors Report**

* Gave a brief update on ‘farm leases’ buy back.
* Blue tongue

**PD/0037/25 Planning**

No recent applications. See community issues on past events.

**PD/0038/25 Community Issues Raised or Ongoing**

* Capability of Penybont Sewage Works with new housing estate.
* The council discussed the letter in response to the last meeting 25/0175/NMA from the Senior Planning Office R. Griffiths. It was highlighted that the above reference was not a ‘planning application’ only an adjustment to the 2007 application, and therefore not open to the issues of sewage raised by the council.
* The council received documents at the meeting indicating an official undertaking in 2007 that funds were to be made available to enhance the capabilities of the Penybont sewage capacity.
* An additional issue was raised relating the applicants planning map submitted to Powys. Documents submitted show an additional 6 parking bays on land not owned by the applicant company.

**Resolved t**hat the Clerk shall write to both parties for an explanation.

* Community benefit from alternative energy parks.

Documents that were circulated widely within the region were part of the agenda. No information yet have been found how other community councils are considering the offers under a Sec 106 agreement on other from Bute Energy.

* BIODIVERSITY REPORT – July 2025

The copy of the councils’ position (on web site) relating to its environment, were discussed and checked against the proposed position in 2025. Proposed to publish the new policy for the next 3 years.

* Defibrillator at Llandegley.
* Concern was raised by the Clerk that since the installation in 2019, when the council accepted responsibility, at Llandegley BT telephone box, has any known or documented inspections taken place. Cllr J. Lawrance agreed to establish this matter within his community and offered to purchase any items necessary to make the equipment safe and usable.

**PD/0039/25 One Voice Wales**

* See attached minutes Noted

**PD/0040/25 Finance**

 **(i)To Approve:**

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

1. Bank reconciliation for May/June 2025
2. Approval of bank mandate for ICO

The above **resolved** to approve Cllr Lyall Unanimous.

1. To approve Scribe accounting system

The clerk submitted a briefing paper for the necessity to use a uniform accounting package compatible with the Welsh Aduit Office (WAO)Greater demands are being placed of Responsible Finance Officers (RFO) by the WAO and a fining system is soon to be introduced. The system on offer and used locally, is also compatible with the documentation require. is known as Scribe. It will allow ease of transfer to any incoming RFO with a full training package available at no additional cost. Councillors will also have a ‘look only’ password.

Proposed to take on the package, Clerk will advise when a direct mandate is undertaken. Cllr J. Lawrance Unambitious.

**PD/0041/25 Correspondence**

* Ramblers’ footpaths - Noted Clerk to complete questionnaire.

**PD/0042/25 Public Discussion [[2]](#footnote-2)**

Mr Hulse asked for PCC to be asked to clean gutters within Llandegley. Clerk to contact.

Other matters raised relating to planning, the Chair gave permission to be introduced during the discussion.

A letter received from resident of Llandegley highlighting the continual danger of speed through the village (50mph). More importantly, school pickup coaches using the A44, incorrectly stopping exposing children to risk (Hereford to Crossgates) or there being no stopping area (Crossgate to Hereford). The council stated that the current speed limit was in fact 60MPH and after many years and efforts a reduction was made. The clerk will contact Powys Highways concerning this letter but also re submit the work carried out in the report by Cllr Turner.

**PD0043/25 Date of Next Meeting and format**

9th September `2025 at 7.30pm Hybrid available.

1. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Standing Orders 2.15C [↑](#footnote-ref-2)