**Minutes of Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 9th September 2025**

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

**Apologies**: County Councillor G Morgan

**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/0044/25 Minutes.**

To authorise the Chairman to sign minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on the: - 8th July

**Propose**d to accept by Cllr R Duggan…Unanimous

**PD/0045/25 Clerk’s Update.**

* On 7th August Penybont Council and the Clerks computer were ‘hacked’ with a ramson demand. The net damage caused was the loss of the email address, access to their online storage, and all the files contained on the laptop emptied.
* There was a simple attempt to the online banking system, but the effectiveness was a negative attempt and the funds are safe.
* Programs such as Microsoft 365 was taken and re-registered, as was Zoom. The clerk is in the process of proving to both they have been stolen and for the accounts to be changed and costs refunded.
* A new email has been registered as penybontdistrict1@outlook.com and the long task of informing everyone is underway, but the email/postal addresses have also been destroyed.
* The matter on the agenda as ‘Councillors’ Responsibilities’. Legislation was produced and details were given (copy at rear). The Clerk will now inform the ‘Election Officer’ of a vacancy at Penybont & Llandegley Community Council, seeking consent to co-opt.

**PD/0046/25 County Councillors Report**

None supplied

**PD/0037/25 Planning**

The council discussed the response from Pickstockhomes in relation to the six parking spaces outside of the graveyard, appearing on the plans to have been acquired for use by their residents.

**PD/0047/25 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.*
* *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.*

The above actions have not yet been completed partly because of the ‘hacking’. Clerk to engage with all parties mentioned.

* Defibrillator at Llandegley. Cllrs J Lawrance updated the council that we are still unable to find a person responsible/has the paperwork. He has engaged the installation company who will undertake in 7 days a full servicing.

**PD/0048/25 One Voice Wales**

* No published minutes.

**PD/0049/25 Finance**

 **(i)To Approve:**

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| Microsoft Office 365 renewal  | Renewal | £84.99\* |
| **Clerk ½ yr salary** |  | **£1117.50\*\*** |
| **Clerk ½ yr** | **Home Allowance** | **£156.00** |
| Defrib4Life | **Community Hall replacements** | **£196.00\*** |

\*VAT reclaims

\*\*HMRC declaration.

Proposed to pay, Cllr Bufton Unanimous

**PD/0050/25 Correspondence**

**PD/0051/25 Public Discussion [[1]](#footnote-1)**

Mr Hulse stated that PCC had cleaned the area highlighted to be. In doing so showed many of the potholes in LD15UF Clerk to contact county councillor.

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

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

11th November 2025 at 7.30pm Hybrid available.

**"85 Vacation of office by failure to attend meetings.”**

If a member of a local authority fails throughout a

period of six consecutive months from the date of his

last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority,

he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason

approved by the authority before the expiry of that

period, cease to be a member of the authority."

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