

The Ordinary Meeting of Llanfrynach Community Council took place on Thursday 19th March 2026 at 7.30 at Groesffordd Village Hall.

In attendance

Cllr. Jackie Williams, Cllr. Julia Phillips and Cllr. Charles de-Winton

Also In attendance: Mrs Keren Bender – Clerk

Councillors agreed to appoint Cllr Jackie Williams to Chair the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

County Councillor Raiff Devlin

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of minutes from Thursday 15th January 2026.

Minutes of the meeting on the 15th January 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of Thursday 15th January 2026

There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda

5. Public Participation - provision for members of the public to speak.

One member of the public was in attendance, Mr Tony Hamnett, who updated the Community Council on the recent Groesffordd Village Hall Trustees Meeting, see item 8.

He also requested a key for the Community Council Notice Board in Groesffordd. This was agreed, Clerk to leave a spare key with the Chair who will take to Mr. Hamnetts home.

6. Correspondence and Information

a. Mervyn Bramley-Bannau Brycheiniog place name workshop-

Correspondence received from Mervyn Bramley requesting the Community Councils support for a place name workshop. Councillors were fully in support of the initiative and will be happy to attend a workshop when it is arranged. Clerk to inform Mervyn Bramley.

Action Clerk

b. Powys County Council- Panel Performance Workshop Invite- expressions of interest are invited to attend a focus group on April 23rd at 10am over Teams. Cllr. de-Winton agreed to represent the Community Council, Clerk to inform PCC.

Action Clerk

c. Peter Seaman- Overflowing Waste Bin

Correspondence received for information only on the request made by Peter Seaman concern the waste bins at Brynich Lock.

Councillors now understand that the facility has since been removed

d. Nicholas Green – de Winton family research- request to access Community Councils history project on the De - Winton Family – Community Councillors had no knowledge of the project, Clerk to respond to Nicholas Green. Action Clerk

7. Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall and Ty Bach update.

A meeting has taking place to look at the social side and events that could take place at the Hall, a night fo Bingo is being discussed.

The back light at the Hall has been renewed and the drainpipe repaired.

Ty Bach has been scheduled to be repainted.

8. Groesffordd Village update.

Following a fire officers report, the fire doors at the Village Hall are to be replaced.

It was reported that the issues surrounding the garage rates in Groesffordd was being delt with by Councillor Raif Devlin and that he had stopped further letters and would schedule a meeting in the Village Hall.

The lane leading to the Village Hall is in poor repair, the Community Council will report to the Highways Department and Cllr Devlin.

9. Update on Newsletter.

Costings received from the Royal Mail to deliver newsletters to all residents is £492.42.

Printing Quotes have been received, ranging from £752.50 to £200, the Clerk is following up a further 3 Quotes.

The Clerk is designing the newsletter and will forward to all Councillors for their comments prior to agreeing the finished newsletter. A final decision will be taken on the printing costs when all quotes have been received. **Action all Councillors and Clerk**

10. Highways Issues:

It was reported the gullies outside the White Swan are completely silted up, there is a need for them to be emptied, Clerk to inform Highways Department. **Action Clerk**

There are a number of potholes in the Community Council area, Clerk to request a survey to be carried out by the Highways Department. **Action Clerk**

Concerning the work carried out on the carriage way on the A40, it was reported there are no signs to identify where the crossing areas are situated. The Chair is happy to meet with a representative of the Highways Department to explain the issue. **Action Clerk**

11. Planning Applications.

25/24304/FUL – Decision Notice - Two story rear extension to existing dwelling- Greenway House ,Brecon LD3 7YA – Refused, **to be noted**

25/23584/FUL- Decision Notice -The construction of a machinery store for forestry services on brown field land on land adjacent to Groesffordd Waste Water Treatment Works, Brecon, Powys. Refused-**to be noted**

25/23584/FUL- Sam Organs – questions to Planning concerning application.

Awaiting a response.

25/24200/FUL Decision Notice -Single-storey extension Studio At Castle Cottage , Castle Cottage, Llanhamlach- Granted – **to be noted**

26/24459/FUL- Single story rear garden room extension – Greenway Farm Brecon ,LD3 7YA – There were no objections or comments.

12. County Councillor Report.

County Council Matters

The council passed its annual budget on 26th February at 4.9%. The budget papers can be viewed here: [Cyngor Sir Powys County Council - Agenda for County Council on Thursday, 26th February, 2026, 10.30 am](#)

Ward Matters

Highways

The County Councillor met with the highways inspector following the last meeting and raised the issues relating to the condition of roads. These had already been programmed in for repair and should have been completed by now. Please let me know of any specific areas outstanding and I will follow up. Where roads have been assessed and requiring resurfacing, these have been added to the capital programme list for consideration. The programme will be confirmed in the coming weeks and I will share with which schemes have been successful.

A road sweeper and cutting of hedges have been requested.

The request for yellow lines will be taken forward as part of the review of no-parking areas.

Fibre Internet Rollout

The council does not have information on when Openreach, or its partners, will be rolling out fibre connectivity to specific areas.

You can register your interest for further information on the Openreach checker [Fibre Checker | Results](#) and they will provide an further information when available.

13. Playground Equipment.

The delivery from Dragon Play and Sport to replace the damaged porthole on the side of the slide had been received. Cllr de-Winton has replaced the old porthole with the new one. Councillors thanked him and said the slide was looking very good.

Wicksteed Inspection is scheduled to take place in April.

14. Hire of Community Councils Bingo Machine - Policy

Councillors have agreed to loan out its Bingo machine to local organisations, at a charge of £10 which will be placed in its donation budget line to benefit local events.

The policy will be posted on the website .

Action Clerk

15. Annual Audit Returns – Update

The Community Council has received the Audit Returns Report. The Clerk reported the Wales audit opinion was a Qualified Audit.

The reason given was concerning the Annual Governance Statement.

In the opinion of the Auditor General of Wales, the Annual Governance Statement is not consistent with the Council's

internal controls and governance arrangements for the year:

- Assertion 4: The Council has not provided evidence that it calculated its budget requirement in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and that the precept has been set in line with the budget. The Act requires the Council to take into account its income and level of reserves when setting its budget requirement. We recommend that the Council sets a budget in accordance with the Act.

The Community Council was not in agreement with the Wales Audit Opinion and maintained it had considered its income and level of reserves

when setting its budget requirement. The full report will be posted on its website.

16. Financial Matters

a. Bank Balance

The Clerk reported the bank balance as of 19th March 2026 stood at £13,991.62, which included VAT reclaimed of £560.64 and deposited into the account on the 16/3/26.

b. Invoices and Payments for approval

K Bender -Microsoft Annual Subscription £84.99- payable in April 2026

K.Bender- Epson black ink refill bottle for printer- £14.22

K.Bender – Postage for VAT returns - £3.60

One Voice Wales – Membership Fee £133

All payments were approved

**Date of next meeting 14th May 2026, preceded by the AGM at 7.30pm
In Llanfrynach and Cantref Community Hall. as a hybrid meeting**