

Minutes of The Ordinary Meeting of Llanfrynach Community Council took place on Thursday 16th July 2026 at 7.30pm at Groesffordd Village Hall.

In attendance

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

Also in attendance County Councillor Raiff Devlin and Mrs Keren Bender – Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

All Present

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Approval of minutes from Thursday 16th July 2026.

Minutes of the meeting on the 16th July 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of Thursday 16th July 2026

The Clerk reported that the Community Council could not be dissolved without a community poll. It was agreed that the Elections in May 2027 would determine the setup of the new Community Council. The Clerk confirmed she would be retiring on the 31st December 2026.

The Clerk to forward the Wickstead Report to the Chair.

Action Clerk

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

There were no members of the public in attendance.

6. Correspondence and Information

Correspondence received from Libanus Young Farmers Club, requesting a £200 grant towards their clubs' running costs.

Following a discussion it was agreed to support the application. **Action Clerk**

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

It was reported a new oil tank has been installed and meets all regulations. The Village Hall AGM will take place on the 21st September 2026.

8. Groesffordd Village update.

No meeting had taken place since the last Community Council meeting, therefore there were no updates to report.

9. Highways Issues

See the County Councillors Report for an update on Highways Issues, in addition Cllr Devlin will also pursue pothole and resurfacing issues .

10. Planning Applications.

26/24853/FUL- Construction of a three bay detached garage – The Held Cantref, LD3 8LT –
There were no observations or objections.

11. County Councillor Report.

Highways Inspector

A new highways inspector has been appointed to cover the ward area. I will be meeting them in the next 2 weeks and will request updates on the ongoing highway matters including the items discussed with Julia in Cantref and the road defects at Brynich Lock under the dual carriageway bridge.

Highway Resurfacing

I have requested confirmation from the Highways Service on the approved resurfacing programme for 2026/27 and will forward this to the council once received.

Llanhamlach Bus Stop

I have requested the Trunk Road Agency undertake cleaning of the bus stop area and layby.

No Parking Review

The review, which covers the entire Talybont on Usk Ward, has been delayed due to the officer being away from work. This work has now been picked up by another officer and will be progressed to consultation in the coming weeks.

Pride in Place Fund

Each town council in Powys has been awarded around £80,000.00 through the Pride in Place fund, funded by the UK Government. I have requested that future funding is made available for Community Councils to allow rural areas to benefit from this funding stream. Digital resources through the Community Council Hub will be made available to community councils in the near future to create a place plan to prepare for future funding opportunities.

Groesffordd to Brecon Path

I have requested confirmation from Highways for the start date of phase 1 works which will be from Brecon to Brynich Roundabout. I have also asked for update on the proposed programme for phase 2 to connect.

Councillor Raiff Devlin also had the following responses to the two previous concerns raised:

1. There is a blocked drain north bound at Millbrook farm causing flooding. The council are concerned that this may result in a road traffic collision.

We have routine maintenance of the dual c/way scheduled for 7-8 July 2026. This includes cleansing and inspection of the drainage gullies and chambers. Any blockages of the drainage system will be recorded and follow up actions advised. I'll highlight this location to the maintenance team as a potential problem area.

2. There is still a lack of signage for north and south bound traffic at the crossovers to inform them of the crossing, and a lack of signage at the crossings informing drivers that they are joining a dual carriageway.

Road Safety Audits have been undertaken during the design stage and post construction completion, with no concerns identified regarding lack of signage in advance or at the crossovers.

There is no requirement to inform drivers they are joining a dual carriageway at crossovers, as they are already on the dual carriageway road. However, new 'right turn ahead signs' have been installed at each crossover to inform drivers they are to turn right upon exiting a crossover. The main safety improvement implemented along this section of road, in relation to the crossovers, is the reduction in speed limit to 50mph.

Please note there is a planned monitoring period for this section of road to understand the success (or otherwise) of the implemented safety upgrades. The current central reserve crossovers arrangement will form part of this monitoring process.

12. Playground Equipment.

The repair on the steps of the slide is ongoing.

Action Cllr. de Winton

13 National Association of Local Councils Pay Awards 2026/27

The Clerk presented the paper on the pay awards, it was agreed to accept the NALC recommendations. The Clerks salary will be increased from 14.82 to £15.31 per hour. The Chair to send an email to the Clerk to forward to payroll instructing them to adjust the Clerks salary.

Action Chair and Clerk

14. Training Update

Training requests have been suspended for the remainder this term of office, as all mandatory and essential training had been completed.

15. Financial Matters

a. Cash Book, Bank Statements and Budget as at 17th September 2026

The Clerk presented the cashbook to date along with the bank statement, both documents balanced to £15453.61.

The 2026/27 budget was also presented showing spend against budget lines.

Given the budget has been running for 6 months, all spend was in line with budget.

Copies of the cashbook, bank statements and budget were given to all Councillors.

b. Bank Balance

The Clerk reported the bank balance as of 12th September 2026 stood at £16,388.50 which included the Precept of £4170.00, deposited on the 28th August.

c. Invoices and Payments for approval

Clerks' salary and HMRC payments for October, November and December 2026

Medisol- Replacement Defibrillator Pads - £116.14

Libanus Young Farmers Club- Donation - £200.00

All payments were approved

**Date of next meeting 26th November 2026 at 7.30pm
in Llanfrynach Village Hall as a hybrid meeting**