

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
ABERMULE WITH LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT LLANDYSSIL OLD SCHOOL
on WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY 2024 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT

Cllr. Gwyneth Jones
Cllr. Gareth Thomas
Cllr. Alan Meredith-Jones
Cllr. Mark Pearce
Cllr. Gareth Pugh
Cllr. Anne Brewin
Cllr. Bryan Williams

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Gary Orrells
Cllr. Jane Rees

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

	Agenda item	
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001-24 1. **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Cllr. Thomas was elected as chair by majority

002-24 2. **OPENING**

Cllr. Thomas opened the meeting and thanked all for those attending.

003-24 3. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

See list above.

004-24 4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were made by members.

Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Meredith-Jones	Item 21 (1)	✓	
Brian Williams	Item 21 (2b)	✓	
Gareth Pugh	Item 21 (2b)	✓	✓

005-24 5. **REPORT FROM OUTGOING CHAIR**

Cllr. Thomas circulated his report.

006-24 6. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

This item was deferred as Cllr. Rees had tendered her apologies.

007-24 7. **THE MINUTES ON THE ANNUAL MEETING 3rd MAY 2023**

These minutes were noted

008-24 8. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The following were elected as members of the Finance committee.
Cllrs. Rees, Cllr Thomas, Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Jones, and Cllr. Meredith-Jones

009-24 9. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER BODIES**

- a) School Governor for Abermule
Cllr. Meredith-Jones
- b) One Voice Wales
(2 members)
Cllr. Thomas
- c) Abermule Community centre
Cllr. Orrells
- d) VMRC
Cllr. G. Jones and Cllr. Rees
- e) Footpath Coordinator
Cllr. G. Jones and Cllr. Thomas
- f) Old School Llandyssil
(2 members)
Cllr. Jones
- g) Montgomery Medical representatives
(2 members)
Cllr. G. Jones and Cllr. Meredith-Jones

All Councillors are members are Custodian trustees of Abermule Community Centre

The Council is the trustee of Millfields Amenity Land Trust, all Councillors are members of that Trust

Powys County Council has or will issues a dispensation for trusts that the Council and Members are members of.

010-24 10. **BANK MANDATE AND CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

The Following were appointed as bank signatories.
Cllrs. Rees, A. Meredith-Jones and Thomas

- 011-24** 11. **TO REVIEW THE CURRENT INSURANCE**
- The Clerk reported that there were no changes needed.
RESOLVED
The insurance was in order and could be renewed
- 012-24** 12. **RECONFIRM ADHERENCE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT**
- All members agreed to abide by the code of conduct.
RESOLVED
That all Councillors would adhere to the Code of Conduct
- 013-24** 13. **RE ADOPT STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**
- It was agreed to readopt the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations
- 014-24** 14. **TO REVIEW THE FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT**
- The clerk informed the meeting that the Financial Risk Assessment was still fit for purpose.
RESOLVED
The Financial Risk Assessment was re-adopted
- 015-24** 15. **RE ADOPT THE UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOUR POLICY AND EVENTS SAFETY POLICY**
- The Unreasonable Behaviour Policy and Events Safety Policy was readopted.
- 016-24** 16. **TO AGREE THE DATES OF THE MEETINGS**
- It was agreed that the Council would meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- Wednesday 5th June 2024
Wednesday 3rd July 2024
Wednesday 7th August 2024
Wednesday 4th September 2024
Wednesday 2nd October 2024
Wednesday 6th November 2024
Wednesday 4th December 2024
Wednesday 8th January 2025
Wednesday 5th February 2025
Wednesday 5th March 2025
Wednesday 2nd April 2025
Wednesday 7th May 2025
- The meetings would be at Abermule Community during October – April and May – September in the Hall at Llandyssil.

017-24 17. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING (previously circulated)**

Following review of the minutes.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2024 were a true record of what transpired.

018-24 18. **INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES**

- The Clerk report that he had been in contact with the Contractor to paint the kiosks.
- The clerk reported that a site visit had not been arranged. It was suggested that Ashley Collins be contacted to arrange.
- The contractor has a 6 week lead time on equipment for the playground repairs.
- The next Clustering meeting is on 22nd May.

019-24 19. **CASUAL VACANCY**

The Clerk reported that both resignations had been submitted. The clerk reported that he had received information that no one had called for election for the first resignation. He was still wating for notification for the second resignation.

020-24 20. **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence had been circulated.

020-24 21. **PLANNING**

1. Update on Business Park and the Recycling development.
There was nothing to report under this section.

2. Planning applications

- a. 24/0485/DIS

Application to discharge of condition no. 6 attached to approval 23/1542/REM (biodiversity enhancement plan) | Whitehall Farm Llandyssil Montgomery SY15 6LU

This was discussed by council.

RESOLVED

The Council support this application.

- b. 24/0468/FUL

Application for the erection of an agricultural building and construction of a crushed stone track | Bryn Derwen Motte Abermule Montgomery SY15 6JP

This application was discussed by council.

RESOLVED

The Council supports this application and is pleased to note that there will be signage in the application

c. 24/0385/DIS

Application for the discharge of condition no's 3 & 4 attached to Listed building consent 23/1113/LBC (details of windows & door replacements & quarry tiles) | The Old Rectory Llandyssil Montgomery Powys SY15

This application was discussed by council.

RESOLVED

The Council support this application.

d. 24/0571/DIS

Application for the discharge of condition 4 of planning approval 23/0633/HH in relation to landscaping scheme | Brynhyfryd Abermule Montgomery SY15 6NA

This application was discussed by council.

RESOLVED

The Council made no comment on this application.

021-24 22. **FINANCE**

- a) To agree to pay the clerk at SCP 31
Resolved
It was agreed to pay the clerk at SCP 31
- b) To discuss and decide on allowances for Councillors.
Resolved
It was agreed to pay the Councillors Allowances (six months in arrears)
- c) To discuss and decide on the Chair's allowance.
Resolved
It was agreed to pay the Chair and allowance of £250.00p
- d) To agree the accounts ending 31st March 2024
Resolved
The accounts ending 31st March 2024 were agreed
- e) To agree that the Council meets the criteria to exercise the General Power of Competence.
Resolved
It was agreed that the Council met the criteria to exercise the General Power of Competence.
- f) To consider the following invoices
 - 1. HMRC £164.38p (Section 111 & 112 LGA 1972)
 - 2. Clerk's expenses £69.19p (Section 111 LGA 1972) (Mileage, office allowance and backup)

3. VMRC £250.00p (subscription)
4. Gallagher £2037.77p (Insurance)

The clerk was instructed to pay all invoices

The clerk is also to ask Duncan from Harry Ray to check the councils assets.

022-24 23. WEBSITE AND COUNCILLOR EMAILS

A member request that this agenda item had a recorded vote. This matter was discussed, comments were made that this was another email address to check, however it was advised that having a .gov email address would demonstrate that the address is official.

REOLVED

That the Council applies for a .gov suffix for the website and have new emails for all councillors.

For	Against
Cllr. Gwyneth Jones	Cllr. Mark Pearce
Cllr. Gareth Thomas	
Cllr. Alan Meredith-Jones	
Cllr. Gareth Pugh	
Cllr. Anne Brewin	

022-24 24. TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON NOMINATIONS (IF ANY) FOR THE A COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

There was no nomination for this post

023-23 25. C. CLLR UPDATE

Cllr. Pugh updated members on a certain planning issue. Young Farmers rally in Abermule, comment was made as to the access. Also discussed was the speed humps in Abermule village. He stated that there was a possibility that these could be removed as there was a resurfacing scheduled for Abermule. Members agreed with the suggestion to remove the humps.

026-23 26. HIGHWAYS

No addition to the existing list.

027-23 27. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OR MEETINGS ATTENDED

One Voice Wales meeting.
Cllr. Thomas gave council an update on what was discussed at the OVW meeting on 16th April.

028-23 28. INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

It was reported that there was a new secretary at the primary school. The litter picking team are advised to place the litter next to a PCC bin. As the only one in Abermule is next to the closed shop, this is not very appropriate and so Cllr. Pugh is to request PCC to move it to a position adjacent to the public notice board which is close to the Community Councils bins.

The Clerk was asked to forward the Biodiversity Plan to Cllr. Jones.

29. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS:**

The council may resolve to close the meeting to members of the public in order to discuss matters relating to confidential matters such as contracts, legal action, staffing, as allowed by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

This was agreed.

It was reported that the clerk's appraisal had been completed.

It was also highlighted that during this process a discussion took place to advertise for an assistant to the Clerk. This was agreed and the clerk to circulate an advertisement with the end of June being the closing date for applications.

029-23 30. **DATES OF NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Chair