

**ABERMULE WITH LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ABERMULE  
WITH LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT  
LLANDYSSIL OLD SCHOOL  
on WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025 at 7.30pm**

**PRESENT**

Cllr. Gareth Thomas  
Cllr. Gwyneth Jones  
Cllr. Jane Rees  
Cllr. Alan Meredith-Jones  
Cllr. Richard Jerman  
Cllr. Bryan Williams  
Cllr. Jo Mole  
Cllr. Margaret Owen  
Cllr. Gary Orrells  
Cllr. Gareth Pugh

**APOLOGIES**

Cllr. Anne Brewin

**ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk) and Mrs. Sarah Smith (Assistant to Clerk)

**PUBLIC FORUM** The chairman closed the Public Forum at 19:30 and opened the Community Council meeting.

| Minute Ref | Agenda Item  |
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| 184-25     | 1. <b><u>ELECTION OF CHAIR</u></b><br>Gareth Thomas was duly elected as Chairman for 2025-2026 and instructed to sign a declaration of office. |
| 185-25     | 2. <b><u>WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS</u></b><br>Chairman welcomed members to the council meeting and thanked them for their service.            |
| 186-25     | 3. <b><u>ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES</u></b><br>See above.  |
| 187-25     | 4. <b><u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u></b><br>Cllr M Owen in item 20b and Cllr G Pugh in item 20d.   |
| 188-25     | 5. <b><u>REPORT FROM OUTGOING CHAIR</u></b><br>Report will be circulated to council.   |
| 189-25     | 6. <b><u>ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIR</u></b><br>Cllr J Rees was duly elected as Vice Chair.   |

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| 190-25 | 7.  | <b><u>TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024</u></b><br>Noted by this council.  |
| 191-25 | 8.  | <b><u>ELECTION OF MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON FINANCE COMMITTEE</u></b><br><b>Duly Elected</b> Cllr. G Thomas, Cllr. G Jones, Cllr. J Rees and Cllr. A Meredith-Jones.   |
| 192-25 | 9.  | <b><u>ELECTION OF MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVE ON OTHER BODIES</u></b><br><b>Duly Elected</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Governor for Abermule. Cllr. A Meredith-Jones .</li> <li>One Voice Wales. Cllr. G Thomas and Cllr. A Meredith-Jones.</li> <li>Abermule Community Centre. Cllr. Gary Orrells.</li> <li>Footpath coordinator. Cllr. G Jones and Gareth Cllr. G Thomas.</li> <li>Old School Llandyssil Cllr. G Jones and Cllr. Richard Jerman.</li> <li>Montgomery Medical Representative. Cllr. G Jones and Cllr. A Meredith-Jones.</li> <li>VMRC Cllr. J Rees and Cllr. G Jones, Cllr. M Owen will attend and observe a meeting.</li> </ol> <p>To note that all councillors are Custodian Trustees of Abermule Community Centre. That the Council is the trustee of Millfield's Amenity Land Trust as all Councillors are members of that Trust and Powys County Council has or will issue a dispensation for trusts that the Council and members are members off.</p> |
| 193-25 | 10. | <b><u>BANK MANDATE AND CURRENT CHEQUE SIGNATORIES</u></b><br><b>Duly Noted.</b> Cllr. G Thomas, Cllr J Rees and Cllr. A Meredith-Jones.  |
| 194-25 | 11. | <b><u>TO REVIEW THE CURRENT INSURANCE</u></b><br>Reviewed and accepted by Council.   |
| 195-25 | 12. | <b><u>CONFIRM ADHERANCE TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT</u></b><br>Reviewed by council and confirmed adherence.   |
| 196-25 | 13. | <b><u>RE ADOPT STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS</u></b><br>Updated regulation will be put on the website.   |
| 197-25 | 14. | <b><u>TO REVIEW THE FINANACIAL RISK ASSESSMENT</u></b><br>Reviewed and accepted by Council.  |
|        | 15. | <b><u>ADOPT THE UNREASONABLE BEHAVIOUR POLICY AND EVENTS SAFETY POLICY</u></b><br>Reviewed by council and resolved to adopt.   |
| 199-25 | 16. | <b><u>TO AGREE THE DATES OF THE MEETINGS</u></b><br>Reviewed by council and resolved to hold meetings on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month where possible.  |
| 200-25 | 17. | <b><u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2025</u></b><br>Following a review of the minutes.<br><b>Resolved</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 <sup>ND</sup> April 2025 were a true record of what transpired.   |

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| 201-25 | 18. | <b><u>INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES</u></b><br>See Action list.   |
| 202-25 | 19. | <b><u>CORRESPONDENCE</u></b><br>Quotation from Ray Parry for replacement swing in Llandyssil.  |
| 203-25 | 20. | <b><u>PLANNING</u></b><br>1. Update on Business Park and the Recycling development received by this Council.<br>Cllr. Pugh reported that an application to handle municipal waste is imminent.<br><br><b>2a.</b> 25/0565/VAR Elin Hafren, Abermule, Montgomery,, Powys SY15 6NE<br>Application for the removal of a Section 106 agreement of planning application M2002/0668 occupancy (affordable housing).<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to object.<br><br><b>2b.</b> 25/0510/VAR O'r Newydd, 3 Cae Brynderwen Abermule Powys SY15 6J<br>Application for the complete discharge of Section 106 agreement of planning approval M/2005/0791 in relation to occupancy (affordable housing).<br>20.39 Cllr M Owen left the meeting. Cllr M Owen returned to the meeting at 20.49.<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to make no comment on this application.<br><br><b>2c.</b> 25/0445/AGR Brynhyfryd Abermule Montgomery SY15 6NA<br>Application for a new storage shed for equipment, vehicle and tools.<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to make no comment on this application.<br><br><b>2d.</b> 25/0640/HH Llegodig, Abermule, Montgomery, SY15 6JY<br>Demolition of existing porch and conservatory and erection of three extensions.<br>Cllr G Pugh left the meeting at 20.55. Cllr G Pugh returned to the meeting at 20.58.<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to support.<br><br><b>2e.</b> 25/0595/NMA Sycamore Cottage at Llandysil, SY15 6LR<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to support. |
| 204-25 | 21  | <b><u>FINANCE</u></b><br><b>a.</b> To agree to pay the clerk at SCP 31.<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to support.<br><br><b>b.</b> To discuss and decide on allowances for Councillors.<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to take allowances.<br><br><b>c.</b> To discuss and decide on the Chair's allowance.<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to remain at £250.00.<br><br><b>d.</b> To agree the accounts ending 31st March 2025.<br>Reviewed by council and resolved to defer until June meeting.<br><br><b>e.</b> To agree that the Council meets the criteria to exercise the General Power of Competence. Reviewed by council and resolved to agree.   |

- f. To consider the following invoices
1. HMRC £208.74p (Section 111 & 112 LGA 1972)
  2. Clerk's expenses £65.49p (Section 111 LGA 1972) (Mileage, office allowance and backup)
  3. Assistant expenses £37.70p (Section 111 LGA 1972) (Mileage and office allowance)
  4. Clerks and Councils direct (CommuniCorp) £31.00p (Section 111 & 112 LGA 1972)

For information

5. BT £51.38p (Broadband) (Section 111 LGA 1972)
6. Insurance (Gallagher) £2070.86 (Section 111 LGA 1972)

**Resolved** to instruct the Clerk to pay the invoices.

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| 205-25 | 22. | <p><b><u>TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ON NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE.</u></b></p> <p>Reviewed by council. No nominee put forward.</p>   |
| 206-25 | 23. | <p><b><u>COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE</u></b> Report made to council.</p> <p>Abermule School working party, used monies from fundraising to improve seating area.</p> <p>Community Benefit funding letter.</p>  |
| 207-25 | 24  | <p><b><u>HIGHWAYS MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>Reports of dangerous potholes made to County Councillor.</p> <p>Railings on bridge over brook at Green Lane are broken. Cllr. Pugh to report to Powys County Council.</p>  |
| 208-25 | 25  | <p><b><u>REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OR MEETINGS ATTENDED</u></b></p> <p>a. Cllr. G Thomas attended one voice Wales meetings and has distributed minutes to council.</p> <p>b. MMPPA meeting at the medical practise. AGM 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025. Health event in Newtown Market Hall in October 2025. Will be writing to Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social care about waiting times for Welsh patients attending appointments in England.</p> |
| 209-25 | 26  | <p><b><u>M.A.L.T</u></b></p> <p>Resolved to instruct repairs to fencing adjacent to river.</p>  |
| 210-25 | 27  | <p><b><u>INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS</u></b></p> <p>a. Resolved to instruct repairs to fencing Community Centre (cycle path).</p> <p>b. Case for Change Consultation.</p> <p>c. Clerk to ask for invoice from tree contractor for work done to date.</p>   |
| 211-25 | 28  | <p><b><u>STAFFING ISSUES *CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS</u></b></p> <p>Vacancy July. Notice for newsletters and notice board.</p>  |
| 212-25 | 29  | <p><b><u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING:</u></b></p>  |

**4<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

| <b>ACTIONS FROM 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025</b>  |   |                                |
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| <b>Minute Reference</b>                      | <b>Item</b>   | <b>Action</b>                  |
| 188-25 1.                                    | Report from outgoing chair will be circulated to council  | Cllr. G Thomas                 |
| 196-25 1.                                    | Updated Financial Regulation will be put on the website.  | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
| 204-25 21 b.<br>204-25 21 c.<br>204-25 21 d. | Councillors allowances<br>Chairs allowance<br>To agree the accounts ending 31st March 2025.<br>Defer until June meeting.        | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
| 208-25 25 b.                                 | Write to Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social care about waiting times for Welsh patients attending appointments in England. | Cllr. G Thomas                 |
| 210-25 24                                    | Report Broken railings to PCC   | Cllr. G Pugh                   |
| 210-25 26<br>210-25 27 a                     | Repairs to fencing in parish to be actioned.  | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
| 210-25 27 c                                  | Request Invoice for tree felling work completed so far.   | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
| 210-25 28                                    | Create Notice for vacancy   | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
| 154-25 12                                    | Cllr G Jones has discussed play equipment at Llandyssil Play area and is looking for disabled access equipment.                 | Full Council                   |
|  | Riverbank Ownership Land Registry   | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
|  | Council Email Accounts  | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
|  | ROSPA Report not received to date   | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
| 112-24 13 h                                  | Feasibility study and grants available for a path at Abermule School. Waiting for specification and price                       | Mr. G. Rippon<br>Cllr. G. Pugh |
|  | War Memorial clerk still looking for a suitable contractor  | Mr. G. Rippon                  |
|  | Dog waste bin quote £400. Resolved to arrange installation.   | Mr. G. Rippon                  |