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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ABERMULE WITH LLANDYSSIL COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT LLANDYSSIL OLD SCHOOL on WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2025 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Cllr. Gwyneth Jones
Cllr. Jane Rees
Cllr. Jo Mole
Cllr. Bryan Williams
Cllr. Alan Meredith-Jones
Cllr. Margaret Owen
Cllr. Richard Jerman

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Gareth Thomas

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr. Gary Orrells
Cllr. Gareth Pugh
Cllr. Anne Brewin

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

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

PUBLIC FORUM A member of the public spoke in connection with item 8.2a. There are currently storage containers on the proposed development site and operations are commencing at 7 am in the morning. The property has been marked as a soakaway and there is a transformer on site, which is not detailed in the planning application.

The chairman closed the Public Forum at 19.40 and opened the Community Council meeting.

Minute Ref	Agenda Item
243-25	1. <u>ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES</u> See above.
244-25	2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> Declarations of interest were declared by: Cllr B Williams and Cllr R Jerman item 8.3 Cllr J Mole and Cllr Meredith-Jones item 7.
245-25	3. <u>CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 2nd July 2025</u> Following a review of the minutes. Resolved That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd July 2025 were a true record of what transpired.
246-25	4. <u>INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES</u> Please see Action List below.

247-25

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

248-25

6. **NEW PLAY AREA**

Abermule Recreation Association wish to progress with grant application to the National Lottery, by Community Council as play area in front of Abermule School, lease in Council's name and would benefit from Council reclaiming VAT. Council previously agreed to the removal of a tree, for safety reasons. Revised quotes from the preferred Contractor Complan, have now been received for two paths to the play area, one which would allow better access is circa £9352 (blue on plan) and the other is shorter and circa £3000 (grey on plan). Consideration was given to including to just the blue path, at an additional cost of circa £6000. Funds raised to date are £1,800 (with additional funding promised if the scheme goes ahead.)

Use of Council reserves would be necessary to advance this scheme, and therefore a finance meeting is required before the next council meeting. Council could look to requesting funds in the 2026/27 precept. The frequency of payments from National Lottery and payments to the Contractor must be a consideration as Council would need to pay VAT before reclaiming.

RESOLVED to hold a Finance meeting and report to Council prior to the meeting in September.

249-25

PRE-SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION ABERMULE

Cllr. Meredith-Jones addressed council. Busy Bees operated a nursery and after school club is ceasing to trade. This may have a negative impact on school roll numbers. The Governors are looking to provide an after-school club this year and to consider a nursery in the following school year. A sum of up to £2,500.00 was allocated by this council to enable this project to commence. A business plan and cash flow forecast, which shows a profit, was presented to Council (based on 10 children and 2 staff members). Another member of staff would cover for sickness. Fees would be paid in advance. Consideration is being given to operate as a Community Interest Company with a board of Trustees, which is separate from Abermule School. An initial funding grant of £1,500 would be required and the further £1,000 to be considered when the scheme has been operating for at least three months.

Cllrs queried. Cash Flow figures presented did not take School holidays into account and were staff to be paid holidays?

RESOLVED to award £1,500 initially and the remaining £1,000 reviewed at our November meeting.

250-25

7. **PLANNING**

1. Update on Business Park and the Recycling development. Noted.

2. 25/0928/FUL

Application for a residential development of four dwellings, improvements to existing access, landscaping and all associated works Location: Land Adjacent Long Meadow, Abermule, Montgomery SY15 6JS. Consideration to high tension lines, substation and soakaway.

Proposed Cllr. Jerman, Seconded Cllr. Owen. Majority of council in favour. The application was reviewed by council and **resolved** to support with consideration being given that the remainder of the site is given over to Biodiversity and no commercial activities take place during construction or afterwards. This council would like this to be a condition of the planning permission if granted.

3. 25/0767/FUL

Application for the erection of a free-range poultry unit for the housing of 32,000 birds, installation of feed bins, formation of a vehicular access and all associated works at land At Upper Bryn Farm, Abermule, Montgomery, Powys SY15 6JW.

Cllr Jerman and Cllr Williams left the Council Meeting at 20.53.

The application was reviewed by council and **resolved** to Support.

Cllr Jerman and Cllr Williams returned to the Council Meeting at 20.58

4. 25/1048/VAR

Discharge of Section 106 attached to planning approval M/2006/0394 (occupancy restriction)| 5 Cae Brynderwen, Abermule, Montgomery SY15 6JP

The application was reviewed by council and **resolved** not to comment.

5. 25/1031/FUL

Change of use of vacant store to shop and café
Abermule Stores, Abermule, Montgomery SY15 6ND

The application was reviewed by council and **resolved** to Support.

251-25

8. **FINANCE**

- a) To note the bank balances and bank reconciliation
 - b) To agree the external accounts and governance statement.
 - c) To agree the local government pay rise of 3.2% backdated to April
 - d) To consider the following invoices
 - 1. Staff Pay £834.92p (Section 111 & 112 LGA 1972)
 - 2. To agree the new staff rates and backdated pay
 - 3. HMRC £242.33p (Section 111 & 112 LGA 1972)
 - 4. Clerk's expenses £146.64p (Section 111 LGA 1972) (Mileage, office allowance, back dated pay and backup)
 - 5. Assistant expenses £57.26p (Section 111 LGA 1972) (Mileage, back dated pay and office allowance)
 - 6. RLT Auditing £225.00 (Internal audit) (Section 111 LGA 1972)
 - 7. VMRC £250.00 (Cluster subscription) (Section 111 LGA 1972)
 - For information
 - 8. BT £56.48p (Broadband) (Section 111 LGA 1972)
- Resolved** to instruct the Clerk to pay the invoices.
Resolved to agree the external accounts and governance statement and chair instructed to sign with recommendations to be discussed at Finance Committee.
Resolved to agree the local government pay rise of 3.2% backdated to April.

252-25	10.	<u>COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE</u> Not Available
253-25	11.	<u>HIGHWAY MATTERS</u> a) Repairs are required at New House Lane past Dolforwyn Hall, Bolbro and Hen Fron lanes. The Clerk was instructed to thank Highways for recent improvements in the area and report he above.. b) The Bus Stop sign in Abermule is causing an obstruction and has been reported by The Clerk. County Cllr. Gareth Pugh had also progressed this complaint.
254-25	12.	<u>REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES OR MEETINGS ATTENDED</u> a) Cllr. Rees and Cllr. Jones attended a VMRC meeting. A report was made to council of the presentation by PCC on sustainable Powys. VMRC opposed the suggestion to form Groups, which would have split the existing VMRC the only group still in existence from their previous attempt. Suggestions for services Communities could take on, the majority already being provided by our Councils. Next meeting 8 th October 2025.
255-25	13.	<u>M.A.L.T</u> Defer to September meeting, to include review and update of Council's Biodiversity statement.
256-25	14.	<u>INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS</u> None reported.
257-25	15.	<u>CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS *</u> Contract and scheme of works for Handy Man given to Cllr Jones. The Clerk will arrange a meeting to instruct Graham Humphreys.

258-25 16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
3rd September 2025 at LLANDYSSIL

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED
THE MEETING CLOSED AT 21.30**

ACTIONS FROM 6th AUGUST 2025

Minute Reference	Item	Action
253-25 11. a & b	Highway Repairs required New House Lane past Dolforwyn Hall, Bulbro Lane and Hen Fron. Bus stop sign in Abermule is causing an obstruction.	Mr. G. Rippon
249-25 1.	Pre-School And After School Provision at Abermule. Cllr Meredith-Jones to provide finance details to clerk	Mr./G. Rippon Cllr Meredith-Jones
248-25 1.	New Play Area. Hold a Finance meeting and report to Council before the September meeting	Mr. G. Rippon Finance Committee
233-25 7	After School Club. Clerk instructed to write and confirm grant funding for After School Club school year 2025/26. Clerk instructed to remove small grants on Website	Mr. G. Rippon