



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 16th July 2025 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs M Pigott, J. Davies, S. Jones, T. Van-Rees, C. Rickard, G. Watkins, and County & Town Councillor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk). Cllr L. Pace-Avery via Zoom link.

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54. Apologies: Cllr A. Jones, N. Price.

55. PCSO Vicky Turner – Unable to attend due to Royal Welsh Show Duties.

56. Minutes of the June meeting and Matters arising – Minutes recorded as a true reflection of the Town Council meeting Proposed by Cllr Davies seconded by C.Cllr P. James, All in agreement.

57. Finance:

57.1 - June balance sheet considered. Two outstanding Cheques still not presented through Bank. June accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Van Rees and seconded by Cllr S. Jones. All in agreement.

57.2 Cheques/Online payments – Clerk went through payments that had been made on-line. Two invoices for the Library from Powys 23/24 and 24/25. Discussion around direct debit for Powys CC. Direct debit to be stopped as now carrying out payments on-line, proposed by C.Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Van-Rees. Invoice for Llanwrtyd Festival, as a gesture of goodwill reduced to £50 proposed by C. Cllr James and seconded by Cllr S. Jones, all in agreement. **Action:** Clerk to raise new invoice.

58. Councillor Updates –

- **Repairs to Abergwesyn toilets** - Following the burst cistern in the men's toilets further repairs were to be carried out. Invoice will be sent soon.
- **Contact with Tillhill** - No response yet from owners to arrange a meeting with the Town Council.
- **Flooding Alleviation Plan** – Following a year long investigation by Welsh Government, some repairs have been done but there is still concern over the culvert under the Square. Graham Astley said that there would be an investigation into the culvert, but as yet this had not happened. **Action:** Clerk to invite Graham Astley to meeting in September to discuss further.
- **Library/School** - Cllr Pace-Avery gave an update on the new headmaster, Chris Davies. There is still a problem with communication between the Library Volunteers and the School. Access codes for toilet use and being chaperoned is a concern.
- **NRW response** - Concern over pole leaning on telephone wire, tree has now been removed. There is also concern over the use of the Wash Pool area by tents and campervans. Unsocial behaviour such as rubbish being left and there being no toilet facilities in the area for these people to use.

59. Update on Powys Matters affecting Llanwrtyd Wells: C. Cllr James.

- Complaint regarding cars going into Zion Street. It needs a 'Dead End' sign to be in place.
- Chance to set up a Renewable Energy Scheme, owned and run by the Community C. Cllr James to send details to the Clerk.
- PAVO impact C.Cllr James to send to Clerk.

60. Planning Applications received and Decisions – Two Planning Applications 25/0855/HH The Old Courthouse.

The Town Council had no objections to this application. 25/0890/FUL Continuation of siting of Hot Food Container. The Town Council noted that the application had not yet been posted on site. There was a SuDS requirement requested by Dwr Cymru/NRW that was not provided in the application. **Action:** Clerk to contact Powys Planning with comments.

61. ***Closed Session ***** Victoria Hall.** Council went into closed session to discuss Victoria Hall 7:50.

****Session reopened***** 20:05

62. Loftwen Invitation: Cllr to advise who would like to go date August 4th time to be advised. **Action:** Clerk to request time and advise of how many Councillors would like to attend.

63. Goodwins Forestry – Re-establish contact: Mayor and Deputy Mayor to attend. **Action:** Clerk to advise.

64. Town Council Risk Assessment- It was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr S. Jones to adopt the Risk Assessment as presented. All in favour.

65. Bio Diversity Plan: Plan to be brought back in September for update. Cllr Pace-Avery will be attending a Powys Action Climate Change meeting.

65A Victory in Japan – Cllr Van-Rees announced that plans were being put together for an event to take place on the 14th September 2025. This would involve a Regimental Band event in Llandovery. On the Sunday there would be a Display of drumming at the Abernant Hotel along with a 11am Service at the Church. The Vicar would be reading a sermon. These plans are provisional and would be confirmed with an advert in the Grapevine when finalised.

66. Rights of Way meeting- Not had the meeting yet, but there is no funding for a foot bridge so we are now looking at opening up some of the pathways that have fallen into disrepair. It was mentioned tht the path by Dol-Y-Coed had washed away, so this was something that could be looked at too.

67. Public Convenience Fund - there is to be a Teams meeting on Friday morning and we will find out more about what has been proposed and the oncosts to the Town Council for the contactless payment system for the toilet doors.

68. Asset update - Cllr Davies and the Clerk met with the Surveyor. Report to follow soon.

69. Dolwen Fields and Wales in Bloom - Cllr Pigott met with the Wales in Bloom Judges and they were impressed with the Town. They also went to the school to talk with the children. Cllr Pigott wanted to thank al those involved with the Wales in Bloom team and the Gardening Club for what they did. With special thanks to Georgie Perrett and Lynn Ball. It was also announced that the Dolwen Fields had achieved the Green Flag Award again this year.

70. Abergwesyn Hall and Abergwesyn Toilets – Cllr Davies expressed concern over the Hall and the toilet block at Abergwesyn. It as felt that a meeting needed to held with the Abergwesyn Hall Committee to see what can be done to help get the Hall into a reasonable condition again. **Action:** Clerk to write to the members of the Committee to request a meeting.

71. Pavilion running costs- Clerk presented the costings for the electricity at the Pavilion for the past year. The standing charge was far outweighing the cost of any electric being used. It was needed to look at alternative types of heating and grants to instal the funding of solar panels.

72. Steps to Health Centre – There is concern over what is happening with these steps. Clerk has written to TRA and the owners of the Health Centre PHTB for comment.

73. Play Park Committee - Meeting arranged for the 30th July 7pm in the Pavilion. Looking at the Application sent in previously to see if we can be more successful this time. Re-quotes needed for the application and more community involvement.

74. Correspondence –

Gardening Committee – All members of the Community are welcome to submit an application for a small grant from the Town Council. The gardening Club has not done so for a while and each application is treated on its own merit. Accounts are required to make a decision on whether to support the application.

Play Radnor – Three dates announced July **Woodland Plan – Geufron – Tillhill Consultation** – Clerk to respond

Email Clare Dunbar-Pollard - Town Council to invite Re-Think Group to come and talk to residents about the scheme. **Action:** Clerk to contact Re-Think Group.

75. Any other business for inclusion on next month's Agenda.

- Dairy Bridge, Abergwesyn, pipe leaking beneath bridge, believed to be sewage pipe.
- Sewer – Dolwen Fields
- Parking Ffoss Road
- Traffic mounting pavement Llandovery Road.

Councillors are reminded that if there is anything they would like on the agenda for next month needs to be submitted to the Clerk a week before the next meeting.

Date of next meeting - 17/09/2025

Meeting closed at 21:43

Verified at meeting on the 16/07/2025

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Signed off by Chair: