



CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 7.00pm

Attending: Cllrs M. Pigott, J. Davies, T. Van-Rees, S. Jones, A. Jones, L. Pace-Avery, G. Watkins, and County & Town Councilor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk).

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146. Apologies: None, all Councillors in attendance (Cllr S. Jones from 19:20 as advised).

147. Minutes of the November meeting and Matters arising – Minutes recorded as a true reflection of the Town Council meeting Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery, All in agreement.

148. Finance:

148.1 – November balance sheet considered. Acceptance of November accounts were signed off as accurate. Proposed by Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery. All in agreement.

148.2 Cheques/Online payments – Clerk went through payments that had been made on-line. C/C Payment for Toner for Printer, Cleaning Invoice. Final Payment for Play Park due once finds have been transferred over.

148.3 Draft Budget 2026/27 presented for second time: Proposed 3% increase on 26/27 precept was accepted Proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr Davies. All in agreement. **Action:** Clerk to prepare notice to be sent to Powys County Council before January.

148.4 Welsh Audit report 2024/25 – Discussed and will be put onto website. **Action:** Clerk to contact Sue Lilly with regard to comments by Welsh Audit on 2024/25 Audit.

149. Councillor Updates –

- **Library - Cllr Pace-Avery** – A volunteer has agreed to go onto the Board of Governors for the school. Hopefully this will now improve communication between the school and the Library Volunteers. Craft Sale at Brompton Hall raised a lot of money to help support the school. Meeting between School and Friends of the School to be set up. Good report on progress within the school. Business case for a wraparound care has been agreed with P.C.C.
- **Sewer on Dolwen Fields:** Fresh Water Habitat CEO is waiting on funding for project to monitor the sewers. Water quality in the River Irfon is reported to be good. The Victorian sewers need replacing.
- **Toilet refurb update;** We have had no further update on a start time for this or an update on whether we can look at alternatives for the solar panel placement.
- **Dolwen Fields Sign** - It was agreed to go ahead with the proposal by the Dolwen Fields Committee to replace the old sign by the gate with a new notice board advertising events and other information relating to Dolwen Fields. Proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr A. Jones, All in agreement.

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

- Young People 'Have your Say' this is to be hosted by the library for young people to attend.
- Warm Places Funding – Emma Palmer at Powys is the person to contact about details.
- Drainage Survey carried out last week, waiting on results.
- Christmas Lights – Installation costs from Powys are very high. Cllr Van-Rees proposed that we write to Powys C.C. to add our voice to the high charges, seconded by Cllr Pace-Avery, All in agreement.

Action: Clerk to write letter to P.C.C.

- AI is being pushed by Powys for use by Local Councils.

151. Planning Applications received and Decisions – No Planning Applications received or decisions made for Llanwrtyd Wells.

152. Councillor Vacancies: Two more applicants had come forward. Monitoring Officer had been informed of the resignation of Cllr Cheryl Rickard. Notice has been published as required. Now have to wait the required amount of time before advertising for Co-Option to this post. Therefore, interviews for today had been postponed until the 10th January 2026 in the Pavilion on Dolwen Fields. **Action:** Clerk to contact applicants after the 28th December 2025 with time and date.

153. Pavilion, Heating, roof and Grant Funding for Solar Panels: Cllr Pace-Avery reported that the application for solar panels had been completed but the Town Council could not apply for this grant. We are hoping to liaise with the Dolwen Fields Committee to apply on behalf of the Town Council. Clerk presented the Council with quotes for the WiFi. Agreed to go with a quote from Daisy Communications proposed by Cllr Pace-Avery and seconded by Cllr S. Jones, All in Favour. Third quote for the repair and re-

painting of the roof. To be brought back next month when the third quote received. Also to look for another contractor to quote. New heating bars put into wall heaters. One bar broken in transit. Refund issued, supplier not using these any more as do not travel well in post. Clerk to source alternative supplier.

154. Sustainable Powys – No-one from the Town Council able to attend on this date.

155. Teifi/Tywi Usk Pylon Meeting – 29.11.2025 – Cllr S. Jones reported that it had been a fiery meeting and had been well attended at the Metropole Hotel. A lot of questions raised to the members of the political parties who attended about where they stood on this issue. There are tips on how to respond on Re-Think website. David Chadwick had spoken about the impact it would have on Wales in Parliament. There is a trip to the Senedd being organised. Investigations are taking place on the impact the pylons and the rest of its infrastructure will affect bore holes in the area. Simon Fraiser is also doing a study on the impact of sound and vibrations the turbines will have on the surrounding area.

156. NRW meeting – 02.12.2025: Cllr S. Jones reported back on this meeting. This was a consultation meeting by NRW on the next 10-year plans for the area. They will not be planting conifers next to housing; it will be broadleaf trees. NRW has no funding for building new pathways. They also have a peat restoration plan by 2037. Clerk to write to NRW to get update on Whitebridge area, Cllr S. Jones to draft letter to be sent by Clerk. **Action:** Clerk to send letter once drafted and approved.

157. Visit by Lady Milena - School visit on website. The school had lunch at the Abernant before going to the Heritage Centre to look at the history between Czech people and Llanwrtyd Wells. Lady Milena is hoping to return around March to plant a Lime tree. Lady Milena will come back nearer the time to finalise arrangements.

158. Terms and Conditions for land at St Davids. – Draft Terms and Conditions brought to table. Some small amendments needed, Responsible person, member of Service or family. Bring back next month. Proposed by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr James, all in agreement.

159. Martin's Law – All venues need to be aware of what this law entails and their responsibilities when organising events. **Actions:** Clerk to contact all community groups to advise on responsibilities under this new law. Templates to be downloaded and available for all community groups.

160. Abergwesyn Hall Deeds - Deeds have been looked at and agreed that the Hall is owned by Llanwrtyd Wells Town Council. Cllr S. Jones to take back to the Abergwesyn Hall Committee. Accounts for the Committee to be chased up. Update on repairs to be followed up.

161. Christmas Dinner - Venue chosen and date to be advised.

162. Ash Dieback - Cllr Watkins reported that Ash dieback was playing a part in the falling trees that were impacting on the telephone cables along the roads to Abergwesyn resulting in loss of broadband to homes in the area. BT continue to put cables within tree lines along the road. When the trees fall, the roads have to be shut, sometimes with no or little notice, causing 15-mile diversion in the area. Some of the cables are not tightened properly and are being caught on the side of the lorries using the roads. In the last incident the residents were without broadband for two weeks before being reconnected and then another incident, two weeks later, left residents without it again. **Action:** Clerk to write to James Evans and Jane Dodds to advise of the problems facing residents.

163. Clerk's Contract: Deferred until next month.

164. Gordon Green - Cllr Van-Rees proposed that some sort of Draft of record of appreciation of from the Town.

165. Correspondance received:

- **Email regarding trees on river bank** - Photo to be taken and sent to NRW for comment.
- **Section 137(3) correspondence**

166. ** Closed Session – Victoria Hall ****** Closed 21:07 – Open 21:36

167. Any other business for inclusion on next months' Agenda

- **Tillhill invite to January/February meeting**
- **Goodwins update**

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 – Possible Co-Option Interviews 10.01.2026 Monthly Meeting 21/01/2026

Meeting closed at 21:40

Minutes Amended: Yes/No

Verified at meeting on the 21/01/2026

Signed off by Chair: