CYNGOR TREF LLANWRTYD WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

Minutes of the Hybrid Council Meeting on Wednesday 21st October 2026 at 6.30pm

The Pavilion, Dolwen Fields and Llanwrtyd Zoom

Attending: Cllrs L Pace-Avery (Mayor/Chair), G. Watkins (Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chair), M. Pigott, J. Davies, T Van-Rees, W. Creak, H.E. Jones and County & Town Councilor P. James M.B.E. Cheryl Hood (Town Clerk)

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26.423 Apologies: Cllrs S. Jones & A. Jones

Item 26.432 brought forward by Chair - Talk by Fire Officer Kumar Saraff on future of Fire Station in Llanwrtyd and challenges over the last year. * 27% increase in call outs over the summer. *New equipment coming * Water capacity and access to *Farmers working to contain water during hot spells *Prevention methods, Fire breaks, Controlled burns *Asset logging of local support *Multi use vehicles being built for future *Army involvement when emergency situation *Funding from local Forestry *Recruitment, always looking for more people *Community Risk Management *Chimney sweeping season * Don't bin batteries *Home Safety Checks – book online. The Chair thanked Fire Officer Kumar for his time and Service to the Community.

Item 26.435 brought forward by the Chair PiPIF update - Project 11, Project Manager Dorian Van Braum spoke about the signage on the Llandovery and Beulah Road and updated the Council on the meeting with the Trunk Road Agency, which had been positive. The Town Council was asked to approve the design of the new signage that would replace four of the current signs on the approach into the Town. Proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Van-Rees, unanimous.

26.424. Minutes of September Meetings – Point 403A Change of Powys owned light on Victoria Hall is being done but still connected to Victoria Hall. C. Cllr James to query. Point 406 – Matter of Zebra Crossing still needs to be pursued. C. Cllr James waiting on report from TRA. Proposed as a true reflection of the meeting by Cllr Van-Rees and seconded by Cllr Davies all in agreement.

26.425. Finance 425.1 Accounts for September approved. Proposed by C. Cllr James and seconded by Cllr Pigott.

425.2 Cheques and online payments - Toilet cleaning, Invoice in for the Remembrance Wreath – proposed as accepted by Cllr Davies, seconded by C. Cllr James.

26.426 Councillor Updates – Dolwen Fields C. Cllr James reported that the Perimeter walking path is now finished. There was an extra £1,500 needed to complete the kerb stones, which had been authorised by the PiPIF Committee. The cart had now been removed from the Square for the winter and was in storage. **Town Council website** – Cllr Pigott but not able to take forward himself due to other commitments. Project lead needs to be found. Website designer currently on Paternity leave**. Interactive board for Square**, quotes in and progressing Rhys Lewis is also taking on the project with Cllr Pigott. **Public Toilets –** Report in for takings since July. Need to follow up on snagging list and work carried out v's proposal. **Institute update -** Work going ahead to relocate the Council Chamber into the right-hand side of the building. Funding being sought for redevelopment. New Trustees being recruited.

26.427 Updates on Powys Matters –C. Cllr James – PTHB meeting attended with Cllr Davies concern within the Community on the proposals to reduce beds. Community needs to attend the meetings and complete surveys that are being put out. There was also a discussion around Home Schooling, which is high in Wales, and who has responsibility in inspecting and supporting the parents and children. It was also noted that with so many children being Home Schooled it impacts on the local school numbers.

26.428. Planning Applications and Decisions - None received.

26.429. Cesky Krumlov Visit – Visit on the 31st October – Czech and Slovakian Association will be attending the old Abernant Hotel on Saturday to plant a tree and have lunch. This will be followed by a visit to the Heritage and Arts Centre, followed by a bench being placed on the Square in memory of the children. This will be followed by a buffet in the Neuadd. The Town Council would be hosting the Buffet and paid for through the Twinning Association. Proposed by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Van-Rees, all in agreement.

26.430 – Meeting with Trunk Road Agency – C. Cllr James reported that the meeting went well and was very positive. Agreement on where the Interactive board could go and the change of where the gateway signs into the town would go were discussed and agreed although this would be dependent on the sign's compliance. It was also agreed that the steps to the Health Centre would be escalated for repair.

26.431 – Draft Standing Orders Policy - Clerk went through the new Policy from OVW. Once completed it was proposed by C. Cllr James to adopt the new Policy and seconded by Cllr Pigott, all in agreement, unanimous.
26.432. Fire Station future - Already done at the beginning of the meeting.
26.433. ATM Closure - Barclays are still closing the ATM but Link have will be taking this on. Following a meeting with Link, they have put out to tender the ATM in Llanwrtyd and have confirmed that because we are a rural community the use of the ATM will be free at point of use. It is hoped that the ATM will remain where it is as the owner of the House is happy for it to stay where it is. The Community is asked to continue to report when there are no funds or loss of card in machine. The Town Council will update the Community when it has more information.
26.434 Victoria Hall meeting – To be brough up under Point 26.443
26.435 PIPIF Update - Cllr Creak updated on the projects £1,900 had been put aside for the bench and sign for the Church as no information had been received on their project. Rhys Lewis was onboard with the Interactive board for the square. There would be ongoing costs for the interactive part and this would need to be factored in for future budgets although it was hoped that advertising from local business would help towards the costs. Planning applications would need to go in and TRA had been positive, subject to conditions on the board being placed on the square.
26.436 – Visit to Senedd - Jane Dods had been in contact but more for a visit to the Town Council meeting than a Senedd visit. A Town meeting would be preferable with invites to all MS and MPs. To be put on next month's Agenda.
26..437 – Meriel Visit - Group of residents will be going over to Meriel at the end of the month. This is not an official visit but the Town Council would like to send a card. Clerk to arrange.
26.438 – Volunteer Awards - Nominations needed – bring back next month.
26.439 – Christmas Dinner 2026 - Bring back for next meeting
26.440 – OVW Funding - Cllr Pace-Avery had applied for and won funding for £500 for a community event. Cllr Pace Avery proposed that it was used to fund Mince pies tea and Coffee at the Christmas Tree Festival. Cllr Pace-Avery to contact the Church.
26.441 – PTHB Meeting – Already covered under point 26.427
26.442 - Correspondance received – Invite from Community Action Forum 02.11.2026. – Members of the Town Council would be attending – Clerk to respond. **Tiny Space email. -** Invite to do a presentation to the Town Council at next month's meeting.
26.443. Victoria Hall – Closed Session 21:37

***Exclusion of the Press and Public – The Town Council resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following item on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act* - Session reopened 22:00**

26.444. Anything for the Agenda for next month's meeting

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 – Monthly Meeting 18/11/2026
Meeting closed at 22:10 Minutes Amended: Yes/No
Verified at meeting on the 18/11/2026 Signed off by Chair: