

Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on 16th October, 2025 in Llanyre Hall

Present: Cllr P Bowen, A Bates, K Curry, J Morgan, L Walton-Powell, J Harris, G Wozencraft. Cty Cllr C Johnson-Wood

Apologies: Cllr T Griffiths

NC 76/25 Declarations of Interest:

Reminder to members. (A Personal Interest is also a prejudicial interest because (under the objective, public perception test in Paragraph 12 (1) of the Members' Code of Conduct) it would be regarded as so significant that it is likely to prejudice my judgement of the public interest.) (See code of conduct.) (Forms available from Clerk)

None.

NC 77/25 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th September 2025

Resolved: The minutes were approved and signed.

NC 78/25 Information from Minutes

None.

NC 79/25 Planning Applications

a) 25/1348/LBC

Grid Reference: E:304704 N: 265545

Proposal: External works to include replacement roof, dormer style windows and installation of roof lights - Site Address: Caerfagu, Nantmel, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 6EF.

Resolved: No objection.

NC 80/25 Correspondence

a) Powys County Council – Memorial Safety

Update on scheme to inspect safety of memorials. This provided a link to the PCC Intranet, however, no community councils would have access to this unless they are employed by PCC. Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood will feed this back.

b) Welshpool Town Council – Dog Fouling on Sports Grounds

Email as follows:

“I am writing on behalf of Welshpool Town Council following a resolution passed on 24th September 2025 (minute reference FC240925/9.2).

The Council noted that former Dog Control Orders, which restricted dogs from sports pitches and playing fields, have now expired as they were not renewed as Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) within the required statutory period.

As a result, there are currently limited enforcement powers available to address dog fouling and the presence of dogs on sports grounds - an issue that has become increasingly problematic in many communities.

Welshpool Town Council believes this issue is not isolated to our area but is of concern throughout the county.

We therefore resolved to lobby Powys County Council to introduce a county-wide PSPO covering all designated sports grounds in Powys, prohibiting dogs (except assistance dogs) from entering such areas.

We are writing to seek your Council's support for this initiative. If your Council shares similar concerns, please notify us so we can write as a collective voice to the County Council.

We believe a coordinated approach from Town and Community Councils will strengthen the case for improved enforcement and help protect public health, safety, and the enjoyment of sports facilities across Powys.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further or would like to join a joint statement of support."

Resolved: to support this matter fully and write to request a county-wide order.

NC 81/25

Finance

- a) **HMRC - £178.96 - approved**
- b) **SLCC - £100.00 - approved**
- c) **Unity Trust – Charges - £6.00 - approved**
- d) **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

Resolved: to appoint LRS Audit as Internal Auditors for 2025/26.

NC 82/25

Clerk Vacancy – New Advertisement

Still no interest in this position and the Clerk confirmed that she would be leaving the Council late in 2025. She will compress the job description and re-advertise the vacancy.

NC 83/25

Iman Casings.

There have been no adverse reports. Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood confirmed that PCC had carried out inspections where no issues were identified. Members agreed to continue to monitor this situation.

NC 84/25

Community Broadband Project

The Clerk had received an email bounce-back stating the PCC no longer has a Community Broadband Officer. It was agreed to write to the Portfolio Holder and Amanda Mansfield to ask for an urgent update.

Resolved: Clerk to write as agreed.

NC 85/25

County Councillor's Report

a) Homeless Man

The Clerk had reported this matter to the PCC Homeless Unit; Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood had also reported this to the Police. However, is little that can be done as it is the man's personal choice.

b) Telephone Line – Carmel Lane

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood had identified that this falls within the responsibility of British Telecom and she is trying to find the appropriate contact.

c) Road Surface – Carmel Lane

Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood had reported this issue raised at the previous meeting with regard to the condition of the road due to wood lorries. This work has now been tabled by PCC.

d) Road Surface – Llwyn Lane

Members reported issues with the road surface from the Falconry to Yronnen. Cty Cllr Mills will take this matter up with PCC.

NC 76/25

Other Matters

a) Christmas Dinner

Members agreed to arrange a Christmas meal for either 11th or 18th December 2025 in Rhayader. Cllr Walton-Powell will obtain menus etc on behalf of the Council.

b) Overgrown Trees – Village

Cllr Walton-Powell reported that grass cutting operators were having difficulty cutting the grass on the council rented green in Nantmel due to overgrown trees. Cllr Morgan will provide a quote to the Clerk for this work.