

**Minutes of a Hybrid Annual Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on 21st May 2026
at 7pm in Llanyre Hall**

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Apologies: Cllr T Griffiths

Absent: Cllr J Harris, J Morgan

Election of Officers

NC 44/26 Election of Officers

a) Election of Chair

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Phil Bowen as Chair

b) Election of Vice Chair

Resolved: to appoint Cllr Jeffrey Harris as Vice Chair

NC 45/26 Review of Standing Orders

Resolved: to approve Standing Orders.

NC 46/26 Review of Financial Regulations

Resolved: to approve Financial Regulations

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NC 47/26 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 48/26 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April, 2026

Resolved: Approved

NC 49/26 Information from Minutes

None.

NC 50/26 Public Speaking

None.

NC 51/26 Correspondence

a) One Voice Wales – Civility & Respect Pledge

The Council was approached to consider adopting this pledge.

Resolved: to adopt and sign this document to be returned to One Voice Wales.

b) Rhayader & District Defib Group – Defibrillator

The following email was received:

Following the successful installation of 1 defibrillator within your community, we would like to request your organisation/business to take ownership of the device.

We are proposing this transfer as it will allow the defibrillator to be incorporated more easily into your existing insurance arrangements. In addition, due to the increasing number of defibrillators now installed across Rhayader and the surrounding district, it has become more challenging for our group to monitor every unit and respond promptly when one is used.

As a local organisation/business, you are often better placed to hear when the device has been used, particularly in situations where a use may not have been immediately reported on The Circuit.

If you are willing to take ownership, this would include responsibility for managing the unit on *The Circuit* (<https://www.thecircuit.uk/>), the national public-access defibrillator database. Once your nominated contact is added, they will automatically receive notifications if the device is used.

We will also provide £300 as a contribution towards the future cost of replacement pads and batteries once the current sets expire.

For reference, the asset details are as follows:

Description: ZOLL AED+

Asset Number: (21)X16C821776

User Manual: https://www.zoll.com/-/media/Product-Materials/product-manuals/aed-plus/01-english/9650-0300-01-SF_W.ashx

To help ensure the device remains ready for use, we also recommend a brief weekly visual check to confirm that the green check mark is visible on the status indicator.

We hope the defibrillator(s) have already provided reassurance within your community, and we kindly ask that you let us know by email whether you would be willing to accept ownership and the associated responsibilities.

Resolved: to take over ownership and guardianship of the defib in the village and register it on "The Circuit." The Clerk will be asked to inspect it on a monthly basis and maintain its status via The Circuit. To accept the donation of £300 towards ongoing costs.

NC 52/16

Planning Applications

a) P/26/0008/FUL

Proposed Roof over Existing Slurry Bed
UPPER TALCOED, NANTMEL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, LD1 6EH
Members were unable to access the new PCC Planning Portal.

Resolved: no objection.

NC 53/26

Finance

- a) J Johnston – Locum - £439.40 - approved**
- b) P Bowen – Allowance - £208.00 - approved**
- c) K Curry – Allowance - £208.00 - approved**
- d) A Bates – Allowance - £208.00 - approved**
- e) J Morgan – Allowance - £208.00 - approved**
- f) T Griffiths – Allowance - £208.00 - approved**
- g) Microshade - £69.17 - approved**
- h) Precept In - £3375.00 - noted**
- i) Unity Trust - £7.00 - approved**

NC 54/26

War Memorial Quote

A quote has been received for full refurbishment of the Memorial at £2178 plus VAT. The Locum Clerk had used J Protheroe previously on Llandrindod Wells War Memorial and was happy to recommend his work which is of the highest standard.

Resolved: to accept the quotation and appoint J Protheroe to undertake the refurbishment. The Clerk and Cllr Curry will act as liaison with the contractor.

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No further issues have been reported.

Resolved: Clerk to contact PCC to ask for this site to be continually monitored.

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Community Broadband

The following response was received from Cty Cllr Raiff Devlin, Portfolio Holder:

“Broadband coverage across Powys continues to improve through a combination of commercial investment and national programmes. Based on the most recent Open Market Review (OMR) data, a significant proportion of premises across rural wards are already within scope of full fibre deployment, with coverage continuing to increase as commercial rollout progresses. It is important to note that OMR data represents a historic snapshot, and live coverage often improves ahead of formally published datasets.

In parallel, the UK Government’s Project Gigabit programme remains active through to 2032 with deployments through the programme currently taking place across Powys. Inclusion within the programme indicates that premises may be eligible for publicly funded intervention; however, it does not equate to confirmed build schedules, and unfortunately no firm delivery dates can be provided at either community or individual property level at this stage. Sequencing and inclusion are determined nationally by Building Digital UK, delivered by UK Government, and network operators as part of the wider procurement and delivery framework. It is possible for residents to check upon the status of properties and whether they are part of planned programmes through the following link and by entering the appropriate postcode and address - [Search by postcode](#)

Current expectations are that the majority of commercially viable deployment across Powys will be completed before further large-scale publicly funded intervention accelerates. This means that communities such as Nantmel may not yet be shown within confirmed build phases, despite remaining within the overall scope of national programmes. As a result, the Community Broadband Access Project is not presently being progressed as an active delivery route. The scheme was established to address very specific circumstances, and since its introduction the national broadband landscape has changed considerably, limiting the scope for new local interventions outside of existing commercial and national programmes.

Where residents or businesses are experiencing significant connectivity challenges in the meantime, interim solutions may be appropriate while longer-term fibre deployment continues. Satellite broadband services, such as Starlink, are currently the most practical short-term option for many rural areas, and the Welsh Government's Access Broadband Cymru (ABC) grant scheme may provide financial assistance with installation costs, subject to eligibility. Details of this can be found upon the Welsh Governments website - [Access Broadband Cymru Grant scheme: guidance \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

I appreciate that this will not be the clarity or timescale that communities would like, particularly given the length of time these issues have persisted. Welsh Government, BDUK and delivery partners, will share further information as it becomes available."

Resolved: to respond thanking him for information but asking for specific information relating to Nantmel Community area.

NC 57/26

County Councillors Report

The Clerk informed members that the community currently do not have a County Council following the appointment of Claire Johnson-Wood as an MS. Elections will take place soon.

Resolved: to write to Claire Johnson-Wood thanking her for her work for the community.

NC 58/26

Other Matters

a) Waste and Recycling Collections

Cllr Bowen reported that there have been continual issues with Waste and Recycling collections in his area. Members mentioned this is an issue throughout Powys. Members will continue to monitor the situation.