Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on 17th September 2026 at 7pm in Llanyre Hall

Present: Cllr J Harris, A Bates, K Curry, County Councillor Gareth Hughes, Cllr George Wozencraft, Cllr T Griffith, Cllr J Morgan

1. **Apologies:** Cllr L Walton-Powell, Cllr P Bowen

2. **Minutes**

a) Minutes of Meeting on 16th July 2026 -**Approved**

b) Information from Minutes.

Cllr Curry queried that the issue regarding the Nantmel Defib had been rectified, that of the funding to support the upkeep of the Defib has been received, the Clerk confirmed that it had been.

c) Declaration of Interest-Noted

d) Public Speaking-Residents Tina and Stuart Collins-Road Safety through Nant Glas

Mr and Mrs Collins addressed the Council to voice their concerns regarding the speed that traffic passes through the village of Nant Glas, stating that the traffic had increased of late and that the speeds that a cars and lorries are going are too fast for the narrow turns and blind corners of the road. Mrs Collins advised the Council that a meeting had been held with 19 other households of the village and County Councillor Gareth Hughes, to which Cllr Curry apologised on behalf of the Council for no Councillor being able to attend due to the short notice of the meeting being offered to the Council. Following the village meeting, a response was given from Jacki Charlton, the Portfolio holder for Highways at Powys County Council Stating that at this time there was no funding available and was not prepared to implement the reduction in speed at this time. The Council unanimously voted to support the community at Nant Glas in any way it can to which Mr and Mrs Collins accepted.

Mr and Mrs Collins then stated that further meetings will be held with an invitation to the Council when this is arranged, to which the Council agreed. County Councillor Gareth Hughes also added that a letter of support from the Community Council would be helpful to the situation and assist in building a case to place before Powys as it has been suggested that the cost of reducing the speed for signage could be in the region of £8,000.00. In the meantime, it was suggested that deterrents were researched. Cllr Curry suggested that Jacki Charlton be invited to the next village meeting with a view of showing the situation first hand, it was also suggested that Jake Berriman, Leader of the Council and Jeff Morgan, the Chair of the Council also be informed of the activity to gain more traction. It was decided that an email would

be sent to Highways requesting to trim back the hedges at Lane House in order to assist with visibility.

e) Correspondence

a) Rhys Thomas – Nantmel Defib -Noted
b) Poppy Appeal- Ordered Wreath -Noted
c) Reply from Waste and Recycling Dept-Noted
d) Reply from Planning Portal enquiry -Noted
e) Community Broadband enquiry -Noted
f) National Association of Local Councils-26/27 Pay Award-Clerk -Noted
g) Rhayader by Nature Invitation -Noted
h) Email to Highways requesting Meeting re A44 signage -Noted-See County Councillors Report -Noted

f) Planning Applications

Application Reference: P/26/0765/REM
Proposal: Section 73 application for the variation of condition 1 (time restriction) in relation to 21/1218/REM
Location: CARAVAN, NEW INN FARM HOUSE, NANTMEL, RHAYADER, LD6 5PE

Resolved- No Objection

Application Reference: P/26/0997/FUL
Proposal: Conversion of school to residential dwelling, installation of treatment plant and associated works.
Location: NANTMEL C IN W SCHOOL, NANTMEL, LLANDRINDOD WELLS, LD1 6EL

Resolved- Enquiries Pending

g) Finance

July
a) Steven Benham £328.36 -Approved
b) Audit Wales £326.70 -Approved
c) HMRC £76.20 -Approved
d) Microshade £69.17 -Approved
e) Unity Trust Bank £7.00 -Approved

August

a) **Poppy Weath £50.00 -Approved**
b) **HMRC £76.20 -Approved**
c) **Steven Benham £328.36 -Approved**
d) **Microshade £69.17 -Approved**
e) **Unity Trust Bank £7.00 -Approved**

h) Iman Casings

Cllr Griffiths informed the Council that the issue of smell coming from the site has not been causing too much offence which was welcomed as the weather has been extremely hot and would only cause the issue to worsen. It was agreed to maintain observing the site as this scrutiny has had a positive effect on the local area.

i) County Councillors Report

Councillor Hughes began with stating that he had been and was willing to assist the Collins' and other residents of Nant Glas to actively push the restrictions of Nant Glas as the safety of the residents of the village is of top concern.

Councillor Hughes reported that the winter salting routes had been published and have been downsized this year and that the news of school bus routes not being salted is non-negotiable and that other similar plans are to be challenged .

It was also reported that a Highways assessment was made after the Community Councils communication regarding the safety and it was found that the signage on the stretch of road between Crossgates and Rhayader A470/A44 were technically correct for visual distance and that Highways would cut back the hedges in order to restore visibility. Cllr Bates queried why cant there be advanced notice signage which is prevalent on other similar stretches of road throughout the County. The Council wanted it noted that there have been far to many accidents and deaths on this stetch of road and that further discussion would be needed.

Cllr Hughes also discussed the news that Rhayader Cemetery is close to capacity and there are only 39 plots remaining with 8 reserved, as such all plot bookings have been suspended. Powys County Council have suggested that no further land will be precured in order to extend the service. Cllr Hughes stated and would keep the Council informed as more information was released.

Councillor Hughes also mentioned that Nantmel Show will be taking place on Saturday 26th and encourages all residents to attend. And that he also wished the Charity dinner for Berties Bash every success.

Cllr Hughes finished stating "*I would like to place on record our deepest gratitude to the emergency services, local farmers, agricultural contractors, and residents following the recent significant wildfire on Gwastedyn Hill. The blaze required a massive and exhausting multi-agency response. While our fire crews demonstrated bravery on the front lines, the containment of this fire would not have been possible*

without our local agricultural community. Our local farmers and contractors selflessly stepped forward, supplying their own time, machinery, water bowsers, and tractors to support the emergency services. This incredible display of solidarity and community spirit prevented a far more serious outcome, proving once again that when disaster strikes, our community works tirelessly in the shared interest of us all."

12.Other Matters

Cllr Curry brought the news of Rhayader Cemetery to the attention of the Council and that certain enquiries be made to gather more information.

Cllr Morgan reported that the road condition has deteriorated at Bailey Walter, Carmel Lane with a Pothole 8-9 inches deep. Clerk advised that this would be reported.

Cllr bates informed the Council that as part of the salting route information release, Gravel Road was not going to be salted during the winter months, this is of concern because a lot of HGV's use Gravel Road.

The date of the next Meeting will be 15th October 2026.