Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of Nantmel Community Council on 15th October 2026 at 7pm in Llanyre Hall

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

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Minutes**

a) Minutes of Meeting on 17th September 2026 -**Approved**

3. **Information from Minutes.**

4. **Declaration of Interest-Noted**

5. **Public Speaking-None**

6. **Correspondence**

a)	**Planning Application -Nantmel School**	**-Noted**
b)	**Tina Collins-Response to Council Meeting**	**-Noted**
c)	**Ann Williams-Rhayader Cemetery**	**-Noted**
d)	**Response from PCC-Hedgerows**	**-Noted**
e)	**Letter to Barbara- Re: Defibrillator**	**-Noted**
f)	**Response from Cabinet**	**-Noted**

7. **Planning Applications- None**

8. **Finance**

a)	**Steven Benham**	**£339.08**	**-Approved**
b)	**HMRC**	**£79.00**	**-Approved**
c)	**Microshade**	**£69.17**	**-Approved**
d)	**Unity Trust Bank**	**£7.00**	**-Approved**
e)	**Llanyre Church**	**£60.00**	**-Approved**
f)	**Llandrindod TC**	**£47.00-Defib Pads**	**-Approved**
g)	**Rhayader Defib Group**	**£300.00-Received 08/09/26**	**-Approved**

Deryk Evans – Completion of Audit 2025/2026- Result: unqualified-Noted

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The Clerk informed the Council regarding the unqualified result of the Audit and the Council thank the previous Clerk, Jane Johnston for her hard work in maintaining the standards that have always been present. The Council discussed the recommendations in relation to the vision of the Council and will request information from the previous Clerk in how other Councils in the area have addressed this aspect of the Councils work.

9. Iman Casings

The Council feel that there has been a slight decline in the effect on the area and will make enquiries to ensure that the level of control that has recently been implemented to that of a moderate concern will be maintained and standards not decline to unacceptable levels.

10. Rhayader Cemetery

The Council received a response from Ann William the Ministry Area Administrator advising the Council that the Reverend had been copied into the request for information. The Council, not hearing anything will contact both Ann and the Reverend, Mr Andrew Perrin to get an answer to previous enquiries.

11. Nant Glas Speed Reduction

The Clerk read out a response that the Council received from Jackie Charlton which the Council noted. County Councillor Hughes informed the Council that due to his intervention, the hedgerow that was causing visual problems was cut back which the Council welcomed. The organisers of the action for the speed reduction invited any member of the Council to the next meeting which was scheduled for the 28th October 2026 at 6:30pm at St Marks Church. The Council discussed the possible use of a Solar Smile Face indicator to raise the issue of speed with approaching drivers and how they had been successful in other areas and County Councillor Hughes suggested that the use of Nant Glas as a divert when issues arise on the A470 and A44 could be a unique point of discussion with Powys County Council in relation to this matter.

12. County Councillors Report

Standing Up for Our Schools: Bus Routes Motion
I am pleased to report that I have formally put forward a motion demanding the reinstatement of all school bus routes that were recently cut. Transport to school is an essential service, not a luxury. Cutting these routes places an unfair burden on working parents and compromises the safety and accessibility of education for our local children. I will continue to push this motion forward aggressively to ensure Powys restores these vital links.

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Road Safety in Nant Glas
The campaign for a speed limit through Nant Glas remains a top priority. While the wheels of local government can move frustratingly slowly, the fight goes on. I am persistently lobbying for the necessary traffic calming and speed restrictions to protect residents, pedestrians, and cyclists in the village.
On a positive note for road safety and visibility, I can confirm that the overgrown hedge in Nant Glas has finally been dealt with. Thank you to those who raised this issue; clearing it has vastly improved sightlines for motorists.

Defending Local Healthcare: Proposed Bed Closures
Powys Teaching Health Board has proposed a series of community hospital bed closures that will heavily impact our region. This is a deeply concerning move that threatens the care of our most vulnerable.
We must show a united front against these cuts. I strongly encourage every resident to attend the upcoming public consultation events to voice our collective disagreement. The events closest to us are being held Monday 19th October at Knighton community centre – Tuesday 3rd October at Llanidloes community centre – Tuesday 10th October The Pavilion Llandrindod Wells - so please plan to attend, our local healthcare infrastructure depends on our community response.

Nantmel Show Success
On a final, brighter note, I want to extend my warmest congratulations to the organizers and volunteers of the Nantmel Show for another highly successful year. We were incredibly fortunate that the weather was firmly on our side, bringing fantastic sunshine and a brilliant turnout. Events like this showcase the very best of our community spirit, and it was wonderful to see so many of you there.

12.Other Matters

Cllr Morgan would like to thank the team of Barry Elias for their work at Llangammach with the cleaning of the Gutters, he has seldom seen such a good job and wanted to congratulate the team on their work.

The Council has received some reports of potentially dangerous activity in the area of Gravel road, the council will make enquiries with the relevant authorities in the coming weeks to inform them of its concerns.

The Clerk showed the Council the pictures that were provided by Mr Jonathan Protheroe, Monumental Mason before and after the renovation work, the Clerk informed the Council that Karen Compton of the Mid Wales Journal had also been in touch and had prepared a piece to be published in the Journal. The Council are incredibly pleased with the works and thank Mr Protheroe for his care and exceptional skills with regards to the monument.

The date of the next Meeting will be 19th November 2026.