

Trefeglwys Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on 28th July 2026

Date : 28th July 2026 **Time:** 7.00pm

Location: Trefeglwys Memorial Hall

Attendees: Cllr David Ashton, Cllr Derrick Pugh, Cllr Beryl Crone, Cllr Stuart Manson, Cllr Joanna Manson, County Councillor Gary Mitchell, Cllr Sammy Lloyd

Absent : Cllr Marion Brench, Cllr Ed Jenklins

Members of the public: Four

Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Councillors were thanked for the effort in transforming the flower troughs.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Ed Pugh, Cllr Floyd Lewis
2. **Declarations of interest:** None
3. **Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held on 30th June 2026:** The minutes were accepted as a true record of events and signed by Chair.

4. Public Participation

MOP raised a question regarding receipts, Councillors requested that these are supplied for CC purchased items.

MOP thanked the Community Council for the village flower boxes, very much appreciated by the village. Also thanks conveyed to Marigolds.

MOP commented on the donation request for a lectern advertising local walks

5. Matters arising

- a) Public engagement and Facebook update – Website had 39 unique visitors, Facebook over 20,000 hits, more followers, no negative comments. Increasing public engagement.
- b) Biodiversity Action Plan – sent by email for review, changed competition to an award. Cllrs concerned regarding lack of business plan for award, could be managed by a small group/cross section of residents. Could be reviewed in March 2027. Vote four in favour, one against. RESOLVED to adopt and review in March.
- c) Bus Stop/Noticeboard – Landowner agreed to a second noticeboard being sited next to CC one on garage. SM to provide size (same as current one). Clerk to ask Powys for information to be added to notice board and Celtic Travel for a digital copy. Clerk to write to MOP and School who raised the question once sited. CC will refurbish bus shelter roof. RESOLVED to buy paint in the autumn.
- d) Whatsapp Wildlife Group – MOP previously requested that Whatsapp group is expanded, this has now been completed. Invasive species need recording and sent to PCC, to be forwarded to WAG. Cllrs Whatsapp Group and Emails – is only for reminders etc and not for discussions that need to be added to the agenda.
- e) Parish Meeting – Clerk gave a synopsis of recent Caersws Parish Meeting (attendance and costs). Will help with Public Engagement. Cllrs suggested to have a stand at next years show 2027 – Meet the Councillors. To plan March/April next year.
- f) Flower Border School Car Park – Concern who is responsible, school has no budget. Repsonse received to send plan. Clerk to try Google Earth map, send to Cllrs first.

6. New Matters

- a) Memorial Hall / War Memorial Trustee – Names sent, no response. They meet monthly with the next meeting next week.
- b) Have Your Say – Regarding electric car points, planning and delivery of healthcare. Will be added to website. Individuals can reply.
- c) DBCC Questionnaire – Regarding size and structure of Community Councils. Cllrs responded as individuals. GM explained the reasoning behind this questionnaire and encouraged everyone to respond. RESOLVED not to complete as a Community Council.
- d) Wind Farm Grant Case Studies – Suggested at training to provide case studies showing what money is spent on and benefit to the community. JM has written three to date to be added to website, suggested this is done for recent and future donations. Good examples for future applicants. RESOLVED JM will do this for future applications and they will be run past the applicants before adding to website.
- e) Clerk Contract – Available for Councillors to view, original provided by Clerk for Cllrs to take a copy as the original is needed for the internal and external Audit Wales pack. No copies taken.

6. Planning: (to include any received up to the date of the meeting)

None

Clerk to ensure Planning Decision Notices are provided to Councillors once received. PCC have an issue with new planning portal, Clerk to chase PCC for updates regarding this.

7. Donations - Application Zero Carbon Llanidloes (and surrounding areas – RESOLVED to discuss at next meeting

8. Financial:

Balances as of 28th July 2026

Balance of current account: £2,892.28

Balance of wind farm account: £14,252.49 (Of which £6,000 is current account monies)

Payments :

PCQ £12.95

Clerk's salary £260.84

Clerk Working from Home £26.00

Bank Charge £7.00

HMRC £65.20

Lorna Pardoe £200.00

Zurich £241.00

St John Ambulance £240.00

Derrick Pugh £62.15 mileage

Receipts: £1,626.00 Noticeboard monies (refund of donation, invoice paid direct by CC), £380.71 VAT refund three years, Interest £68.60

Transfer £1,626 from current account to windfarm account for refund of noticeboard donation. **Transfer** £2,000 from windfarm account to current account. Following transfers £4,000 current account monies balance in windfarm account.

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Proposed JM, seconded SL

Annual Accounts were reviewed, along with Internal Auditor Report, AGAR signed by Chair.

9. Reports: received verbally.

- a) OVW – DP attended Awards Ceremony which went well. Awaiting minutes of AGM and Executive Board, will forward on receipt. DP elected to Executive Board.
- b) Memorial Hall – No update, meeting next week.
- c) School Governor – Year 6 Leavers Assembly, nice event and farewell to Mrs Davies. Now Welsh Medium only school, increase in next years intake. Challenges in After School Club management. Recruiting for a TA.

10. Councillor Comments and items for next agenda:

Cllr S Lloyd – confirmed defibrillator pads and batteries were replaced this month

.Gov emails chase progress

JM – Contacted Highways to ask if using chemicals, awaiting response.

MOP reported to JM regarding dead tree likely to cause damage or injury.

DP – Suggested equipment should be purchased to allow Cllrs and MOP to join. SM has provided information regarding the equipment needed and will do further research. Plan in precept for costs.

DP – Filming of closure of Llandinam Primary School, documentary not political. History from opening to closure.

GM – Complete both surveys if possible.

GM – PCC announced money for big local events, ie Tour de France

GM – Hafren Dwyfry fixing leaks urgently. Recycling improving.

GM – LDP late, struggling to recruit for senior staff members. Holding up planning applications.

GM – Early consultation, potential reduction in hospital beds. Local petition against hospital closure, on Facebook to be added to CC Facebook page.

Next Agenda – donation request Zero Carbon

Meeting closed at 20.44

Date and time of next meeting: 25th August 2026 at 7pm in Trefeglwys Memorial Hall