



	<p><b>Hay and Talgarth Locality Meeting Update.</b> Cllr Pritchard has attended two of these now. These are being held to provide feedback on what communities need. For Talgarth this was Youth provision, energy source geo-tech, community engagement. Cllr Pritchard's feedback – priority around community engagement: Who would access the funding, what governance there would be, would it be Talgarth Town Council. Talgarth Town Council did not step forward for this. Other attendees included Black Mountains College – their social scientist will do a proposal on how to engage the community. This has been received by attendees and commented on. There is no further news currently. The Talgarth Regeneration Group would be a driving force for this kind of initiative; however, this group is not a legal entity so could not receive the monies. The proposal written by Black Mountains College has gone to PAVO</p>	Noted
6.	<p><b>Correspondence (Requiring discussion or decisions)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FS Bigbelly bins offer.</b> Keep Wales Tidy are pleased to announce we are working in partnership with the <a href="#">Bigbelly Smart Waste Management System</a>. The system has been in the U.K. since 2008 and has proven to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eliminate overflowing bins, reduce pest issues &amp; create more welcoming public spaces</li> <li>- Reduce your CO2 Emissions by up to 70%</li> <li>- Reduce your waste collections by up to 80%</li> </ul> Keep Wales Tidy is pleased to announce it has secured a FREE, no-obligation, introductory offer until end of March 2026 which includes:  <b>ACTION:</b> Take the free bin audit and find out what does it cost to keep these bins post the trial, and what is included.</li> <li>• <b>Love Glasbury Funding Request.</b> Love Glasbury have sent a Funding Request. Their total income for the last fiscal year was £2,746; their total expenditure was £7,370. Their current balance or unallocated funds are £7,310. They have provided their accounts. They expect that their expenditure in this next fiscal year will be £8,400 inclusive of cleaning, water rates, utilities, cleaning products, insurance, and an estimated fund for repairs of £500. Their unaudited accounts are for the full fiscal year to 30 May 2025. These accounts show an operating loss of £1,758.36.  They are looking at more ways to continue to raise funds including siting a clothing bank next to the toilets. They are also looking to get a contribution from Powys CC as their staff are frequent users. They have a number of urgent capital projects that require funding. Cllrs Pritchard, Varcoe, Lloyd and Day all agreed that while the local community Councils and the Love Glasbury group should not be responsible for funding a public facility, no-one else including PCC have stepped forward to take this on. It is a vital community facility in a heavily visited tourist area and with significant usage by PCC staff working in the area. Without the facility the area would become a serious health hazard. GCC put aside £3,000 for 25/26 of which £1,500 has donated already. The proposal in response to Love Glasbury's funding request is to donate a further £1,500. Proposed: Cllr Varcoe, Seconded Cllr Day. <b>#DEO</b></li> <li>• <b>OVW Last Chance to apply</b> for a Biodiversity Pack (27th Feb 2026). A number of pf packages are available including native plants and shrubs, wildflowers, trees (2 trees), bulbs, hedges and shrubs, nest boxes and habitats, advice, and materials to build a wildlife pond, two signs, a 'Citizen Science' starter pack, maintenance tools. It will require a site visit from OVW Biodiversity Team, proof of ownership, lease agreement or landowner permission, evidence of volunteer support, commitment to support the package for a minimum of 5 years. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to apply for this on behalf of GCC. Proposed Cllr Day, Seconded: Cllr Lloyd</li> <li>• <b>An invite to attend the Policing in the Digital Age conference at Dyfed-Powys Police HQ</b> on 4th March has been received. If anyone wishes to attend please let the Clerk know.</li> <li>• <b>PAVO Newsletter</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PawPrint Trust</b> – designed to support young persons requiring support with their fundraising for things like an international trip.</li> <li>• <b>Qest</b> – 'QEST offers three grants for training, education, and skills development to support makers and conservators at various career stages, strengthening the pipeline of talented craft professionals in the UK. We support contemporary and traditional craft, as well as the exploration of innovative techniques. We define craft as: the skilled making, by hand, of tangible objects, or the conservation/ restoration of such objects.'</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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7.	<p><b>Clerk’s Report</b>  <b>Finances:</b> Bank Balances – Current: £12,323.45 Reserve: £19,963.53 (inc. interest £9.85)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invoices to be paid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrospective Decision needed for two payments to Bishops Printers of £90.00 and £1,071.22 Proposed: Cllr Varcoe Seconded; Cllr Day #DE0</li> <li>• Clerk’s Salary February 2026 - £456.36</li> <li>• MSFT Software January 2026 to Cllr Nick Pritchard - £52.16</li> <li>• HMRC £11.94</li> <li>• Expense form Nick for refreshments – approval up to £50</li> <li>• #DE040 Decision Request approve invoices to be paid. Proposed: Peter Seconded: Grahame</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SLCC Membership for Sue Thomas, previously approved but noted under this Decision #DE045 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership is £116.00 for 12 months plus £10 joining fee</li> <li>• CiLCA Training – 6 sessions total £350 + VAT</li> <li>• CiLCA Exam - £495 no VAT</li> <li>• A Bursary might be available as has been in the past several years but has not currently been announced. Proposed; Cllr Day Seconded: Cllr Lloyd</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review Budget Vs Actual #DE041 Proposed: Cllr Varcoe Seconded: Cllr Day</li> <li>• Review Cashbook #DE042 Proposed: Cllr Day Seconded: Cllr Varcoe</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b> All Payments approved on 15 January 2026 have been paid  <b>Training Report</b> – Cllrs Day and Jones have been booked on to the following courses  Chase with Wendi Patience OVW</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="167 1205 1332 1438"> <thead> <tr> <th>Module</th> <th>Cllr Day</th> <th>Cllr Jones</th> <th>Module</th> <th>Cllr Jones</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>The Council - Module 1</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>Nature Project Management - Module 27</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chairing Skills - Module 10</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> <td>Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25</td> <td>X</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16</td> <td></td> <td>X</td> <td>Biodiversity Part 2 - Module 26</td> <td>X</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>The Clerk has been booked onto the following sessions</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="167 1489 1348 1691"> <thead> <tr> <th>Module</th> <th>Module</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AI in Councils: Governance, Compliance and Responsible Use</td> <td>Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Council - Module 1</td> <td>Devolution of Services/CAT - Module 19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Understanding the Law - Module 4</td> <td>Community Asset Transfer - Module 23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Council Meeting - Module 5</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Set up Training Plan for 2026/27  <b>Code of Conduct Training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still waiting on Democratic Services at PCC for an update</li> </ul>	Module	Cllr Day	Cllr Jones	Module	Cllr Jones	The Council - Module 1	X		Nature Project Management - Module 27	X	Chairing Skills - Module 10	X		Biodiversity Part 1 - Module 25	X	Use of IT, Websites and Social Media - Module 16		X	Biodiversity Part 2 - Module 26	X	Module	Module	AI in Councils: Governance, Compliance and Responsible Use	Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12	The Council - Module 1	Devolution of Services/CAT - Module 19	Understanding the Law - Module 4	Community Asset Transfer - Module 23	The Council Meeting - Module 5		Noted  Noted  Approved  Approved Approved  Noted  Noted  Noted  Clerk  Noted
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8.	<p><b>Communications and Publications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk is in discussion with the Web Host, New Millenium and Nic Carter Jones has started to make some changes to the website, minor for now, and we will be discussing further changes in the next 2 weeks. The Clerk will be requesting a formal contract to be drawn up with New Millenium to clarify the service provision. The article on the Community Life Skills and Community Bus Service has been published</li> <li>• The next article will be by Cllr Lloyd and will be published on 15 March 2026. A first draft is required by 28 February 2026</li> </ul>	Noted  Noted																														

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The April article will be by Cllr Day to be published on 12 April 2026. The first draft is required by 21 March 2026</li> </ul>	Noted
9.	<b>Review Standing Orders</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>. This will be deferred to a separate meeting</li> </ul>	Noted
10.	<b>Review GCC Aims</b> This will be deferred to a separate meeting and will include a review of the financial toolkit. Wait for Cllr Bugler – move a separate meeting in April.	Noted
11.	<b>Community Skills for Life</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The leaflet drop supplier has not fulfilled their contract despite repeated attempts to communicate with them. On the 10<sup>th</sup> February, the Clerk looked for an alternative, last minute supplier to assess costs. A new supplier was found and quoted a total of £975 + VAT which is within the marketing budget for these sessions. The Clerk received verbal to go ahead. <b>ACTION:</b> Ask PCC re the Council Tax database, <b>ACTION:</b> Try to source a usable database for marketing purposes. #DEO??? Retrospective approval for payment requested Proposed: Cllr Varcoe, Seconded Cllr Day.</li> <li>The GigaCube Mobile Wifi was evaluated at St Peters Church Hall and seemed to work well. There needs to be a discussion as to who will be at each of the sessions, particularly the ones at St Peters Church Hall so that the GigaCube can be set up each time.</li> </ul>	Approved  Noted
12.	<b>Planning Applications and Notices</b> 25/1542/FUL Full Application Erection of an agricultural storage building, The Kennels, Three Cocks Brecon. LD3 OSP - Approve 13/01/2026	Noted
13.	<b>Green Spaces – CAT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk has chased our solicitor, Fred Morgan, and by email it has been agreed that a meeting via Teams will take place between Cllr Nick Pritchard, Fred Morgan, and the Clerk by end of Week Commencing 16/02/2026. <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to contact Fred Morgan re next meeting – if does not respond promptly then will move to a new solicitor <b>ACTION:</b> Clerk to have a conversation with H Vaughan in Brecon</li> <li>Three Cocks Matters planted three hundred trees in the space of 2 hours. Ed Jenkins (PCC) is incredibly supportive. Volunteer Action on third Sunday of every month to work on the site</li> </ul>	Clerk  Noted
14.	<b>Grit Bins Noted and resolved</b>	Resolved
15.	<b>County Councillor’s Report – To be sent out ahead of meeting – Questions on the night</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents in Felindre are concerned about the stacking of logs to the north of the village and rumours of landslide in the forest. Any residents raising a concern should be directed to the Health and Safet Executive and Natural Resources Wales for help.</li> <li>It was noted that Jane Dodds MS was at an opening of a play park in Brecon and alluded to a sum of £6 million pounds that has been secured for play spaces in Powys. <b>ACTION:</b> Cllr Lloyd will see if there is this or any other pot of funding that can be accessed to support the development of the Green Space in Three Cocks</li> </ul>	Noted  Cllr Lloyd
16.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Welsh Audit Office</b> – Full Audit Review if received. Still awaiting the report</li> </ul>	Noted
17.	<b>Forward Look</b> Develop a cadence of other council meetings to cover the following: Review Assets, Policy Reviews, Review of Grants and Donation, Risk Management Review, Governance and Compliance Review	Noted
18.	Close of Meeting 21.43	Noted

**Signed on behalf of Gwernyfed Community Council**

<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Chair of Gwernyfed Community Council</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Cllr Nick Pritchard	<b>Date:</b>	

**Next Meeting 12 March at 7.30 pm  
at Felindre Village Hall and as a hybrid meeting over Teams**