Llangybi Fawr Community Council Meeting Minutes
Monday 2nd November 2026
Llanhennock Village Hall at 7pm

COED Y PAEN	Cllr Graham Rogers	07775 644527	LLANGYBI	Cllr Peter Marshall	07415892161
LLANDEGVETH	Cllr Lorna Savidge	07809292564		Cllr Linda Lewis	07508156516
LLANHENNOCK	Chair Neil Statham	07792371624		Cllr Sean Jones	07714283690
TREDUNNOCK	Cllr Caroline Watts	07779503052	LLANGATTOCK N.C.	Vice Ieuan Williams	07790285572
CLERK	Kate Burdge	07450229019			

Present: Chair Statham, Cllr Williams, Cllr Watts Cllr Marshall, Cllr Savidge, and Clerk Burdge
Apologies:, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Jones, Cllr Rogers, C. Cllr Bromfield
Declarations of interest: None
Members of the public present:, Peter Millington, Cliff Brace
Minutes of the last meeting: Chair Statham proposed; Cllr Williams seconded

Chair Statham reviews the minutes of the meetings and agrees all the points previously discussed are either included in the agenda or have been closed for discussion at the previous meeting.
127/144: Litter Bins (Llandegfedd): Following on from the October meeting (108/126) ; Cllr Savidge queried the ownership and asset responsibility regarding the public litter bin in disrepair in Llandegfedd. The Clerk referred to the official asset register and confirmed that all litter bins situated in Llandegfedd are the property of Llangybi Fawr Community Council; consequently, replacement and upkeep costs remain the responsibility of the council. Monmouthshire County Council (MCC) contact Sue Parkinson has confirmed that the repair work has been added to the works order schedule; however, the exact date for installation remains unconfirmed.
128/144: Oak Tree Outside the White Hart: Cllr Watts requested an update regarding the oak tree situated outside the White Hart Inn, Llangybi, which is protected under a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). The Clerk is instructed to follow up with the MCC Tree Officer to obtain a formal progress update.
129/144: School Transport and Safety Concerns: Clerk confirmed that the concerns had been formally reported to the School Transport Team. The Council had been awaiting confirmation as to whether the matter would be referred to the Place Scrutiny Committee. An update was provided confirming that the matter was scheduled to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 5th November.

Planning: All applications presented below were reviewed by councillors at the meeting and formal responses will be sent to MCC Planning to be placed in accordance to the relevant planning application.

130/144: Planning Appeal E26/173 Llandowlais farm, Llangybi: Cllrs convened to inspect documentation relating to the ongoing planning appeal. It was noted that no relevant documents or details have yet been published to the MCC planning portal, preventing the submission of any written representations. The Clerk is to contact MCC Planning to request the necessary documentation before the Community Council finalises its response before the next meeting in order to meet the 4 week deadline.

Correspondence:
131/144: Website security for Llangybi Fawr CC: Website Manager Les Taylor provided an update regarding recent reports of PHP vulnerabilities and website security concerns. Les reported that, following the recent news coverage, he had checked the security of the Llangybi Fawr Community Council website. The website is built using WordPress, which provides a facility to check the PHP version. Les also contacted Krystal, the company hosting the Council's website, and confirmed that Krystal had advised that the reported vulnerabilities had been patched. Cllrs were reassured that, should any queries arise regarding the security of the Council's website, Les would recommend forwarding the relevant email from Krystal as confirmation of the action taken.

132/144: Remembrance Day wreaths: Cllr Marshall will represent the Community Council at the Llangybi service

on Sunday at 10:45 AM, laying the commemorative wreath and reading the Roll of Honour for the fallen. Cllr Savidge reports a parallel remembrance service will be conducted by Robert Aitken in Llandegfedd, who will officiate, deliver acknowledgements, and lay the commemorative wreath.

Policy Updates: None

Reports:

133/144: Police Report: The police report for October had not yet been received. Clerk to circulate once received. The Community Council reviewed the latest submission for September and noted that additional detail is required. The Clerk to formally invite PCSO Megan to attend the upcoming January 2027 meeting to discuss local policing matters.

Updates & Any Other Information

134/144: Candwr Solar Project: Cllr Williams reported updates regarding Candwr Solar, noting that general details remain limited. A Christmas Fayre fundraising event has been scheduled for the end of November at Ponthir Village Hall; Cllr Williams will confirm the exact date. A weekly car tour open to the public has been arranged by the local objection group to raise awareness of the size and scale of the anticipated Candwr Solar application. The application submission is anticipated for December; however, Cllr Williams noted it is uncertain if this timeline will be met as no further highway information has
been shared. Chair Statham queried how long the Community Council would be given to submit comments once the planning application is formally received. Cllr Williams advises it is up to 12 weeks once the application has been submitted but will confirm.

135/144: Overgrown vegetation in Llangybi Park: Llangybi Park: Following on from the previous meeting, concerns regarding overgrown vegetation in Llangybi Park were further raised. Reports had been received of large branches falling into neighbouring gardens, causing additional concerns about potential damage to neighbouring fence lines. Local residents had also submitted photographs to the MCC Officer.
The Clerk confirmed that clearance of the overgrown vegetation had been scheduled with the MCC Grounds Team for the autumn. The MCC Officer had subsequently undertaken a site visit in recent weeks and confirmed that the tree in question was due to be pollarded during the month. In respect of the scrub and brambles, the Officer advised that, once the current grass-cutting programme had been completed, the Grounds Team would cut a maintenance strip along the boundary.

136/144: Full Fast fibre – Tredunnock Exchange: Following on from the previous meeting, the Clerk provided an update regarding concerns raised about the availability of full fibre broadband at three named properties in Llangybi. Confirmation had been received that the matter had been reviewed with the Openreach build team and that full fibre installation would be completed. Clerk confirmed that this update had been forwarded to Peter Dale. A further update, including the anticipated timescale for the installation works, would be circulated once received.

Local Matters Arising:

137/144: Full Fast Fibre Broadband Installation Issues in Tredunnock: Peter Millington reported ongoing broadband issues affecting properties located in Tredunnock towards Newbridge on Usk, specifically highlighting Pear Tree Cottage (postcode NP15 1LY) alongside two other affected properties. Clarification was provided that no money was taken from residents; rather, this was a pledge scheme operated by the Welsh Government a few years ago for properties in Tredunnock to receive full fast fibre installation, known as the Tredunnock Exchange. However, according to Sky, the pledge deadline has previously closed, which could present an issue. Sky had previously applied for fibre installation on behalf of residents, but six scheduled appointments with Openreach engineers have been cancelled, and Sky cannot close the exchange until the installation is complete. Furthermore, Openreach engineers have been unable to complete the installation due to an ongoing ducting or receiver problem. While the next appointment was scheduled for 9th November, the resident expressed a lack of optimism that it would go ahead given the history of cancelled appointments. Residents are currently paying for a service they are not receiving while enduring frequent signal drop-outs. The council agreed to investigate whether an official appeal process is available, and the clerk was instructed to email Peter to gather any further details.

138/145:

138/144: Christmas Tree Celebration: The Council noted that, in previous years, Llangybi Fawr Community Council had received a donation of four Christmas trees for the villages within the ward. Clerk confirmed that Morris of Usk

had been contacted to enquire whether they would be willing to make a similar donation this year. A response was still awaited.

139/144: Overgrown Vegetation on Llandegveth crossroads: Cllr Williams requests if Morgan can be chased to cutback the junction as still remained a concern for highway users. Clerk to contact.

140/144: Road Sweep & Trees – Tredunnock: Cliff Brace gave thanks for the road sweep organised by Llangybi Fawr Community Council that took place earlier in the year and mentioned a second road sweep has since taken place.

141/144: Storm Damage & Tree Stability: Cliff mentioned substantially large branches from the lime trees fell during the last storm. Residents are concerned about the vulnerability of nearby homes and the stability of the trees adjacent to the village green in Tredunnock including 3 lime trees and 1 oak tree. Cllrs confirmed the land is owned by MCC. Clerk to contact MCC Tree Officer Nick Jones for full assessment of the trees in question. Cliff raised the point that Tredunnock is a conservation area, so it is likely all trees have a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Consequently, no remedial action can be taken without explicit permission from MCC

142/144: Overgrown Footpath in Tredunnock: Cliff Brace raised concerns regarding the condition of public rights of way within the village of Tredunnock. The concerns relate specifically to rotten and deteriorating stiles, together with overgrown footpaths, which require attention and maintenance to ensure that the routes remain safe and accessible for public use. Cliff Brace agreed to forward the exact locations of the affected stiles and footpaths to the Clerk in the coming days. The Clerk will then report the issues to the MCC Countryside Officers for investigation and necessary action. Jack Capon and Shaun Pritchard were suggested as the relevant officers to contact from Cllr Williams.

Finances:

143/144: Raise cheques: the following cheques were raised**:**

a) Clerk Burdge Salary for October 2026 plus reimbursement for the two remembrance wreaths (2x £20) £492.48 (proposed by Cllr Savidge seconded by and Cllr Williams)

b) Website Manager Salary for October 2026 £57.58 (proposed by Cllr Savidge seconded by and Cllr Williams)

c) Monmouthshire County Council for Ground Maintenance 2026-2027 £795.25 (proposed by Cllr Savidge seconded by and Cllr Williams)

d) Morgan Davies for junction maintenance and cutting back of Llangybi Triangle £90.00 (proposed by Cllr Savidge seconded by and Cllr Williams)

e) Merlin Environmental Services Ltd for October 2026 Dog waste Collection £59.68 (proposed by Cllr Savidge seconded by and Cllr Williams).

144/144: Bank Reconciliation: The bank statement October had not yet arrived so the bank reconciliation was yet to be completed. The bank reconciliation for September was agreed to be deferred to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7th December 2026 at Llangybi Village Hall for Precept Discussion Only