

**Cyngor Cymuned
Glyn Tarell
Community Council**

Minutes of the meeting of Glyn Tarell Community Council held remotely on 12th March 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. P Woods, P Hill, E Harris, C Rayner, R Devlin

Apologies: Cllr.S Coop

2025/29 **Minutes**

The minutes were passed as a true record proposed by Cllr. Hill and seconded by Cllr. Rayner

2025/30 **Declaration of Interest**

None recorded

2025/31 **County Borough Council**

- a. Litter picking – nothing to report.
- b. Roadside memorials – nothing to report
- c. Speed limit review – need to agree a date for the meeting

2025/33 **Matters Arising**

- a. Libanus Playground Nets – in progress
- b. Website – in progress
- c. Speeding Storey Arms – Cllr. Woods reported on the recent with Dyfed Powys Police The police would support 40 m.p.h. through Libanus and the sign could be moved further back. There have been a few accidents at the Defynnog junction.
- d. Llanspyddid church field culvert – nothing to report
- e. Phone box Libanus – a resident suggested selling cakes in the telephone box. There is a concern about hygiene and stocks would have to be replenished daily. Cllr. Woods will reply to the resident.
- f. Llanilltyd's Churchyard – Cllr. Hill has a list of contractors to contact
- g. Libanus playground meeting – see Priorities for Future Investment

- h. Libanus Playground Lease – there are 2 leases a 7 year one and a 21 year one. Cllr. Woods will send them on to Cllr. Devlin
- i. URC Church – Cllr. Woods and County Cllr. Devlin attended a recent meeting. Cllr. Rayner reported that the graveyard fund has been used for grass and hedge cutting. There are no funds left in that account it has now been amalgamated with the main account. The meeting was well attended. Some residents are happy to be part of the management committee as they do not want to lose this community asset. Cllr. Woods is happy to negotiate with the URC in transferring the chapel to the community council subject to a building survey, this was seconded by Cllr. Harris and agreed by all.
- j. Stroke Unit P.C.H. – reply from Powys Health Board

Stroke Services at Prince Charles Hospital

Thank you for your letter to Hayley Thomas dated 14 February 2025 in relation to Stroke Services at Prince Charles Hospital, following the announcement by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) of their temporary change to stroke services. Hayley was concerned she may not reach this before a period of annual leave and has asked me to respond on her behalf.

A key priority for Powys Teaching Health Board is to ensure that any patient experiencing stroke or suspected stroke, regardless of where they live, is seen and treated as swiftly as possible in the setting that can provide the most effective treatment.

Powys Teaching Health Board was contacted by CTMUHB on 18 December 2024 advising of their urgent need to make temporary changes to stroke services, with effect from 8 January 2025. They advised us that these temporary changes have been needed to respond to critical staffing challenges, with their ability to deliver stroke consultant leadership across two sites (Prince Charles Hospital and Royal Glamorgan Hospital) diminishing rapidly in recent weeks due to sickness absence.

We are in ongoing discussions with CTMUHB and Welsh Ambulance Service University NHS Trust (WAST), as well as with our wider network of stroke service providers to secure assurances that any patient experiencing stroke or suspected stroke, regardless of where they live, is seen and treated as swiftly as possible in the setting that can provide the most effective treatment. We have also reminded CTMUHB of the shared commitments made as part of the South Wales Programme that recognised the strategic importance of Prince Charles Hospital for South Powys communities.

In consideration of the specific points you raise:

- WAST have advised that patients will be conveyed to the nearest available stroke hospital during these temporary changes. For many South Powys residents this may mean that they are conveyed to a nearer alternative than Royal Glamorgan Hospital. This will support us to maintain swift access to effective treatment.

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- A specialist stroke unit is the best place to be for the immediate acute care and treatment following a stroke. Following this first phase of treatment, some patients may need continued support in a stroke rehabilitation unit. Our ambition remains to support patients to return to our community stroke rehabilitation ward at Breconshire War Memorial Hospital as soon as medically advised when they no longer need the specialist care provided in a District General Hospital stroke unit. • We understand from CTMUHB that their significant staffing challenges do mean that outpatient and TIA clinics are also being temporarily consolidated to Royal Glamorgan Hospital. They do recognise and apologise for the inconvenience this may cause, but these are urgent and essential measures to ensure that services remain available

whilst staffing challenges are addressed. • As yet, CTMUHB are not in a position to clarify the timeframe for these temporary changes, but we have asked them to ensure that we are kept informed. We have also asked them to update their website with the latest position, and to confirm their plans for keeping South Powys stakeholders updated: Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board website

All other specialist hospital stroke services for South Powys residents are unaffected and South Powys communities will continue to be served by a network of services, including Morriston Hospital Swansea, Grange Hospital Cwmbran, Hereford County Hospital, and Glangwili Hospital Carmarthen - in addition to Llantrisant. These hospitals can provide 24-hour access to specialist treatment such as brain scans, or 'clot-busting' drugs to restore blood flow to the brain.

The advice for the public remains the same: when you experience stroke symptoms act F.A.S.T. (referring to Face, Arms, Speech, Time) and dial 999 for emergency stroke care. The ambulance service will provide emergency assessment and based on clinical need, convey to the best place to receive specialist stroke care.

We recognise that there may be occasions when patients self-present with stroke symptoms at a hospital emergency department. CTMUHB have provided assurance that the emergency department at Prince Charles Hospital will continue to provide emergency assessment and treatment for stroke symptoms for people who self-present.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact us. We will continue to work with CTMUHB, WAST and our wider network of hospital providers to maintain access to specialist hospital stroke services for Powys residents

- k. Defibrillator in the Mountain Nursing Home – Cllr. Rayner reported that the Nursing Home did not know who owned the defibrillator. It is not locked and does not need a code Cllr. Rayner will put on social media that it is available to the village.
- l. Llanspyddid Church – Cllr. Hill reported that there is a 'For Sale' notice up. But it has not been signed off by the representative body yet. It includes 1 metre of land around the church giving 1 parking space, it does not include the graveyard or field.

2025/34

Correspondence

- a. Llais Newsletter
- b. Bronllys Well-being Community Hub
- c. IRP Report
- d. OVW Cost of Living Events
- e. Powys CC review of 20 m.p.h.
- f. Draft Diversity & inclusion guidance consultation response
- g. Senedd Report
- h. Postponement of OVW AGM
- i. Invitation to join PAVO – Cllr. Hill proposed that the community council join PAVO, seconded by Cllr. Woods

j. Changes to the Recycling Centre

2025/35**Planning**

No planning received

An email has been received from BBNPA regarding replacing a single pole and transformer behind Storey Arms with a ground mounted sub-station – the community council have no issues with this at present

2025/36**Llanspyddid Path**

Nothing to report

2025/37**Llanspyddid Churchyard**

Flowers and bulbs have been planted. The new bench and bird box need to be installed.

2025/38**Finance & Governance Toolkit for Town & Community Councils**

Cllr. Rayner is reviewing the policies

2025/39**Training Plan**

Cllr. Woods has attended the law module

2025/40**Financial Procedures 2024**

Deferred to the next meeting

2025/41**Priorities for Future Investment**

Libanus Playground – Cllr. Woods has found a contractor to give a quote for the paths

2025/42**Accounts**

A budget was presented. This will be presented every 3 months

Payments

One Voice Wales (Subscription)	£119.00
Powys CC (Lease)	£25.00
Wages and tax	£171.93
Postages	£13.20

Account Balances

Treasurers Account	£14,301.70
Business Bank Instant	£6,233.16

2025/43**Members Verbal Reports**

- a. Cllr. Hill reported that the Friends of Llanspyddid are working with the National Grid regarding some work in the playground. The defibrillator will be re-positioned near the playground.

The next meeting will be held at BBNPA Mountain Centre and remotely on Wednesday 9th April 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

This concluded the meeting, which the Chairman duly closed.

Signed Date.....

Chairman