Cyngor Cymuned Basle Hefo Chrugion
Bausley with Criggion Community Council

Minutes of Council Meeting – 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th June 2026 at Bryn Hafren School

056/2026 **PRESENT**: Cllrs T Davies, R Lewis, A Lloyd, C Travis, H Evans, C Woolley & M Laird

057/2026 **APOLOGIES:** - County Cllr Lucy Roberts

Councillors not in attendance had expressed their views to Clerk re Agenda issues.

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Steve Eccleshall

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

058/2026 None

059/2026 **MINUTES OF AGM AND LAST MEETING HELD 20th April 2026**
Agreed by all present – Copies to be signed by Chair T Davies

PLANNING & LICENSING

060/2026 Ref: 25/0859 Proposal: Change of Use from agriculture to parking and storage. Site Address: Tan Y Bryn, The Shop, Coedway, Crew Green, SY5 9AR,
And :-
Ref: 25/1012 Proposal: Erection of a lean-to extension to an existing commercial building (retrospective) Site Address: Unit 1 The Barn, Tan Y Bryn, Coedway, Crew Green Powys

The Clerk explained that both these applications had been refused on several grounds but primarily Conditions of Use and highways. Powys Enforcement were now contacting the Site owner to explain that he would need to remove the outbuilding and also return the land back to agricultural use.

Resolution: - Councillors requested Clerk to monitor the progress of this situation.

MATTERS ARISING

061/2026 - **Rodneys Pillar – Letter of support for renovation requested**
Clerk explained that the Charitable trust representing Save Rodneys pillar was asking for letters of support to explain why this monument should be reconditioned / repaired.

Resolution: - Councillors wholeheartedly agreed and requested the Clerk to respond on their behalf outlining the views of the community regarding saving this ell known monument.

062/2026 - **Complaints re new bus timetable, poor routing & poor pick up parking**
Clerk explained that he had finally found a contact in Powys who dealt with these matters and would be liaising with them to get the matters raised considered.

- Complaint of Deer on Criggion Lane

Residents were concerned about the large increase of deer on Criggion lane and the surrounding area, and the impact on road safety. There was a discussion about responsibility, the deer presumably originate from Lowton Park, but was the responsibility now Powys or Lowton Park.

Resolution: - Councillors requested the Clerk to make enquiries with Powys to try and establish responsibility.

063/2026 - **Meetings process review**

Councillors attending training had raised some procedural issues that may affect how the Community Council run the meetings.

1. The Community Council has not set up an Online meeting facility.
2. Matters arising should not be discussed unless they are itemised – therefore a member of the public must make prior contact with the Clerk because someone turning-up **on the night** with a complaint/request, can only request that their 'point' be put on the agenda and discussed at the next meeting.

This is because 'not everyone' in the community has had a chance to put their point forward. It is then between the Clerk and the Chair to decide if the matter should be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Likewise, the Community Council should not make any decisions/motions unless the item has been raised specifically on the agenda – again because 'not everyone' in the community has had a chance to put their point forward.

We should not, therefore, be asking: Any other business but rather is there any business that 'people' would like us to consider at the next meeting.

4. Everything discussed must be recorded. Items that are not available to the public i.e. disciplinary discussions should still be recorded but redacted to all except the committee itself.

Councillors discussed these issues at length and concluded that the current system seems to work well, and no issues had been previously identified regarding points 2 and 3. It was pointed out that this suggested approach actually delayed dealing with general matters, and in the one instance which Councillors felt the Community would want to know more, the matter was scheduled ahead, specifically for this reason.

Whilst acknowledging the Online meetings were very apt for larger councils, they did not seem particularly relevant in such a small rural community as ours where most Councillors were on first name terms with most of the residents. Furthermore, the Council operate a Website with a contact feature and have 4 x Notice Boards setting out the contact details of the Clerk and Councillors. The main issue however was cost. It was assessed as possibly £1500 - £2000 to obtain the necessary equipment and this cost would need to be reflected by increasing the precept for each household. Councillors felt this was wrong in view of the financial discomfort most people were feeling in the present financial climate. It was also pointed out that there is a drive by the Welsh Government to merge Community Councils into Clusters and therefore any equipment purchased could become surplus to requirements.

In relation to point 4, Councillors agreed that this was the correct procedure to follow.

Resolution: - Councillors agreed that at this time, they felt happy with the current processes in relation to points 1 – 3 raised, but could review these at a later date, if necessary, there were no objections to this application and if anything may benefit the community

064/2026 - **Annual Grant request from St Michaels Churchyard Criggion**

A request had been received from St Michaels outlining that a new equipment shed needed to be purchased and this was likely to be at least £3000. Councillors discussed the accounts of St Michaels and the need for proper equipment storage.

Resolution: - Councillors agreed to issue a grant of £750 to assist with the purchase of the equipment shed and the general maintenance.

MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

065/2026 - **Animals worrying Livestock**

Cllr Laird raised the matter that legislation had recently been enacted that increased the penalties for owners whose dogs worried livestock – obviously an issue in our rural community – and asked that the updated legislation be highlighted on the Community Councils website.

Resolution: - Councillors wholeheartedly supported this idea, Clerk to publish information on Community Council website.

066/2026 - **Llandrinio Bridge Working Group**

Following the meeting with Ardleen, Llandrinio and Bausley Community Councils, ideas were submitted to Powys about the future of Llandrinio Bridge, including a suggestion to cost a replacement should funding become available in the future. As expected, Powys dismissed these ideas and appeared totally uninterested.

Therefore, all the Community Councils are to canvass the community by means of a questionnaire delivered to each address, residential and business to assess the financial and social impact any closure of the Bridge may have on our local communities.

The Clerk explained that 400 questionnaires were being printed for delivery in our area, and this would require people to assist with the door-to-door delivery. Councillors agreed to work out a solution when the leaflets were received.

067/2026 - **Meadowside Playing Area**

Cllr Laird asked who was responsible for the future maintenance and upkeep of the new play area at Meadowside.

Resolution: - The Clerk was not able to recall, and Councillors requested that this matter be clarified.

068/2026 - **Road works – Lane End farm**

Members of the public asked why these works had not been undertaken after such a long time?

Councillors noted that Powys had stated these works would be undertaken separately and prior to Llandrinio Bridge repairs, despite the Llandrinio and Bausley with Criggion community Council requesting that the works be undertaken together to reduce delays and traffic issues.

Resolution: - The Clerk was requested to make enquiries with Powys Highways to establish any proposed start date.

FINANCES

069/2026 The Bank reconciliation and Lloyds Bank statement were presented to the Councillors for their information and budget confirmed as being on target. Agreed by Councillors – proposed Cllr T Davies and seconded by Cllr H Evans.

070/2026 The Internal Audit of 2025 – 2026 Accounts had been received from the Accountants with No issues identified. Councillors reviewed the Accounts and agreed they were to be sent to the Welsh Audit Office as agreed and correct.

The Clerk did identify that the community Council was required to compile a Annual Governance report, which he had not been aware of previously but would address in the future to comply with the Audit request.

The Clerk presented the invoice from the Internal Accountants and asked if this could be included in this round of expenses rather than delaying it until the next meeting in 8 weeks time – All agreed to issue payment now.

071/2026 **EXPENSES**

- Morris Cook Accountants Payroll Bill to 5th May 2026 - £232.80
- One Voice Wales Councillor Training Invoice 10744 - £44.00
- Parish Councils Website Annual fee - £314.64
- DT Ground Maintenance Invoice 700 - £270
- Annual Grant for St Michaels Churchyard Criggion - £TBA
- Re - issue cheque to Zurich Municipal for Annual Insurance – original lost - £759.50
- Clerk S Eccleshall Wages April (£546.88) and May 2026 (293.35) - £840.23
- Morris Cook Accountants Internal Audit fee for 2025 – 2026, invoice 41391- £324.00

All payments listed above (8) Agreed – proposed Cllr C Woolley and seconded by Cllr H Evans

072/2026 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY 12th August 2026 at 7.30pm - but may be amended as is subject to planning applications which must be dealt within 21 days.