Cyngor Cymuned Basle Hefo Chrugion
Bausley with Criggion Community Council

Draft - Minutes of Council Meeting – 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at Bryn Hafren School

073/2026 **PRESENT**: Cllrs T Davies, A Lloyd, C Travis, H Evans, C Woolley & M Laird

074/2026 **APOLOGIES:** - County Cllr Lucy Roberts and Cllr R Lewis

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Steve Eccleshall

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

075/2026 None

076/2026 **MINUTES OF AGM AND LAST MEETING HELD 17th June 2026**
Agreed by all present – Copies to be signed by Chair T Davies

PLANNING & LICENSING

077/2026 No Issues raised

MATTERS ARISING

078/2026 - **Update from Powys regarding new bus timetable, poor routing & poor pick up parking**

Since last meeting the Chair T Davies had spoken with Powys regarding the issues, but Powys had not appeared particularly helpful. The Clerk had written direct to Powys reiterating the concerns but there had been no response.

Of concern, were several reports regarding the conduct of some of the bus drivers especially towards minors and the bus not turning up on several occasions.

Resolution: - Councillors requested the Clerk to chase this matter

079/2026 - **Request from neighbouring Community councils for cost share re Llandrinio Bridge leaflets and a traffic survey**

Previously it was decided to work with neighbouring Community Councils to try and get Powys to acknowledge that the Llandrinio Bridge is a series issue for our communities. It was decided to survey residents and businesses to establish people's concerns. The leaflets had been printed and circulated and in addition to a "cost / share" on the leaflets it had been decided that survey results should also be supported by a Traffic survey to gauge the true flow of traffic over the bridge and through the B4393. Powys would Not do this, so a privately funded survey was required.

The printing costs were £394.80 and the traffic survey cost was £720.00 (including VAT) totalling £1114.80, divided by the three Community Councils equalled £371.60 each.

Resolution: - Councillors agreed that these costs were required to prove Community interest and support, and to establish true traffic usage of Llandrinio Bridge and approved the payment

080/2026 - **Complaint of Deer on Criggion Lane**

No response from Powys 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 chase enquiries with Powys to try and establish responsibility.

081/2026 - **Damage to School pathway / steps - Bryn Hafren School**

Children had been seen throwing a log / large piece of wood down the steps that lead from the school field to the school car park and as a result of this the leading edge of a step had been broken off. Because of the method of construction this may be a costly repair as the steps 'overlap' each step above and below.

Resolution: - Clerk agreed to look at the options available to get a suitable but cost-effective repair.

082/2026 - **Badly placed traffic road signs B4393 / Criggion Back lane – Safety concerns**

Cllr R Lewis, submitted that Local farmers had highlighted that the positioning of certain road signs at this location actually reduced visibility for certain drivers i.e. farmers and HGV lorries.

Councillors agreed that this matter should be reviewed and asked that photographic evidence and an exact location be ascertained.

Resolution: - Clerk to liase with Cllr R Lewis to obtain relevant information and then register concern with Powys Highways.

083/2026 - **Road deterioration outside Prime Save / Meadowside development, Crew Green.**

Residents from Meadowside and local drivers had raised this issue to the community Council – the road has sunken where previous works appear to have taken place. Vehicles travelling over this defect are making more traffic noise affecting local residents and there are safety concerns and detrimental impact on vehicles to consider.

Cllr M Laird, explained that this had been reported to Powys Highways in May 2026 and the response was that it was a Hafren Dyfrdwy issue

Resolution: - Clerk to contact highways to chase matter

MATTERS ARISING NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

084/2026 - **Debrief of Llandrinio leaflet delivery situation**

Cllr Travis raised her concerns that the leaflet delivery had been disorganised and fell to just a few people to undertake. The Clerk explained that although we knew leaflets were being printed there was no delivery date. The original plan was to use some local students to deliver leaflets as it was summer holiday. Unfortunately, the leaflets suddenly arrived a day before the Clerk went away on holiday. Therefore, he had asked Councillors to liase and arrange.

It has since become apparent that communication between councillors could perhaps have been better and was exacerbated by majority of Councillors being engaged in agricultural work and this being a particularly busy time for farmers. It also highlighted that there was no list of addresses to guide anyone to who had covered what address, which did not help.

Resolution: - Councillors agreed that better communication in the future was the best way forward, and concerns should be raised to the chair at the time to try and resolve. The Clerk agreed that a "map" of addresses was a good idea, to ensure if leafletting occurred again, it was better coordinated.

085/2026 - **Playground redecoration Bryn Hafren**

The play equipment above Bryn Hafren – swings etc – was in need of repainting and Cllr Woolley explained that she was in contact with the volunteer who had agreed to do the work, and now summer holiday was effectively finished the works should take place soon.

086/2026 - **Councillor Vacancies**

Councillors discussed the current vacancy on the community Council and asked the Clerk to re publicise the vacancy to encourage applicants.

087/2026 - **SJ Roberts / Barcud bonfire – hazardous waste**

It was noted that on the site of the new Barcud / SJ Roberts – 30 affordable houses land a large bonfire had been put together, BUT it visibly contains plastics and hazardous materials

Resolution: - Councillors requested that the developers and Powys be notified that this material did not appear suitable for burning and could constitute offences if it did occur.

088/2026 - **Overgrown Hedges at Bus stop by Sewage works Bryn Hafren**

The hedges at this location have become overgrown and are now impacting on pedestrians and especially students at the bus stop

Resolution: - Clerk to contact highways and possibly Hafren Dyfrwdy to get hedges cut back.

089/2026 - **Councillors Training**

All Community Councillors are unpaid volunteers, and their role is a voluntary role. There is training in place to assist councillors understand the role of Community Councillors, and the Clerk reminded Councillors of the courses available and requested that each councillor undertakes at least 1 – 2 course per year where possible.

Resolution: - Councillors agreed to look at courses available.

090/2026 - **Melverley Bridge**

Cllr Davies, stated there was No news re Melverley Bridge other than there was a new person in post at Shropshire council overseeing the issue, and passed these details to the Clerk.

Resolution: - Clerk to make contact with Shropshire re Bridge update.

FINANCES

091/2026 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 A Lloyd and seconded by Cllr C Travis.

092/2026 **EXPENSES**

- One Voice Wales Councillor Training Invoice 9868 (£42) and 10744 (£44.00) - £86.00
- Parish Councils Website Annual Domain fee - £18.00
- DT Ground Maintenance Invoice 726 - £270
- Welsh Audit Office Invoice for 2024 – 2025 Audit – ARINV / 015296 - £280.62
- Morris Cook Accountants Invoice 41617 Payroll 6th May to 5th August 2026 - £86.40
- Financial Assistance re Llandrinio Bridge survey costs - £371.60
- Clerk S Eccleshall Wages June (£286.81), July (£26.74) and August 2026 (£59.82) - £373.37

All payments listed above (7) Agreed – proposed Cllr H Evans and seconded by Cllr C Woolley

093/2026 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Community Council meeting is scheduled for WEDNESDAY 25h November 2026 at 7.30pm - but may be amended as is subject to planning applications which must be dealt within 21 days.

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