

Minutes from the ORDINARY MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL held at: 7.00pm on the 12th May 2026 in the Council Chambers, Old School Community Centre, Cwmdauddwr.

0226/01	<p>The meeting opened at 7.00pm. ATTENDING: Cllr J. Stuart (JS) Chairing. Cllrs A. Davies (AD), C. Walton (CW), R. Thomas (RT), C. Evans (CE), D.O. Evans (DOE), P. Roberts (PR), O. Harries (OH), C. Hamer (CH), J. Davies (JD), N. Bhardwa (NB), R. Smalley (RS) Clerk J. Stephens (Clerk) and Finance Officer S. Lipscomb (RFO) APOLOGIES: Cllrs D. Lloyd (DL) and H. Hill (HH)</p>																		
0226/02	GUEST SPEAKER(S): None																		
0226/03	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None																		
0226/04	CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS: None																		
0226/05	MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS: New Senedd Members (see item 0226/16a)																		
0226/06	MINUTES: a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 21 st April 2026 were reviewed and approved.																		
0226/07	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA: a) <i>Postal Address for Dark Lane Toilets:</i> Clerk to check with Royal Mail online b) <i>Solar Feed-in Tariff:</i> RFO to liaise with RT on meter information. RFO to action c) <i>Mini Road Sweeper:</i> RT to obtain more details of the spec for the next meeting. RT to action. d) <i>Cemetery Water Supply:</i> Add to next agenda e) <i>Clock posts and chains,</i> carry forward to future agenda, waiting for quotes																		
0226/08	<p>FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE: a) The account balances to 07/05/26 and payments to 12/05/26 were circulated for approval.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Account</th> <th>Bank Balance</th> <th>Cost Centre Balance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Current</td> <td>£23,731.54</td> <td>£119,245.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toilets</td> <td>£7,710.73</td> <td>£15,020.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment</td> <td></td> <td>£2,816.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bryntitli</td> <td></td> <td>£34,856.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Investment</td> <td>£243,572.76</td> <td>£39,606.03 (Sports Hall Fund) £56,691.39 (Toilet refurb/Weirglodd access/ community newsletter) £6,779.58 (Earned income)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total in Bank Accounts: £275,015.03 Internal Transfers to approve: Investment to Toilets to pay Wolseley invoice £5,925.89 Investment to Toilets to pay Spooner invoice £4,000 Previously approved payment to be minuted: Mr Flag, new flags as per ref 1325/07f (refund the Clerk) £371.22 Invoices/ payments to approve: <u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u> Clerk salary, May 26, as contracted 20 hours per week RFO salary, May 26, as contracted 9 hours per week HMRC, May 26 Fastnet, additional email storage capacity - pro-rata £100.99 HSBC Bank Charges to 30/3/26 (Allotment receipts) £2.02 Michael Byrne, Grass cutting St Harmon Road £72 Michael Byrne, Grass cutting North Road Roundabout £36 CCF, Weirglodd allotment fencing £103.95 Rob Hill, Activities, Dragon Trail Project £700</p>	Account	Bank Balance	Cost Centre Balance	Current	£23,731.54	£119,245.11	Toilets	£7,710.73	£15,020.02	Allotment		£2,816.54	Bryntitli		£34,856.36	Investment	£243,572.76	£39,606.03 (Sports Hall Fund) £56,691.39 (Toilet refurb/Weirglodd access/ community newsletter) £6,779.58 (Earned income)
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Chair: Councillor J. Stuart _____

	<p>Brian Jardine, woodwork on signs, Dragon Trail Project £500</p> <p><u>TOILET ACCOUNT</u></p> <p>Caretaker salary, May 26, as contracted 14 hours per week HMRC, May 26</p> <p>EE Broadband for CCTV, S/O payment made on account £21.25</p> <p>Spooner, Cladding for toilet wall, Toilet Refurb Project £4000</p> <p>Wolseley, plumbing materials for toilet refurb project (Pro-forma) £5,925.89</p> <p>Office Solutions Wales invoice 5169, supplies</p> <p>HSBC Bank charges to 30/3/26 £8.05</p> <p>PHS (DD) Sanitary disposal 09/04/26 – 08/07/26 £188.39</p> <p>Dwr Cymru (DD) Dark Lane, previously signed £225</p> <p>Dwr Cymru (DD) Cwmdauddwr, previously signed £125</p> <p>Dwr Cymru (DD) Cemetery, previously signed £22</p> <p>Income:</p> <p><u>CURRENT</u></p> <p>Powys CC – Precept, 1st tranche £22,473.21</p> <p>Note, precept amount for the toilets transferred to the toilet cost centre</p> <p><u>TOILETS</u></p> <p>Cash Income £500.04</p> <p><u>INVESTMENT</u></p> <p>Monthly gross interest earned to 05/05/26 £277.16</p> <p>The balances and payments were approved</p> <p>b) The RFO presented Quarter 4 summary. Noted by all.</p> <p>c) A Data Processing Agreement has been completed for the Scribe Finance Software.</p>
0226/09	<p>COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS.</p> <p>a) <i>Allotment Committee:</i> AD reported the committee were waiting for quotes for the works on fencing and overhanging trees, CH has this in hand. It was agreed the field could be rented out. CE to work with AD to produce a grazing agreement to be put out to tender.</p>
0226/10	<p>INFORMATION AND UP-DATES FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER.</p> <p>Monthly report has been circulated, points to note:</p> <p>a) AD congratulated the Rhayader Tourism Partnership on the work undertaken to produce a new strategy document.</p> <p>b) <i>Cwmdauddwr Bus Shelter:</i> AD advised quotes have been obtained for repairs to the Bus Shelter which Powys have agreed to fund at a cost of £1,500. AD and Clerk to liaise on works</p> <p>c) AD noted Jen Newman from Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water had set up a meeting for all stakeholders to discuss the recent wildfires on the 29th May 10am to 1pm. All Cllrs welcome.</p>
0226/11	<p>PROJECTS, COMMUNITY ISSUES AND MEMBER DISCUSSIONS:</p> <p>a) <i>Transforming Towns Shop Frontage Scheme:</i> Work to continue on the project, planning requirements to be formalised in conjunction with the Planning Consultant and Powys CC Planning Officers. Clerk requested approval to sign the grant funding contract. Agreed.</p> <p>b) <i>Toilet Refurbishment:</i> CW explained there was an opportunity to replace the old Ceramic Urinal in the gents at Dark Lane as part of the refurb works at an additional cost of £6.2k. The works were approved using funding from the toilet account with any shortfall taken from the Bryntitli account. RFO to note</p> <p>c) <i>Y Weirglodd & Rugby Club:</i> The Clerk explained the Lease is with the Powys Legal team to action. In the meantime, RT confirmed works on the track had been completed. The level of the new surface is higher than expected. RT to liaise with CW to obtain Top Soil/Scalpings to level out the dips particularly by the entrance to the Allotments/ Grass parking area. RT to action. RT also reported there had been an issue with sheep escaping from the field and getting onto the Pump Track due to issues with the fence. The door to the storage shed on</p>

	<p>the side of the Rugby Pitch has been damaged and is now unsafe. Clerk to report issues to Powys CC.</p> <p>d) <i>Town Investment Plan:</i> It was agreed a working group would review and update the plan and present a draft to the council at the next meeting. Group consists of; CE, AD, RT, CW, PR and JS. Clerk to organise meeting</p> <p>e) <i>Monks Trod:</i> CH raise the issue of continued damage to areas of Monks Trod. After discussion it was agreed AD would seek clarification on its the current legal status including a clear map. AD to action. Clerk to add to the next agenda.</p> <p>f) <i>Ownership of Defibrillators:</i> RT advised the town Defib committee were disbanding and requested the town council take on responsibility for just 3 units; at the Pump Track, by Clare Evans and outside the Chambers in Cwmdauddwr. Clerk to confirm new arrangements with RT and JS and share information with Cllrs. Cllrs volunteered to carry out regular checks. RT to arrange payment of £500 as a contribution towards costs. RT, JS and Clerk to action.</p> <p>g) <i>Co-Op Bank Holiday Deliveries:</i> The store manager has been in touch to question why Bank Holiday deliveries were not permitted. Cllrs were not aware of the reasons and clarified it is not within the Councils jurisdiction. Clerk to advise the manager to contact Powys CC Planning or Highways.</p> <p>h) <i>Pump Track, commissioning the annual RoSPA Report:</i> Powys CC have offered to commission the annual inspection at a cost of £78 including vat. Agreed, Clerk to action</p> <p>i) <i>Repairs to Cast Iron Bins and other Council Assets:</i> The Clerk raised the poor condition of the Cast Iron Bins that are due to be replaced by Powys CC. Clerk to follow up on quotes for welding repairs and painting and to ensure that when they are replaced PCC hand them back to the Town Council. Clerk to action. The Clerk also explained the Town Caretaker is having to focus all his time on weeding and litter picking which prevents him from carrying out any other tasks despite his willingness to do so. Clerk to obtain quotes from other contractors for Ad Hoc painting and repairs. Clerk to action</p> <p>j) <i>Pump Track Grass Cutting:</i> RS noted the grass around the pump track was overgrown and there were weeds around the benches. CE to contact the Rhayader & District Sports & Recreation Association to resolve. RT to follow up on a copy of the contractors insurance.</p> <p>k) <i>Cross Border Healthcare Update:</i> JD provided an update on the recent meeting</p>
0226/12	HIGHWAYS AND PCC MATTERS: None
0226/13	PUBLICITY and EVENTS: None
0226/14	PLANNING: None
0226/15	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: In addition to items already circulated:</p> <p>a) <i>Donation Request, National Eisteddfod.</i> A general fund raising request has been received. Noted by all.</p> <p>b) <i>The Arches, Community Transport Project:</i> The Arches have asked the council for a letter of support for their grant funding bid to the National Lottery. Agreed, Clerk to action</p> <p>c) <i>The Arches, available services:</i> The Arches would like to tell Cllrs more about the services it offers and suggested the council hold a future meeting on site. Clerk to follow up</p> <p>d) <i>Welsh Water, response to legal action:</i> An email had been received from the Media Relations Manager outlining Welsh Waters response to the legal action brought by Leigh Day. Clerk to invite them to the next meeting.</p> <p>e) <i>Inaccessible pavements:</i> The Clerk shared a message received via the website explaining the difficulties encountered when navigating the narrow pavements around the town and issue with ramps up to the pavements. Clerk to refer the enquiry to Powys CC Highways.</p>
0226/16	<p>URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA:</p> <p>a) <i>New Senedd Members:</i> Clerk in conjunction with JS to write to the 6 new members representing Powys congratulating them on their election and to highlight the key issues for the town and seek their support. Clerk to liaise with JS.</p>

0226/17	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS ITEMS <i>under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (3) it was resolved to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of the following agenda items: None</i>
0226/18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7.00pm at the Council Chambers, Cwmdauddwr Old School.
CLOSE	The meeting closed at 8.40pm

ACTION POINTS: Actions from the meeting and carried forward from previous meetings:

Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark Lane Toilets: Check postal address online with Royal Mail • Toilet Refurb: Confirm additional works can go ahead • Weirglodd/ Rugby Club: Notify PCC of damage to Storage Shed. • Cemetery: Rising Water costs, add to next meeting • Cwmdauddwr Bus Shelter: Liaise with AD on repair works • Town Investment Plan: organise working group meeting, to report back at next meeting • Defibrillators: Liaise with RT and JS on handover of 3 defib units and agree process. • Co-op Bank Holiday Deliveries: Refer to PCC Planning and Highways • Pump Track RoSPA Report: Commission report via PCC • Old Council Pound, Tanners Row: Obtain alternative quotes for works • Cast Iron Bins: Obtain quotes and liaise with PCC on possible replacement • Repairs to Assets: Obtain quotes for repairs • Monks Trod: add to the next agenda • The Arches, Community Transport: write a letter of support • Welsh Water: Invite to next meeting to discuss current legal action • Inaccessible Pavements: Refer enquirer to PCC Highways • New Senedd Members: work with JS on a letter • Pump Track: Liaise with Football Club on works to trees. • Elan Valley Trust: Ask the Trust to consider a town council representative. (awaiting response)
RFO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar feed in Tariff: Complete paperwork for British Gas Contract with RT
CE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llangurig Road Allotment Field: Draft a tender document for grazing opportunity in conjunction with AD • Pump Track Grass Cutting and groundworks: Ask RDSRA to action
RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Sweeper: Obtain the spec of the Mini Sweeper for next months meeting • Weirglodd Track: Take action to fill in dips alongside the new track • Defibrillators: Provide handover information to the Clerk • Pump Track, RDSRA: Obtain a copy of contractors insurance
AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llangurig Road Allotment Field: liaise with CE on advertising grazing opportunity. • Monks Trod: Check on legal status and obtain current map
CH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Llangurig Road Allotment Field: Obtain quotes for fence/gate repairs & vegetation
CW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Old Council Pound, Tanners Row: Arrange for contents to be removed. • Clock Posts and Chains: Obtain a quote to replace and likely ongoing maintenance and repair costs
DL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Stones, North Road Roundabout lettering
CW, DL, JS, PR & CH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwmdauddwr Car Park Working group: Initial meeting held, to present proposals to the full Council
Toilet Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband: Consider installation of hard wired Broadband to Dark Lane
Asset Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finger Posts: Poor condition, consider improvements