

Minutes from the ORDINARY MEETING of RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL held at: 7.00pm on the 17th February 2026 in the Old School Community Centre, Cwmdauddwr.																						
1225/01	The meeting opened at 7.00pm. ATTENDING: Cllr C. Walton (CW) Chairing. Cllrs A. Davies (AD), R. Thomas (RT), J. Stuart (JS), D. Lloyd (DL), N. Bhardwa (NB), C. Hamer (CH), J. Davies (JD), Clerk J. Stephens (Clerk) and Finance Officer S. Lipscomb (RFO) Cllrs C. Evans (CE), D.O. Evans (DOE), O. Harries (OH) and H. Hill (HH), attended remotely. Press, Karen Compton attended remotely from 7.20pm APOLOGIES: Cllrs P. Roberts (PR) and R. Smalley (RS)																					
1225/02	GUEST SPEAKER(S): None																					
1225/03	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: AD: planning ref 1225/14a, DL Dolgerddon ref 1225/11f																					
1225/04	CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS: None																					
1225/05	MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION UNDER URGENT BUSINESS: Clerk- Planning Application for the felling of a tree (see 1225/14a) CH – Road safety on the Mountain Road (see 1225/12a)																					
1225/06	MINUTES: a) The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 20 th January 2026 were reviewed and approved.																					
1225/07	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA: a) <i>Green Waste:</i> The Clerk explained she had received a quote from Gaskills as a possible alternative to Powys CC. The costing criteria are not on a like for like basis and instead are based on a set collection fee using a unit of weight plus additional costs over and above that weight. It was agreed to remain with PCC for this season with an increase to 3 Green Bins but to monitor the average weight of collections so that costs can be reviewed again for 2027. Clerk to action. b) <i>A470 /St Harmon Junction:</i> The temporary Orange Barriers are still present and Welsh Government are yet to make any decisions on the plans for the road layout. It was agreed Ken Skates AM would be contacted to raise the issue and invited to come and discuss the plans with the Council. AD/Clerk to action c) <i>Cross Border Healthcare Meeting:</i> JD advised she cannot make the meeting due to the Rhayader Tourism Partnership Meeting. Other Cllrs are also attending this, no one else is able to attend the meeting in Llandrindod Wells. Clerk to send apologies																					
1225/08	FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE: a) The account balances to 18/01/26 and payments to 19/01/26 were circulated for approval. <table border="1" data-bbox="355 1367 1372 1621"> <thead> <tr> <th>Account</th> <th>Bank Balance</th> <th>Cost Centre Balance</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Current</td> <td>£5,703.06</td> <td>£93,782.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Toilets</td> <td>£5,029.00</td> <td>£9,429.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotment</td> <td></td> <td>£2,160.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bryntitli</td> <td></td> <td>£39,856.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Investment</td> <td>£180,184.17</td> <td>£39,606.03 (Sports Hall Fund)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£6,082.38 (Earned income)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Total in Bank Accounts: £190,916.23 Cash held – to be banked £192.85, Grand Total: £191,109.08</p> Internal Transfers to approve: Current to investment: £5,000 Previously approved payment to be minuted: Powys CC, RTC (& Dwr Cymru) contribution to Brilliant Basics £8,663 Councillors Allowance £156 Mayors Allowance, donation to Rhayader Carnival Committee £1,250 Invoices/ payments to approve:	Account	Bank Balance	Cost Centre Balance	Current	£5,703.06	£93,782.04	Toilets	£5,029.00	£9,429.00	Allotment		£2,160.42	Bryntitli		£39,856.36	Investment	£180,184.17	£39,606.03 (Sports Hall Fund)			£6,082.38 (Earned income)
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	<p><u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u> Clerk salary, Feb 26, as contracted 20 hours per week RFO salary, Feb 26, as contracted 9 hours per week HMRC, Feb 26 Starboard Systems (Scribe), Civic.ly monthly subscription £21.60 SLCC, Clerks membership fee £200 Fastnet, .gov.wales annual domain fee £60 JRB Enterprises Ltd, dog waste bag refills £144.90 Office Solutions Wales, stationery £2.28 BT (DD) broadband at Chambers Jan 26 £38.63 Pixelhaze (DC) monthly website hosting £29.99</p> <p><u>TOILET ACCOUNT</u> Caretaker salary, Feb 26, as contracted 14 hours per week HMRC, Feb 26 EE Broadband for CCTV, S/O payment made on account £21.25 HSBC (DD) bank charges for the period 30/12/25-30/01/26 £4.05 British Gas (DD) Dark Lane Electricity Bill M/E 01/02/26 £120.31 British Gas (DD) Triangle Electricity bill ME 01/02/26 £50.88 Nayax (DD) Service Fee for Jan 26 £24 Nayax (DD) Transaction Fee for Jan 26 £13.54 Dwr Cymru (DD) Dark Lane, previously signed £225 Dwr Cymru (DD) Cwmdauddwr, previously signed £125 Dwr Cymru (DD) Cemetery, previously signed £18</p> <p>Income:</p> <p><u>TOILETS</u> Nayax income Jan 26 £380.40 Cash £169.45</p> <p><u>INVESTMENT</u> Monthly gross interest earned to 05/02/26 £212.64</p> <p>The balances and payments were approved. The RFO advised the vat return to 31st Jan 26 had been submitted; £2,258 being £40 for the allotments, £1,011.12 for the toilets and £1,206.88 for the current account.</p> <p>b) Cemetery Water Bill, change the frequency of the DD to 6 monthly. RFO to action c) Appointment of Internal Auditor for 2025-26 year end: It was proposed T. Price be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the year end 25/26. Approved unanimously. Clerk to confirm.</p>
1225/09	COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES and WORKING GROUPS. None to report
1225/10	INFORMATION AND UP-DATES FROM THE LOCAL COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER. AD referred to her monthly report already circulated, she was also pleased to note the long awaited return of the Radnor Roller!
1225/11	PROJECTS, COMMUNITY ISSUES AND MEMBER DISCUSSIONS:
	<p>a) <i>Project Updates from the Clerk:</i> - <i>Transforming Towns Shop Frontage Scheme:</i> Final quotes are being collated ready for the deadline submission of the 28th February. Professional fees to manage the planning applications submitted with the quotes: £750 per day for pre-submission advice, £3k to handle the group applications. Noted by all</p> <p>b) <i>Toilet Refurbishment:</i> Funding and list of works still not finalised by Powys CC despite the funding deadline being the end of March. It was noted a hot water supply for the cleaner use should be installed in Cwmdauddwr.</p> <p>c) <i>Brilliant Basics Signage:</i> Designs being finalised ready for order to be placed. The Clerk reiterated the need for assistance to support the installation of signage along the Cycle Path.</p>

	<p>d) <i>Rugby Club</i>: Clerk continuing to work with Powys CC to progress the lease. Waiting on a quote for basic repairs to the building to cover Safety and Security. RTC to consider whether any further works should take place immediately or should be held and completed as part of the wider development project. Further discussion required. The first stakeholders meeting has been held, positive feedback received and a consistent message; the Club is very much seen as a “Social Hub” for the community. AD and the Clerk met with Wyn Lloyd and Gareth Price who will liaise over plans which Gareth has kindly offered to digitise and return with options for development of the facilities. Clerk to follow up.</p> <p>e) <i>Weirglodd</i>: The Clerk continues to expedite the Lease for Weirglodd Site and shared the first draft “Heads of Terms” for the Lease. The Clerk has already raised issues with the HoTs, of particular concern are the clauses relating to sub-letting and associated licenses. It was noted the Terms require the allotments to remain where they are. It was felt appropriate for PCC to discuss the current grazing license directly with the tenant. It was agreed to set up a Committee for the Weirglodd comprising JS, NB, AD, CW, RT and DL. Clerk to action all points.</p> <p>f) <i>Dolgerddon</i>: 2 local residents asked to speak to make representations on the future of the Dolgerddon site. They acknowledged the need for the site to be developed but wanted to stress the need to maintain the green open space area adjacent to the house. They also made the Council aware of issues with the overgrown conifers and are already in discussion with PCC on the matter. The Council discussed the potential purchase of the site and its outline plans. It was agreed the Council would continue with the purchase of the site in principle subject to further discussion on the financial situation. This part of the discussion is confidential due to the sensitive nature of some of the information supplied in confidence by Powys County Council and would therefore continue at the end of the meeting. The Chair thanked the residents for attending the meeting .</p>
1225/12	<p>HIGHWAYS AND PCC MATTERS:</p> <p>a) <i>Road Markings</i>: CH raised safety concerns in light of recent incidents on the Aberystwyth “Mountain Road” particularly over Pen rhiw-wen when foggy and suggested white lines could be painted along the edge of the road to help guide traffic. AD to follow up with Highways</p>
1225/13	PUBLICITY and EVENTS: None
1225/14	<p>PLANNING:</p> <p>a) <i>Ref; 26/0162/TRE: Elan Village, LD6 5HP; Felling of one Beech Tree within a Conservation Area.</i> The application was considered and approved by Cllrs as the tree is diseased and being felled for safety reasons. Clerk to notify Planning</p>
1225/15	<p>CORRESPONDENCE: In addition to items already circulated:</p> <p>a) <i>Elan Valley Trust</i>; a short discussion was held regarding council representatives on the trust. Clerk to contact the Trust and request that a Town council rep be able to join Trust meetings. Clerk to action</p>
1225/16	URGENT ITEMS NOT ON THIS AGENDA: See item 1225/14a planning and item 1225/12a highways
1225/17	<p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS ITEMS 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:</p> <p>a) The Clerks hours – see attached appendix</p> <p>b) Dolgerddon – see attached appendix</p>
1225/18	DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Ordinary Meeting; Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 6.30pm at the Cwmdauddwr Old School.
CLOSE	The meeting closed at 10.25pm

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

Clerk	• Green Waste Recycling: arrange to monitor volume/weight and review service for 2027
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Border Healthcare Meeting: Send apologies on behalf of RTC • Appointment of Internal Auditor: Write to confirm appointment of T. Price • Rugby Club: follow up on production of Plans • Weirglodd: Liaise with PCC to expedite the Draft Lease for the track & the site. Set up Committee • Planning request: Feedback to planning department • Elan Valley Trust: ask trust to consider a town council representative. • Pump Track: Follow up Tree Survey. • Allotments: carry forward to a future agenda. • Cwmdauddwr Bus Shelter: Obtain quotes for repair. • Council Pound/Garage Repairs: Arrange to meet on site and assess works required.
RFO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Panels on Toilets: Follow up on Feed in Tarriff • Cemetery Toilets: Amend water bill to 6 monthly Direct Debit payment • Reconciliation: share access with PR and arrange date to review
RT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Sweeper: Liaise with Town Caretaker on purchase and present a proposal to the Council • Water Harvesting System: To meet with CW and the Clerk in the new year
AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Markings on the Mountain Road: contact Highways and ask for white lines to be painted. • A470/St Harmon Road works: contact Ken Skates
CW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Planings: Follow up with PCC and arrange for a load to be delivered to Cwmdauddwr • Clock Posts and Chains: Obtain a quote to replace and likely ongoing maintenance and repair costs • Water Harvesting System: To meet with RT and the Clerk in the new year
DL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial Stones, North Road Roundabout lettering: DL progressing

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

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