

Aberhafesp Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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Summer2026

FROM THE CHAIR

Our thoughts are with Margaret Pugh and Glenys Pryce, their friends and families, following the recent loss of Erfyl and Alun.

A G R E G Y N O G special.



I declare a vested interest in Gregynog Hall. Alison and I both volunteer in the garden. We love the place, particularly the 'outdoorsy' bit. So no apology if this reads like Gregynog PR. More importantly, in case you were unaware, a

piece of the Gregynog Estate – the bit that isn't in Tregynon – is part of the Aberhafesp Community ward. So collectively, a vested interest as well as a personal one.

Reference can be made to <https://gregynog.org/about/history/> if Gregynog's history is of interest to you.

Gregynog has potential to be the jewel in our area's crown. We do not want to see the house and estate decline further from the heady days of the Davies sisters. David Chell, Gregynog's CEO, has kindly provided some notes on Gregynog's future which form the basis of this piece. As always, overall responsibility for accuracy and so on, is mine.

Gregynog was bequeathed to the University of Wales following the death of Margaret Davies in 1963. As late as the mid-1970's, the house was (still) in good condition – as witnessed by the availability of nearly all the bedrooms for accommodation. However the lack of spending on the fabric of the main building and other outlying buildings left the Gregynog Trust, who took over ownership in 2019, with a huge maintenance list potentially costing millions.

And then came Covid.....

The historic lack of investment also has an impact on day to day running costs. Gregynog expenditure over the past 5 years has rocketed. Two years ago, losses were of the order of £500,000. Last year, thanks to the impact of some of the measures taken, they were down to less than £200,000. A case of running to stand still?¹ Or, more accurately, running to keep up with various grant applications, plan and act on other ways of increasing income whilst bearing down on costs and without selling (too many) assets.

Various steps have been or are being taken: office space is being rented out; farm land has been re-rented; some property has been sold; 'Friends of' membership cost has increased and car parking is chargeable. (By the way, car parking always was chargeable unless you were a Friend. Now the money will be collected, despite those complaining on social media.)

These measures (literally) paper over the huge cracks caused by the poor building fabric, especially the roof. Gregynog worked on Lottery bids off and on for years, finally achieving a partial go-ahead late last year for funding focussing on major roof and house repairs. As a Grade II listed building, this means like-for-like replacement, so no 'fake' aluminium gutters that look like originals. No, cast iron only thank you very much - and expensive beams to support them.

The Development Phase – all £866,000 worth of it – will see a Principal Lead Design Team and Project Manager appointed. Other consultants are being brought in brought in to help with business planning, fundraising, activity planning and evaluation

And eventually, assuming the 'bats in the belfry' are sorted and the scaffolding goes up £4.2 million will be spent on the *Delivery Phase* as the roof is replaced and other things sorted. This is projected to take 3 years. At the time of writing, mid June, the scaffolding is expected to envelop the main hall in September.

And the Walled Garden? Unfortunately, the Walled Garden falls outside the scope of the big Lottery grant, so everything going on there is being done only when it is possible financially or otherwise. Wall repair should have happened. It didn't as CADW² stipulated a complete wall rebuild to current building standards (1m foundations etc.) along with re-use of all existing bricks rebuilt using lime mortar. What you will not see then is inside the Walled Garden as it will remain closed to the public. (Some of us may be allowed to work in there, but well away from the walls. After all, they *are* unsafe, despite standing for over 150 years.

Garden Cottage? The Cottage is ready to be repaired, if only the leak in the water supply that feeds this and the Walled Garden could be found.

The Lillypond? Thanks to the massive input of Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust and various volunteers, the lake has received a significant amount of attention this spring. There has been an explosion in wildlife numbers and variety already. There's a little bit more work to do but perhaps we'll be able to get the boats out soon.

And Gwasg Gregynog, the Gregynog Press?

Along with the 1951 and 1963 bequest of 260 works of art to the National Museum of Wales³, the control of the Press was handed to the University of Wales as a separate legal entity when the University took over Gregynog. It has languished, mothballed, for years. The good news is that the Press will return to Gregynog control imminently. Let's hope there's a plan to re-instate at least some of the kit. In it's day it was World-renown and respected for its etchings, printing and book-binding. A working museum waiting to happen? Maybe.

Questions: What happened to the Friends membership scheme? This has been closed and replaced by an annual parking permit costing £75? Why does the place look so tired around the edges. The notes above give a partial answer. Money. Gregynog finances are improving, but losses are still significant. Consider too that Gregynog has only 7 permanent employees, one part-time Gardener and one Conservator (also part-time) who works on repairing one very large house and several other buildings.

If you have read this far, thanks. I hope this explains what is going on at Gregynog and why. If you need to know more, would like to volunteer or even help crowd-fund for our new garden wood chipper⁴ (had to get that one in!), please get in touch or call Gregynog⁵. No apologies from me if this read like a party political. As I said at the start, I love the place.

¹ Financial information is in the public domain and can be seen here: <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/en/> Click 'Find a Charity and search for Gregynog Trust for details.

² <https://cadw.gov.wales/>

³ <https://museum.wales/collections/art/davies-sisters/>

⁴ Link to crowdfunding for our chipper!:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-our-gardeners-raise-money-for-gardening-equipment>

⁵ <https://gregynog.org/>

PS Air Ambulance update: I received the following link from a contact. This was sent - allegedly by mistake - in an email to someone locally. We understand that the message was PR intended to 'land' (excuse pun) in front of north-east Wales residents who were being promised the Welshpool and Caernarfon Air Ambulances. Readers might need reminding that rapid response vehicles we promised to be in place here before the AAs were moved. How ironic that the arguments used here for us having RRVs is now being used to sell their idea to the people in NE Wales. Meanwhile, apparently the emergency service here is planned to be covered by 4 Transit vans.

Thankfully the AA is still here in Welshpool as far as I know.

What on earth is going on...?"

PPS:"Calon-y-Gwynt wind farm. This is a proposed development by Wind2 and Octopus Energy. Overall I am in favour of renewables - and benefit from them. But not this one. Please take a look at the developer's site:

<https://parcynni-calonygwynt.cymru/en>

John Bateson ACA Chair



Such a shame we had to cancel this event at the last minute due to lack of support



THURSDAY 16TH JULY 7PM

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

Following the conclusion of the AGM business, the newly appointed Committee will proceed with our monthly meeting.

Aberhafest Community Centre is at the heart of our Mid Wales community *Click here* [ACA website](#), [Facebook page](#).

EVENTS

FORTNIGHTLY

FRIDAY 10th JULY

The BAR opens 6.00 pm

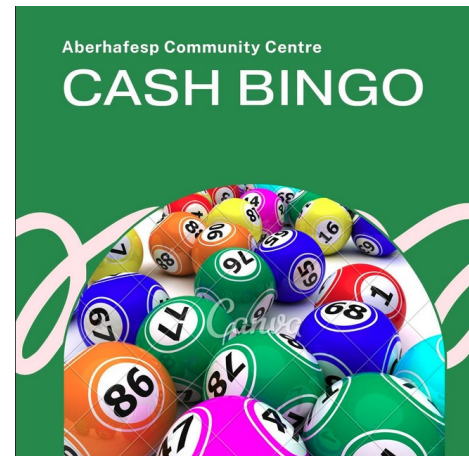
EYES DOWN 7.30 pm

£10.00 A BOOK of 8 games including the snowball

Plus 1 game of Irish Bingo

Come along for a brilliant Community evening and the chance to win **cash prizes.**

CASH OR CARD PAYMENTS



DOG SHOW 30TH AUGUST



SPUD IN A BUCKET COMPETITION

Spud weigh-in will be held at 6pm on

Friday 11th September

alongside a **DUCK RACE & BBQ**
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GENTLE CHAIR EXERCISE

2nd and 4th Friday of each month

12.15 to 1.15 pm

After the pop-up coffee mornings

What is involved? Mild stretching and exercises are designed for **ALL**, (not just the ladies) but especially for those who are having (or starting to have) reduced mobility. **What do I need to bring?:** Nothing. Comfortable clothing and footwear are advised. **How much does it cost? £3 per session.**

DYSGU SIARAD CYMRAEG



Are there any **Welsh Language Learners** out there who would like to meet up with a few Welsh speakers to practise conversational Welsh?

If interested, we meet at the Aberhafesp Community Centre at the Friday Pop Up Coffee Mornings at **11.00 am on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. FOC**
We would love to see you.



The Game Change Project has had a busy and positive few months, with young people taking part in creative, practical and community-focused activities that build confidence, skills and friendships. Recent sessions have included teamwork, planning community events, interview skills and CV writing, outdoor cooking, horticulture and mechanics workshop skills.

Staff completed their outdoor first aid training and the recent Hoedown fundraiser at Llanidloes Rugby Club was a great success. Thanks to the fundraising committee for organising and to everyone who donned their cowboy boots to support us on the night.

Upcoming Events

Coffee Morning We are delighted to invite all community friends, supporters and neighbours to a Coffee Morning/Open Day on **Friday 10th July**, 10.30-12.30 at TGCP Hub, Bethel, Aberhafesp, hosted by the young people themselves. It will be a chance to meet the groups, hear more about what they have been doing, enjoy a cuppa and meet the animals. Everyone is warmly welcome. We would love to see you there.

Annual BBQ and Awards Our awards night is on **Friday 17th July** at 5.30pm where we will celebrate the achievements of all the young people who attended during the 2025/6 academic year. We are appealing to any local businesses who would be interested in sponsoring an award. Please contact

sian@thegamechangeproject.org 07766606276 for more details

Volunteers Needed If you would like to volunteer as a mentor at the project, we would love to hear from you. Contact:

sian@thegamechangeproject.org 07766 606276 Check [our website](#)



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN TERM TIME
£7 PER PERSON
6.30-7.30PM
ALL WELCOME
(ANY AGE, ANY FITNESS LEVEL)
JUST TURN UP AND PAY ON THE NIGHT
BRING A YOGA STYLE MAT IF YOU HAVE ONE
FOR MORE DETAILS CALL SIAN 0776660276

Sian Roberts MBE

We are absolutely delighted to share the wonderful news that Sian Roberts, co-founder of **The Game Change Project**, has been awarded an MBE in recognition of her work supporting young people, families and communities.

Sian would be the first to say that this honour belongs to many people — especially co-



founder Andrew Evans, whose vision, dedication and hard work have helped shape the project from the very beginning, and to the brilliant Game Change Project team, who bring energy, creativity, patience and fun to everything they do. The award is a lovely recognition of what can happen when people believe in young people, and keep going — even when the weather misbehaves, or a plan takes an unexpected detour. The Game Change Project is hugely grateful to all the friends, families, volunteers and community supporters who have encouraged us along the way. This is a proud moment for everyone involved, and a chance to celebrate the power of kindness, teamwork and community spirit. Sian said “we see every day what can happen when young people are given the right environment, the right relationships and the chance to learn in a different way. This award gives us a powerful opportunity to raise awareness of that work and to reach even more young people who need support.”



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MOTHERS' UNION

The Aberhafesp Branch of the Mothers' Union continued its diary for 2026 with a meeting held at the Church room, St Gwynog's Church on Thursday April 16th at 3:00pm. The meeting was lead by Liz Davies and began, as usual, with a short service and business meeting. Details were given of the plans to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Mothers' Union by Mary Sumner to be held at All Saints Church, Newtown on May 7th and in St Asaph's Cathedral on Lady Day, 25th May 2026. Afterwards our speaker Liz Davies who, as a member of our MU branch needed little introduction, explained that she is very involved in the running of the local Operation Christmas Child in Aberhafesp. Every year, the UK contributes to a worldwide effort to send millions of shoebox gifts to children in need all over the world. Aberhafesp receives shoeboxes in autumn each year and people who wish to support this effort fill them with items suitable for children of different ages. Liz ensures they are taken to Newtown ready for further distribution. A film was shown about the journey of the shoeboxes and the delivery to excited young children. The meeting concluded with Barbara thanking Liz for an informative and interesting talk. A raffle was held and light refreshments were served.

Before the scheduled May MU meeting in Aberhafesp members joined All Saints Church, Newtown on May 7th to celebrate 150 years of Mothers' Union. The service, which was well attended and had contributions from a range of MU representatives, ended with refreshments and the opportunity to chat.

On May 21st the Dementia Matters in Powys (DMiP) Chief Officer, Deborah Gerrard, was OUR speaker, and MU members from Newtown's MU joined us in our Church room. She gave a most comprehensive talk about the work of the DMiP which explained the challenges and the provision of Dementia care. The facts about the funding, the care needed and the difficulties in providing individual help, were interesting and often surprisingly challenging. Deborah answered many questions before being given a vote of thanks by Pam Thompson and joining us for our usual raffle and refreshments.

The June meeting was held on the 19th. Joan Bresnen led the meeting which started with the usual short service. A Bible reading from Mark's Gospel was read by Peter Thompson and reminded us of the way Jesus cared for little children. Joan's prayers followed and emphasised the need to care for all vulnerable people.

The speaker was Sarah Rendell from All Saint's Hub Church, Newtown, who is an All Age Engagement Community Worker. She explained how millions of pounds had been spent to support the setting up of Hub Churches as centres of excellence for running and growing a church with a range of activities.

All Saint's Hub Church is a centre of hospitality and benefits greatly from the beautiful reordering of All Saint's Church. After checking the provision already in place at All Saint's Church, Sarah set out to focus on providing lunches each Tuesday with invitations being extended to many organisations such as PAVO Befriending Service, Ponthafren and more.

The Hub Church is growing and reaching out to the community in many ways, for example, 'Cuddle Cots' for those who have lost babies, the Blue Service for the bereaved, Story tellers in schools, 'Warm Welcome Wednesdays' and so on. It was noted that details of the growing lists of activities in the Cedewain Mission Area churches are now issued to the communities in a monthly Pew Sheet.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our Mothers' Union Branch please get in touch.

Barbara Moelwyn-Williams Tel: 01686627329

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

July 2 nd	Visit to New Hope Daylilies	Colebatch Bishop's Castle
August	Holiday	
September 3 rd	Visit Pentre Llifior Chapel + meal tba	Bettws Cedewain
October 1 st	50 th Anniversary celebration	
November 5 th	AGM + jigsaw race	
December	Christmas Floral Arrangements + bring and share supper	Kara Smith

For further information contact jo_burrage@hotmail.com (Secretary) or Steph Benbow (President) 01686629572

200 CLUB Summer Draw

£75	Gail Stander	Hillcrest
£50	Roy Hughes	Aberhafesp
£25	Tony Mole	Aberhafesp
£25	Jo Burrage	Aberhafesp
£25	Pam Thompson	Newtown
£25	Doreen Lloyd	Aberhafesp
£15	Gwyn Jones	Llanwnog
£15	Peter Thompson	Newtown
£15	Mr. Moelwyn Williams	Aberhafesp

Tickets for the 2026/27 draw are currently on sale from committee members £10 each

SHORT MAT BOWLS



The anticipated start date of the new season is Tuesday 22nd September.

**Contact Elaine Benbow
01686 625586**

NEWTOWN FOOD SURPLUS

WE HAVE MOVED!
A NEW
CHAPTER
BEGINS



UNIT 15, BEAR LANES, NEWTOWN



Exciting news! We have moved to the old New Look, Unit 15 in the Bear Lanes Shopping Precinct. For years, we've been operating with our storage one end of Newtown at St Giles Business Park, and our food shares at the Jubilee Scout Hall at the other. It's meant many extra volunteer hours loading

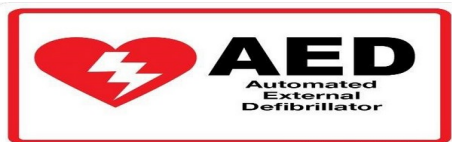
food at the hub, driving it across town, unloading it at the share, setting everything up, then loading empty crates back onto the van, packing everything away and sorting it all back out at the hub again afterwards. Now, at last, we have a base! Having everything under one roof is going to make a huge difference to the running of the project. It also gives us opportunities to potentially trial different opening hours and new ideas moving forward. To clarify, the Forden and Llanidloes satellite shares will be carrying on as usual and we'll still have occasional school pop ups too. See [Facebook](#) and [website](#)

LOCATIONS OF OUR THREE LOCAL REGISTERED DEFIBRILLATORS AND PROCEDURES

ENTRANCE TO HILLCREST, ABERHAFESP SY16 3JR

ON THE WALL OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY CENTRE SY16 3HT

INSIDE THE OLD PHONE BOX IN BWLCH-Y-FFRIDD SY16 3HX



To access the AED box, you have to **phone 999 or 112**

Request an ambulance and tell them your location (see above for post code of the nearest defibrillator). Ambulance control will give you a **CODE to open the defibrillator box**

(Note: the code for the Community Centre defibrillator is displayed inside the building) Follow the instructions. Paramedics will be on the way to administer the next stage of the resuscitation process. Due to insurance purposes, the Code is not displayed on the boxes

HISTORY MATTERS – AN APPEAL

One of the many fascinating things about history is that, although it deals with the past, the present throws up unexpected items and information. In recent years hoards of coins and jewellery dating to Roman and Saxon times have shed new light on national events. So far such spectacular finds have eluded us in Aberhafesp but a few years ago a book was found at a local farmhouse which had the dates 1783 – 1821 written on the parchment cover.

The late Mrs Megan Davies found the book and her daughter, Mrs Margaret Pugh, brought it to my attention. I was allowed to borrow the book and took notes of its most interesting contents.

Subsequently it was deposited at Powys Archives in Llandrindod where the other Aberhafesp parish records are stored and where it can be read by anyone interested in the local history of the parish.

The book turned out to be the Vestry Book which recorded the business of the Overseers of the Poor who were responsible for raising local rates and disbursing money for the 'relief of the Poor' in the parish. At first this doesn't make it sound a very exciting discovery, but on closer examination the book revealed a wealth of information about Aberhafesp over two hundred years ago.

Just recently Margaret contacted me again with a question about an old map she had at home. I was delighted to see an original Enclosure map, dated 1815 when a large area of common land was divided among individuals. It is a very large document which includes not only a detailed map of the parish, showing all the farms and houses, but also many pages attached to it describing the pieces of land affected by the enclosure as well as details of the new roads, bridle paths and footpaths which were to be laid out. In 1992 Margaret was a member of the Aberhafesp Local History Group which produced a number of very useful pamphlets and the third one included a copy of the map and a transcription of the description of the land involved. Like the Vestry Book the map has been generously donated to Powys archives. The reason for reporting these finds is to draw people's attention to what they may have hidden in attics or at the back of cupboards which could be of historical significance. Much material is thrown away when people move house or clear a deceased relative's possessions. Please look twice at old photographs, letters, legal documents and if you think they may be of some interest I'd love to hear from you. *Edward Parry 01686 688346*

YOUNG FARMERS

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part at the Rally in Llanfair. A big thank you to those who helped get us there and ready for the competitions! Some key highlights -



Dancing



U28 Cooking (Chelsea, Ruby, Lucy)

4th = Evie with the u16 floral

4th = fed display

4th = Mum with the associate member comp

6th = (only 4 points behind 1st) Lip sync battle



As always if there is anyone interested in joining our YFC club, please get in touch with [Lucy Jones 07455354045](mailto:lucyjones04@hotmail.com)
lucyjones04@hotmail.com

ACA PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

WINNER

Prize £10 Wander Inn Voucher

Steph Ibbotson



1st: Man (probably Sheep farmer) on working quad. Mainly in focus at 100% and only pixelates (breaks up) at just under 300%. Farmer

obviously working on the land.

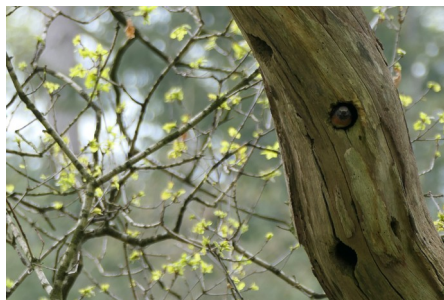


2nd: Wrecked car on grassland hill overlooking valley. Mostly in focus at 100%, pixelates at about 200%. Interesting style, perhaps trying to emulate old B&W documentary images. Cars and other rubbish, left on agricultural land, are a constant headache for farmers who have to live off their land.



3rd: Equal: I assume drone photo of behind individual on hill overlooking valleys with mist/low clouds. Looks focused at 100%, but pixelates badly at anything over

100%. Nice try, but needs to have better focus / better camera (more pixels)



3rd Equal: Small bird in hole in tree. Good effort to

photograph a difficult subject. Ideally you would need a zoom lens to get a good shot, but you can only shoot with whatever you have to hand. Just for my own interest, I did play with your photo in Photoshop and if you would like a copy, please let me know.

From the Judge: Everyone else, thank you for entering. Lots of good efforts, but I am never sure if they have been degraded by what the internet does to them if you send images via Facebook or other Social Media - or if they have been downsized automatically by your email system. If you have the option on your camera / phone, try and adjust the quality / size of the image in Camera Settings to "The Best", that should give you the best quality image. and save all you favourite ones to a computer if you can. Look forward to seeing the next batch of competition images.

THE NEXT PHOTO COMPETITION

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ST. GWYNOG'S CHURCH

We are currently holding Holy Communion services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:30am. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, we alternate with Rhydfelin Chapel at 2:30pm. We also hold an 11am short service on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month - Morning Prayer on the 2nd Wednesday and Holy Communion on the 4th Wednesday. All are welcome and there are always refreshments and time for a chat afterwards. If you time it well there may be some leftover cake from the coffee morning held on the 1st Saturday of the month! Congratulations to all those who have agreed to continue with their positions on the Church committee, Our thanks to them and everyone who serves our Church with or without title.

Of course the most significant happening at the Church recently occurred as a result of the wonderful news that Peter Thompson had been invited to the **Maundy Thursday**



service at St Asaph's Cathedral to receive Maundy money from King Charles in recognition of the outstanding Christian service he has given to our Church and local communities over many years alongside his wife Pam. A special service was arranged to take place at St Gwynog's on Sunday afternoon 26th April. This service was to give thanks and celebrate the service of all who dedicate time and energy to both their Church and community and especially to celebrate with Peter and Pam. It was wonderful to see such a large congregation with people from the local community as well as representatives from Churches across the Mission Area. We would like to thank everyone who 'spread the word' to ensure so many people were able to attend and show their gratitude to Peter and Pam and to share their celebration with them. We are particularly grateful to all those who provided food and helped out, an abiding memory of the day being that this support came not just from St Gwynog's but also from across the Aberhafesp community and Churches throughout the Mission Area, all of whom Peter and Pam have worked tirelessly to serve with enthusiasm, commitment and humility. The next Fair Trade Coffee Morning is Saturday 4th July

Richard Bresnen: Vicar's Warden

richard.bresnen@gmail.com 01686 420208 / 07595 349940

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Council has donated to Aberhafesp Community Association £1,500 which is to be spent on kitchen equipment, possibly a new microwave and a pizza oven. At the Community Council's recent AGM Alwyn Nutting and Graham Green agreed to remain in post as chair and vice chair for another year.

Annual Report 2025/2026

1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

Aberhafesp Parish Council was established in 1894, with the first meeting held on 4th December 1894, it has since changed to Aberhafesp Community Council. There are 7 Councillors: Alwyn Nutting, Graham Green, Nigel Hamer, Jeff Hopkins, Richard Jones, Steve Pryce, Richard Amy. Meetings are also attended by County Councillor John Yeomans.

The Council employs one part time employee who acts as Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer to the Council. Rachel Hamer aberhafespcommunitycouncil@hotmail.com.

The Council's meetings are held at Aberhafesp Community Centre, on a Wednesday evening, the agenda is published and placed, 3 clear days before any meeting, on the noticeboards in Hillcrest, Aberhafesp Community Centre and Bwlch y Ffridd. The agenda is also published on the Council's website: <https://aberhafesp.community-council.org.uk/> the Council's Facebook page and also the Community Centre Facebook page. The meetings start at 7.45pm with 15 minutes set for any members of the public that wish to bring anything to the attention of the Council. The public are welcome to attend any of the meetings. The AGM is held in May.

Financial Details 2025/26

Income (receipts) Council Precept per annum £6,445.00

Income (receipts) other £1,234.00

Expenditure (payments) Including staff costs £4,695.00

The Community Council holds the following bank balances:

Account Balance 31.03.26

Current Account £2,149.01

Reserve Account £5,926.60

Dividend Account £3,684.32

CCLA Property Fund £23,693.31

Total £35,453.33

Within this £7,274 is earmarked for various projects. The CCLA account is money that was invested from the sale of land in Bwlch y Ffridd. It was decided that it would be invested long term, it pays out quarterly dividend payments to the dividend account. This money cannot be used on day-to-day spending for the Council. The dividends are to be saved and after every 5 years half of it would be spent on a project within the community.

The Council has, within 2025 – 2026, donated £100 towards providing food for the VE Day celebration tea, £1,000 to Aberhafesp Community Association to purchase a large screen tv, that can also be used to hold on-line/hybrid meetings for all users of the Community Centre, including the Community Council. It has also given £100 donation to each of the following charities: Wales Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice and Marie Curie.

2026/27 the Council plans to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for Bwlch y Ffridd, after speaking with concerned residents. Powys County Council (PCC) Highways are in agreement and we are waiting for a site visit to confirm where the SID can be located, before it is purchased. Salt bins within the area are needed, locations have been sent to PCC. Information of what the Council has done or plans to do to be included in the local quarterly newsletter to try and enhance community engagement. Jubilee Bridge to continue to liaise with PCC with regards to its repair.

Rachel Hamer: Clerk Aberhafesp Community Council

LOCAL TRANSPORT SCHEMES

If you are elderly, disabled (young or old) or just have mobility problems then you need the

DIAL-A-RIDE

Membership scheme

Old Brew House, Ladywell Centre,
Newtown, Powys, SY16 1AF **01686 622566**

Website

(Facebook)

Charity No. 1005861

We are a membership based charity set up to transport the elderly and disabled in Newtown and surrounding areas. We have several wheelchair accessible minibuses and fully trained staff. operating Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.30am to 4pm

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT SCHEME

This is not a membership scheme. It is a scheme you can use at any time. You call **01938 554484** to request a quote for the journey you need. 9.30-14.00. Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday email: nmbtransport@hotmail.co.uk.

Try to give them as much notice as you can. They charge 50p per mile. The volunteers use their own vehicles and will take you on local journeys but can also take you further afield.

NON-EMERGENCY PATIENT TRANSPORT

Patient Transport to Hospital services in Wales and parts of England (Royal Shrewsbury Hospital/Princess Royal Hospital Telford) Please call **0300 123 2303**

Patient Transport to the Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital (Gobowen)

Please call E-zec on **0300 777 0077**

Patient Transport to Hospitals & Clinics in Herefordshire. Please call the Powys Teaching Health Board Therapies Hub on **01686 613200**

COMMUNITY CENTRE / EQUIPMENT HALL HIRE

If you are arranging a family event, children's party, funeral tea, or a meeting, our community centre building, marquee and gazebo are all available for hire. There is a fully functioning kitchen and a fully adjustable event lighting system, modern PA system with hearing loop, high speed broadband, Wi-Fi, and large 80+inch TV. The systems can be linked using Bluetooth. Residents are also able to hire tables and chairs for private off-site functions. See below for contact details. [Booking forms are available on the ACA website](#)

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