

St Harmon Community Council

Minutes of a Hybrid Meeting of St Harmon held on Thursday 8th January, 2026

- Present:** Cllr S Lewis, D Poulton, L McPhee, M Williams, N Schmidt, A Mills
- Apologies:** Cty Cllr C Johnson-Wood
- Absent:** Cllr T Morgan
- SH 01/26** **Declarations:**
None.
- SH 02/26** **Minutes**
Minutes of Meeting held on 4th December, 2025
Resolved: to approve the minutes
- SH 03/26** **Information from Minutes**
None.
- SH 04/26** **Public Speaking**
None.
- SH 05/26** **Correspondence**
a) **Llandrindod Wells Town Council – Cross Border Healthcare**
Letter to request a member of the council to join a group to campaign for better healthcare in Powys.
Resolved: to appoint Cllr Poulton as representative on this group.
- SH 06/26** **Planning Applications**
a) **25/1812/FUL**
Grid Reference: E:295749 N: 276265
Proposal: Conversion of barn to dwelling, erection of garage, installation of sewage treatment plant and all associated works - Site Address: Barn Conversion, Cwm Yr Ychen, Pant-y-dwr, Rhayader Powys.
Resolved: No objection
- SH 07/26** **Finance**
a) **Scribe - £37.20 - approved**
b) **A Mills – Soup Banner - £86.98 - approved**
c) **S Lewis – Xmas Dinner – Mince Pies - £17.50 - approved**
d) **J Johnston - £405.60 - approved**
e) **LLWTC – Copying - £6.00 - approved**
f) **J Arthur – Tree - £75.00 - approved**
g) **T Evans – Tree - £75.00 - approved**
h) **Croeso Restaurants - £1386.00 - approved**
i) **Ebay – Table Roll - £34.76 - approved**
j) **Mid Wales Bouncy Castles - £120.00- approved**
k) **A Mills – Soup Event Dry Goods - £57.83 – approved**
l) **St Harmon Hall - £254.25 - approved**

SH 08/26

Community Events

a) Soup Event – Anti Poverty Funding

Cllr Mills reported that everything is in place for this event which will be operated by Sam Lipscomb and Community Councillors in his absence.

The following ideas were agreed and will be discussed and timetabled at a future meeting:

- I. Community Hog Roast – 09.05.26
- II. Easter Party
- III. Halloween Party
- IV. Children’s Christmas Party
- V. Over 60’s Christmas Lunch

VI. Other Ideas

The Clerk put forward Christmas craft workshops and summer holiday activities and will do some research prior to the next meeting.

Flicks in the Sticks, Christmas Market Trip. These will also be discussed at a future meeting.

SH 09/26

Pant y Dwr Bus Shelter Notice Board

Issues with the old noticeboard were discussed and it was agreed to engage someone to relocate the new noticeboard within the Bus Shelter to the initial boards position to make it more visible. A key will be hung on a chain to allow full community access. Cllr Williams will obtain chain and get additional keys cut.

There is also an issue with the key chain at the Hall noticeboard. Cllr Williams will obtain a longer chain and additional keys.

SH 10/26

County Councillors Report

Cllr Johnson-Wood gave her apologies due to a last minute issue.

SH 11/26

Other Matters & Information

a) Power Outage

Cllr Lewis mentioned the continual power outages within the community, other members confirmed this situation is continuing. Cllr Lewis had been informed that there is a high voltage issue within the community and it was planned for a helicopter visit to identify the location of the issue. No update has been received. The Clerk will ask Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood to follow this matter up.

b) Bryn Titli Grants

The Clerk reminded members of the closing date of 3101.26. The Clerk was asked to remind previous recipients of the closing date.

c) Nantgwyn Road Closure

The current road closure due to a collapsed pipe is causing issues with delivery lorries and school buses. It was suggested that a corrugated steel sheet could be placed over the hole to enable vehicles to proceed with care. Clerk to feed this back to Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood for early consideration by PCC.

d) Water Issues

The interruption in water supplies continues after several months. Clerk to report this to Cty Cllr Johnson-Wood to ask her to put pressure on Welsh Water.

e) Asylum Seekers

There have been recent social media posts from Welsh Government and Powys County Council with regard to housing migrants within rural communities.

Members discussed this matter and felt that the following matters need to be taken into account when considering our community

- a) We are a relatively isolated community we do not have regular public transport links.
- b) Hospitals (more than 40 miles away). As part of the cross border health care issues, Powys residents automatically have 52 weeks added to any waiting time for treatment due to an inappropriate funding formula for our healthcare and delayed payments.
- c) Schools, nurseries, doctors practices, leisure centres, libraries etc are at least 6 miles from our villages.
- d) We do not have any spare housing capacity and little social housing opportunities.
- e) Our only places of worship are of Chapel or Methodist denomination.

The council has concerns that decisions could be made without the Community Council being involved or consulted and wish to insist that this contact is made if this matter is considered.

Resolved: to write to PCC and Welsh Government reflecting these points.

Next Meeting - Thursday 5th February 2026, 7pm via Zoom