



MINUTES
of the Meeting held on 24th November 2025
at 6.30pm at the Pavilion

Present: Cllrs J Lane (Chair), M Hughes, R Lewis, R Lloyd, H Plumb and J Thomas
Absent: Cllr G Knowler

39/25-26 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Knowler and accepted by a unanimous vote.

40/25-26 INTERESTS & DISPENSATIONS

- (a) No Declarations of Pecuniary Interest were made by those present and none had been received.
- (b) No requests for Dispensation had previously been received and none were presented.

41/25-26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- (a) A member of the public expressed concern at the potential impact of the forthcoming closure of the Air Ambulance base at Welshpool on the local community.
- (b) Sam Walmsley, Shropshire Council Ward Councillor, gave a verbal report on the situation at Shropshire Council. It had proved impossible to find the savings included by the previous Administration in the 2025/26 Council Budget and, to avoid submitting a Section 114 Notice (a declaration that forecast expenditure would exceed forecast income and reserves – for a council, the equivalent of a declaration of bankruptcy), the Council had approached the Government for exceptional financial support of £60 million – in effect, a medium-term financial loan. This would allow the Council to meet forecast expenditure in 2025/26 and also provide headroom for restructuring to help manage costs going forward. It would also permit the Council to exceed the current Council Tax Cap in setting next year's Budget. Indications are that the Government will provide the support. Investigations and planning for the restructuring are in the early stages and are being done on a cross-party basis.
Cllr Walmsley also reported that over 50% of pot holes that had previously been registered on the FixMyStreet system had now been filled; further work was ongoing. Councillors had noticed the impact locally and expressed their thanks.

42/25-26 MINUTES

- (a) Council noted the minutes of the Council meeting of 22nd September 2025. It was **MOVED AND RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to approve them as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

It was **MOVED AND RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to bring forward item 45 and to permit members of the public present to address Council.

45/25-26 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

- (a) The Clerk explained that the LWCT had decided to purchase an AED (to be sited at The Pavilion) and to take on responsibility itself for maintenance and support of the unit rather than provide a grant to the Council. This was not in line with approach to AED provision agreed at the last Council meeting, which had been based on the Council taking overall ownership and responsibility for all AEDs in the parish thereby providing a single, accountable point of contact in the event of issues. As such, he recommended that the decisions made in respect of AEDs at the previous meeting be rescinded; and that the Council revisit the matter at a later date.
- (b) After discussion, which included important contributions and suggestions from members of the public, it was **MOVED AND RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to:
 - i. Revoke in full the resolutions passed at the Council meeting of 22nd September

- 2025 (Minute 33/25-26 (b));
- ii. To write to the Everest Hall Committee suggesting that they ask the Clun Valley AED Scheme to permanently decommission and remove the AED, sited at the Hall, which is currently out-of-commission;
 - iii. To revisit the matter next year.

It was **MOVED AND RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to bring forward item 47.

47/25-26 HIGHWAYS

- (a) The Clerk reported that it might be possible to engage with the Probation Service with a view to making use of Community Service groups to clear parts of footpaths in the parish. It was **MOVED AND RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the Clerk pursue the matter.
- (b) Councillors noted that an additional grit bin was required near the church and that the bin near Blackhall needed to be repaired or replaced. Cllr Walmsley stated that it might be faster for the Council itself to purchase the new bin but that he would raise both matters with Highways. It was agreed that the Clerk would also present options for the purchase of a new bin at the next meeting.
- (c) Cllr Plumb reported that there was a problem with mud and debris on the road up to Springhill. She agreed to provide a location and the Clerk agreed to raise a report on FixMyStreet.

It was **MOVED AND RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to bring forward item 46 and to permit members of the public present to address Council.

46/25-26 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- (a) It was agreed that an article be included in the next Llanfair Times seeking views to help identify the community's needs and priorities.
- (b) There was general agreement that establishing a Welfare Group of some kind would be a good idea and it was agreed that councillors would pull together some ideas as to how this might operate for discussion at the next meeting.

43/25-26 TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT 2026/27 BUDGET

- (a) The Council noted current expenditure against the Budget for 2025/26 and the likely outturn for the year.
- (b) The Clerk presented the draft Budget for 2026/27 for discussion. Councillors were in broad agreement with the draft and did not wish to make any changes.
- (c) The Clerk asked councillors to give the Budget further thought and to send him any proposed changes prior to finalisation and agreement of the Budget and the setting of the Precept for 2026/27 at the Council's January meeting

44/25-26 TO CONSIDER GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE NEW AGAR ASSERTION 10 (report GR02.2025-26)

The Clerk presented the report and councillors noted the options and the benefits and risks associated with them. Following discussion, it was **MOVED AND RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that:

- i. the council would not adopt a generic email account hosted on a council-owned domain;
- ii. the council would not adopt an IT Policy.

48/25-26 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- (a) Nature Recovery Group: further planting work had taken place on the verge adjacent to The Pavilion and the group has approached the LWCT for permission and funding to plant trees and shrubs on the Tump. In the churchyard, one area has been cleared ready for planting and further work has been identified to prepare for tree planting in another area.
- (b) There were no other reports.

49/25-26 FINANCE (financial report FR05.2025-26)

- (a) Council noted the balance and bank account reconciliation. Cllr Hughes confirmed that he had accessed the bank account and that the balance of £6,818.99 as at 23rd November 2025 stated on the reconciliation was correct.
- (b) Council noted the receipt of £5.00 as a donation towards the costs of producing the *Llanfair Times*.

- (c) Council ratified the payment of the Clerk's salary for October 2025 and noted the payment of £47.00 to the ICO for 2025/26.
- (d) It was **MOVED AND RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to approve the following payments:

Payee	Description	Amount
J McVicar	Payroll for Month 8	£316.33
Artisan Print	Printing of Winter edition of <i>Llanfair Times</i>	£285.60
The Community Pavilion	Hire of room for November meeting	£10.00

50/25-26 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

Business being concluded, the Council meeting was declared closed at 8.25pm.

Signed: _____
Chair of Council Meeting

Date: _____