

Llanyblodwel Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Llanyblodwel held on Thursday 15th May 2025 at 7.00pm in the Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute.

Present: Andrew Beckett, Darren Counsell, Neil Williams, Bethan Cross, Peter Shellard, Brian Edwards (joined the meeting at 19.17), Hollie Dixon (joined the meeting at 19.22).

Also in attendance: Amy Jones (Clerk), 5 members of the public, presentation from Robinson Forestry.

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1.25 **Welcome and apologies**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Tony Lewis and Shropshire Councillor Duncan Borrowman.

2.25 **Confirmation of the Minutes**

To approve and authorise the signing of the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 09.05.24.

RESOLVED to approve and a copy was signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3.25 **Parish Council Annual Report**

To receive an Annual Report from the 2024/25 Chairman followed by a Financial Report by the Clerk/RFO.

The Chair reported on the following:

- The Parish Council have now completed a large proportion of closed churchyard wall repairs, including the huge repair to the back wall at Morton. The work has been largely funded by the generous donations from Llanyblodwel Community Group and they were thanked for their kind support and fundraising efforts.
- Several new noticeboards have now been installed around the Parish but sadly the one in Dolgoch was destroyed in an RTA so the Council are currently arranging a replacement.
- Llyncllys crossroads remains ongoing, with very little update over the last 12 months.
- Road signs through Bryn Melyn – the parish council have explored the possibility of funding these through a grant due to the financial constraints that Shropshire Council are under. Initially SC had said they would support this but have not come forward with an indication of the cost so the PC have been unable to proceed with an application.

- Play Equipment in Bryn Melyn – SC have now given permission and options are being considered.

The financial report presented by the Clerk/RFO was noted.

4.25 Presentation by Simon Smith from Robinson Forestry – Presentation on the Woodland Management Project for Llynclys Quarry.

In 2023 the woods were first surveyed. Lots of trees identified for removal due to Ash die back and Tarmac have been required to take action due to the public use of the woodland. This will result in 400-500 tonnes coming out (approx. 15%-20% of the canopy). It will be restocked with a more resilient species. Work is due to take place in August.

Simon was thanked for his attendance and for the informative presentation on the project due to take place this summer.

5.25 Shropshire Councillor's Report - To receive a report from the newly elected Shropshire Councillor.

Duncan Borrowman was unable to attend due to conflicting meetings.

6.25 Annual Reports from Organisations in the Parish

- Llanyblodwel Community Fund – Peter Shellard gave a resume of the years' activities and fundraising events.
- Llanyblodwel and Porthywaen Memorial Institute – Bethan Cross gave an update on the activities and events on at the Hall.

7.25 Parish Matters / Open Forum - electors are invited to ask questions and raise matters

No matters raised.

8.25 Closing remarks by the Chairman

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Refreshments were served.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at: 19.30.