

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Of the Llandyssil Community Charitable Trust  
Held at the Old School Hall, Llandyssil  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7:30pm**

**Present:**

Management Committee: Mick Redford, Nigel Thomas, Brian Turner, Sally Porter, Debi Pearce,  
Jane Randall-Smith, Christabel Lane,  
Treasurer: Sonja Willems  
Secretary: Gill Thomas

**In attendance:**

Gwen Cooper; Jane Hare; Gwyneth Jones; Mike Membery; Ian Morgan-Williams; Julie Morgan-Williams; Maralyn Parry; Steve Parry; Charlie Vaughan-Jones; Julie Morgan-Williams

**1. Apologies:**

Peter Hare

**2. Chair's Report:**

Mick Redford read out the following Chair's Report:

*An extraordinary general meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at which some members of the Management Committee announced their intention to step down and dissolve the Trust because of a perceived lack of support from the community and the burdensome nature of the work. Fortunately, members of the community stepped forward to fill the vacated roles and an essentially new Management Committee took over the Trust with immediate effect.*

*Firstly, on behalf of the community, I want to express our sincere thanks to those of you who stepped down in September for your past two and a half years of service to the community. Your hard work and commitment have been invaluable in ensuring the Trust's continuity and in preserving the Old School Hall for the benefit of the village.*

*New committee members are Michael Redford (Chair), Sonja Willems (Treasurer) Gill Thomas (Secretary), Christabel Lane, Debi Pearce, Sally Potter, and Jane Randall-Smith. Nigel Thomas (Vice Chair) and Brian Turner remained on the committee and provide much needed continuity required to assist the newly elected committee. Garry Clarke very kindly took over the role of caretaker.*

**Inventory.** *Garry, our caretaker has created a comprehensive inventory of the Trust's assets, a copy of which will be held off site, and it should prove to be invaluable for audits and in the event Hall suffered extensive damage from flood or fire.*

**Constitution Review**

*A review of the constitution was carried out on behalf of the Management Committee by Nick Venti, a representative of the Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO), with a view to updating it to ensure it complied with current requirements. Nick has completed the review and the revised constitution will be discussed and voted on at this AGM and, if passed, it will be adopted and forwarded to the Charity Commission.*

**Publicity**

*Lynne Brookes continues to publish Llandyssil Newsletter. The village website is maintained by Brian Turner, he does a superb job, and it is the place to go if you need the latest information regarding the Trust and Llandyssil village. In addition we now have Llandyssil Community Facebook group which was originally Christabel's but has been taken over by the Committee and is being used to reach an even wider audience. Debi Pearce designs and produces templates for all the art work on our posters, flyers and notice boards, these have instrumental in spreading the word far and wide in the area whenever the Trust organises an event*

## **Events**

**The Christmas Fair**, though hastily organised, the Christmas Fair proved to be a resounding success. The hall was filled to capacity, with visitors enjoying a wide variety of stalls—from bespoke arts and crafts to bric-a-brac and delicious home-baked cakes. Tea, coffee, cakes were on offer in the kitchen. There was also a raffle featuring some truly amazing prizes donated by local businesses and members of the community, the event raised over £400. This achievement is a testament to the incredible hard work of the committee and the awesome support from the community. There are simply too many people to thank individually, but your contributions made all the difference.

**Daffodil Planting**. The Community Council very kindly provided a grant of £100 to purchase daffodil bulbs. Sally Porter put this to good use and was able to get some heavily discounted deals from both Bunnors and Charlie's Stores at Coed y Dinas. She then organised (press ganged) willing volunteers to plant the bulbs; thus creating a lasting display that bloomed this Spring and will return in future years to delight us all.

**Christmas Social**. Sally also organised a Christmas social this was well attended and raised a further £50.

**Quizzes**. Organised by Lynne and Dave Brookes the quizzes continue to grow in popularity with the Christmas and the March events attracting near capacity attendances. This is a testament to how well-organised and entertaining their quizzes are.

**Whist Drives**. Organised by Lynne Brookes they are also proving to be very popular and are well attended

**Daffodil Day**. This was a great success drawing in members of the community and visitors to the local area. The village was bedecked with delightful colourful bunting. The combination of fun events like the Treasure Hunt and skittles alongside creative goings-on, like the activity tables and face painting kept everyone engaged. The pin board provided an opportunity to win one of the many prizes on offer and if Lady Luck wasn't on your side there was also the chance to win big on guess the name of the rabbit or the number sweets in the jar. Of course, you can never go wrong with a combination of heaps of cake, tea coffee, soup and rolls, milk shakes to keep everyone happy. All of the food, pin board prizes, rabbit and sweet jar were all generously donated by members local community and local businesses. It was a brilliant achievement as this was the first staging of Llandyssil's Daffodil Day and it raised over £400 and bodes well for future iterations of this event. A wonderful pictorial display of the day can be seen on the Hall's display board.

**Future Events**. The Management Committee are in the throes of organising two further events before the next Christmas Fair, one to celebrate Summer and another in the early Autumn. The Committee are open to suggestions from the community about which type of events they would like see held in the Hall.

## **Thanks**

The Trust relies wholly on the support of volunteers and donations from our community, local businesses, and local government. None of these events would have been possible without the generous donations of goods and foodstuff from community members.

We have enjoyed Rosie Cooper's cakes, the Ladies Club's cakes, more cakes baked by folks in the community (we like our cake), Pam Brewer's soup and rolls. Daisy Bank Dairy milk and milk shakes were also very much appreciated.

We have Pam Brewer to thank for making the bunting that adorned the village and for creating and donating the Easter Bunny awarded to the winner of the Treasure Hunt. Gwen Cooper also donated a splendid bunny for the guess the name of the Easter Bunny game. Thanks also go to Maralyn and Steve Parry who created superb visual record of the day's events which is on display in the Hall.

We are thankful for the support of our local community councillor Gwyneth Jones who champions the Trust on the Community Council especially when it comes to navigating the complexities of community grants. These grants account for large part of the Trust's income and without them we would struggle to stay afloat.

*Thanks also to Llandyssil Church for their support particularly at the Christmas Fair where Gwen not only did she let us store all our surplus furniture in the Church, she also provided many of the decorations that adorned the Hall over the festive period. I am likewise grateful to Glyn who helped me move the furniture into the church*

*Thanks also to Dave and Lynne Brookes, the combined income from their quizzes and whist drives this year the proceeds have swollen the Trusts coffers.*

*Lynne also produces the Newsletter: a total of 270 copies 6 times a year, this has been invaluable in disseminating information regarding local services, council initiatives, community activities, and voluntary sector matters; it also serves as bridge communication between local councils/organisations and residents.*

*Our caretaker Garry Clarke in addition to creating a new inventory has done a splendid job looking after the Hall, liaising with contractors and managing bookings.*

*Thanks also go to: Stan and Lynne Davies all their help and advice with the Christmas Fair. Ray Jones who maintains the beautiful planters outside the Hall and our unsung heroes Mark and Paul who between them have helped with signage, daffodil planting and many others tasks that are essential to the success of the events the Committee stage.*

*I would also like to thank all of my fellow committee members for their selfless hard work and innovation. Each of them brings unique skills to the table, and we couldn't have achieved the successes of the past few months without them.*

*Finally, but certainly not least, Charlie and Jane Vaughan Jones, after years of running the kitchen at Coffee Mornings and all the other events at the Hall, have decided to hang up their aprons (although Charlie says that if we are desperate they will help out if asked) and forsaken a steamy kitchen for the delights of their garden. Not only did they serve the tea and coffee and do all the washing up, Charlie and Jane's quiet generosity in providing everything from the tea bags to the sugar at their own expense is to be lauded. We'll miss their cheery faces behind the counter; we are so happy they're finally trading steamy kettles and damp drying up clothes for sunshine and seedlings. They've more than earned a rest; the community owes them a debt of gratitude.*

## **2. Treasurer's Report**

Sonja Willems read out the following Financial Report for the year ending 31 March 2026 and thanked Lynne Brookes for handing over such organised book keeping and Nigel Hughes for auditing the accounts again.

*I want to thank Nigel Hughes for auditing our accounts again. They have been signed off as an accurate picture of our finances from April 2025 to March 2026.*

***In the financial year 2025/2026, the hall:***

***cost £11,103.26 to run***

***generated an income of £5,352.03 excluding grants***

***has received £4,600 in grants from Abermule with Llandyssil Community Council***

***is £1,151.23 short of breaking even***

*The Nationwide account savings of £20,000 matured in February 2026 and yielded interest of £397.48. The £20,000 has been invested in a 6-month fixed-term Nationwide savings account (maturing October 2026) at a rate of 3.75%.*

*At 31/03/2026, the Trust held the following funds:*

**NatWest Everyday Acct 1,742.49**

**NatWest Reserve Acct 5,003.06**

**Nationwide Business Saver 20,397.48**

**Main Income was raised from:**

**Fundraising - Coffee mornings, Quiz, Social, Whist, Xmas Fair and Donations £1,720.05**

**Hall Hire - £1,258**

**Solar FIT payments received - £959.65**

**Bank Interest - £905.83**

**Newsletter advertising - £250**

**Main Expenditure was on:**

**Rent - £4,528**

**Electricity - £2,059.08**

**Cleaner - £1,027.23**

**Maintenance - £932.68**

**Goods for Fundraising - £738.75**

**Insurance - £669.12**

**Reducing the shortfall of £1,151.23:**

**Fundraising** - The committee are putting on more events to raise more funds. The Xmas Fair and the Daffodil Day were very successful, raising £432.90 and £400.42. Looking at these figures, three additional fundraising events of a similar kind could raise an additional £1,200.

The committee could look into reducing costs for raffle prizes and other costs relating to fundraising events: Coffee mornings, Quiz, Social, Whist, Xmas Fair and Donations raised £1,720.05, less £ 738.75 costs incurred, resulting in a

fundraising profit of £ 981.30 for the year.

**Electricity usage** - The hall electricity bill was £2,059.08, and the solar FIT payments received were £959.65.

Electricity costs are rising, and we will need to raise more funds to cover these costs.

All hall users have been very supportive in drawing the curtains during the colder months, which has helped in keeping the costs down.

#### Adopting the Chair's Report and Treasurer's Report

A vote was taken to adopt both the Chair's Report and the Treasurer's Report, the motion was carried.

#### 4. Updated Trust Constitution

Before reading out the revised Constitution, Mick explained that we had a visit from Powys Association Of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) who looked at the Constitution for us. It transpired that we were still working under the 2005 Constitution. This meant that our Constitution needed a review, which was carried out by Nick Venti who presented the committee with a revised copy.

Mick read out the proposed amendments from the 2005 copy to the current 2026 copy (amended copy of the revised constitution in line with the points raised at the AGM is attached along with the minutes)

Some typing errors were pointed out and a question was raised by Ian Morgan-Williams regarding Paragraph 12. Jane Randall-Smith clarified the question Ian had raised.

Jane Randall Smith raised a query with the wording of Paragraph 16. It was agreed that the wording does need to be changed and Mick will ensure the change is put in place.

It was confirmed between Gwyneth Jones and Mick Redford that 2 weeks prior to having an AGM, a copy of the Chair's Report, Hall Insurance Certificate and any documents relating to the Agenda for the AGM needs to be sent to Gwyneth.

#### Adopting the revised Constitution

Mick asked for a vote to see whether we were happy to adopt the revised Constitution which needs to be submitted to the Charity Commission within 14 days of the vote. Jane Randall-Smith proposed and Maralyn Parry seconded the motion to adopt the revised Constitution and a vote took place for it to be accepted, and the motion was carried.

#### 5. Election/Re-election of Trustees and Management Committee Members

Mick asked whether all current Management Committee Members are standing again for election. All Committee Members confirmed that they were and were re-elected. Mick asked the attendees if anyone wanted to become a member of the committee. Nobody put their names forward.

#### 6. Upcoming Events and proposals for future events

Sally kindly took the lead with regard to what are confirmed future events, and suggestions for future events.

We are hoping to have 4 events a year possibly representing the 4 seasons. We would like to have a summer picnic event, celebrating summer, where you bring your own food and drink but there will be tea and cakes to buy. This may include a bouncy castle/ice cream. This has been pencilled in for the 20<sup>th</sup> of June. Debi Pearce has kindly offered to provide a band for us at the event.

Autumn could possibly be a scarecrow village event but no confirmation on this.

We would like to hold a show and sell exhibition which will showcase the skills of the people we have living in the village. The exhibitors can exhibit only if they do not want to sell as well. This

would be a celebration of the skills and talent we have. Anybody could join in, any skills are welcome. If you have a skill we want to know about it!

Ian Morgan-Williams has a band that he is in, and would be happy to play for us.

The Christmas Fair was a great success and we have provisionally booked this in for the 5<sup>th</sup> of December.

Sally asked if anyone had any ideas, they could see her at the end of the meeting or just get in touch with her.

#### Suggestions for future Events

- A murder mystery was suggested as other villages have done it and they were a great success.
- Race Night
- Fashion Show (perhaps asking the pop up shop above Castle Kitchen if they would like to show their clothes)
- boot sale, yard sale, jumble sale

Advertising for events can be put on the Llandyssil Community Facebook Page and Website.

Sally asked whether there would be interest in attending quarterly coffee mornings on a Saturday. The consensus was that there would be. There was a suggestion that we have stalls at the coffee morning as had happened previously. It was agreed that this would be a good idea, although it would be up to the stall holder just to come and pitch up. There is a coffee morning on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the Church Hall to begin with.

#### 7. Fund raising resurrect Lottery

Mick discussed resurrecting the lottery which we had running previously in the village and explained the process for those that were not aware.

The fee is £10 for the year, with the draw quarterly. You buy a number and the same number goes into the draw each quarter. There are 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. The amount or prize money depends on the amount taken. It was called the 200 club as the maximum tickets you could sell were 200. We need to apply for a licence from Powys CC which is not a lot of money. The lottery has previously raised between £800/£1,000. The draw could take place at the coffee mornings. We could apply towards the end of the year and start in new year.

#### 8. Any other Business (AOB)

1. Jane Randall-Smith has been enquiring about De Fib training for the village. She has identified free training from Myrick Training in Hendomen for 12 people actually hands on training and 8 observers (a total of 20) for those that are interested. Gwyneth Jones said that Neil Fisher (Llandyssil) has previously arranged training. Jane Randall-Smith will liaise with Neil regarding this, as she had understood that he no longer wished to be involved.

2. Sally asked whether anyone would be interested in attending a First Responder/First Aid Course. As we are isolated within the village it would give us confidence to help someone that may need it. This would be a free service.

There was interest within the hall for both the De Fib and First Responder Training.

3. Gwyneth Jones came up with a suggestion of having open gardens within the village. This has been very successful in other villagers. Montgomery also has open gardens and it was suggested that this includes Llandyssil. This would need a lot of planning ahead but a good idea and worth consideration.

## 9. Date of the next AGM

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2027

Open Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Mick thanked everyone for attending and the meeting ended.

## **Round up of Provisional Event Dates for confirmed events 2026**

6 <sup>th</sup> June	Coffee Morning Church Hall
20 <sup>h</sup> June	Summer Social Church Hall Car Park and Hall
26 <sup>h</sup> September	Show and Sell Exhibition
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair