

Gladestry Community Council

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**Gladestry Community Council meeting to be held at 7.30 pm on Monday
16th March 2026 in Gladestry Village Hall**

Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies.
2. To agree and sign minutes from the Ordinary Meeting (208) held on 19th January 2026.
3. Public participation: An opportunity for members of the public to address the council on items listed in the agenda.
4. Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting (207) held on 19th January 2026.
 - Audits for 2023/24 and 2024/25.
 - Telephone kiosk refurbishment.
 - Clerk's role.
 - Safety rails on Milton bridge, Michaelchurch on Arrow.
5. Planning

No planning notifications from Powys CC.
6. Finance.

Date	Item	Payee	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance
06/01/2026	Opening Balance				£4,838.58
22/01/2026	Insurance	Zurich	£238.00		£4,600.58
29/01/2026	Temporary Clerk's Bill	Bridson Kneale	£300.00		£4,300.58
06/03/2026	Closing Balance				£4,300.58

- Audit Wales has sent a copy of the certified annual returns for the outstanding 2023/24 and 2024/2025 audits, plus an audit completion notice for display by Gladestry Community Council.
- On 20/01/2026, Ieuan Lewis at Powys CC acknowledged receipt of Gladestry Community Council's request for a precept of £3,500.00.
- Grant application from the Wye and Usk Foundation.

7. Correspondence since last meeting

- 27/01/2026 Email from Antony Croker, HGSS Works Supervisor Penybont at Powys Highways re Milton Bridge Safety Rails

The bridge has been added to our list and is high priority. We will make it safe for now with Barriers and basic chapter 8 signage asap. When it will be done I can't answer that. All I can do now is make it safe. I will let you know when it is completed

- 06/03/2026 Email from a local farmer re overhanging tree at Church House.

Please discuss matter at next meeting... how far out does the big tree at Church House (Temple Morris) have to overhang before it's an issue for vision turning right coming from School direction to village hall / church?

From experience you can see in a car but impaired from tractor /lorry.

- 11/03/2026 Email from Powys Green Guide re PACE — Powys Action on the Climate Emergency

The Welsh Government's Section 6 Biodiversity Duty requires public bodies to report on their actions to comply with biodiversity conservation, with the last reporting round deadline being the end of 2025. Many Town and Community Councils have successfully submitted their report. We'd love to share the excellent work community councils are doing in giving nature a helping hand.

A web-link is brilliant - just cut and paste it into the form on the Powys Green Guide.

Please upload your report now by clicking the links below:

<https://www.powysgreenguide.cymru/councils-pledge>

Climate Emergency Declaration updates can be made here:

<https://www.powysgreenguide.cymru/councils-pledge?update=1>

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- 16/03/2026 Email From Sheila Hobden via Gladestry Community Council website re Milton bridge

Hello, I live at Milton Mill, Michaelchurch on Arrow. I would like to bring to your attention the awful state of the railings either side of the bridge next to the mill. The railings leading up to the bridge on the east side have now fallen down the bank into the river. Other railing posts rotted and fell away more than 3 years ago. My late husband was in contact with The highways about this but all that has happened is that some traffic cones have been placed on the side of the road. Subsequently the bridge itself has been knocked at various times and now a sizeable chunk has fallen in to the river. I believe one of the main reasons for this damage is that there are no railings alerting the traffic to slow when approaching the bridge.

This historic bridge is a wonderful part of our countryside and its' close proximity to The grade 2 listed Milton Mill makes it worthy of restoration and sensitive preservation. Could you please bring this situation to the attention of the highways and possibly the person responsible for planning of historic buildings in Powys? I will try to send you some photos.

Many thanks Sheila Hobden

8. Any other business
9. To receive items for the AGM and ordinary meetings (at 7.00pm on Monday 18th May 2026).