

Gladestry Community Council

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Minutes of the ordinary Gladestry Community Council meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 19th January 2026 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Ian Ball, Julie Davies (Chair), Ed Jones (Vice Chair), Beck Lloyd

Apologies: Cllrs Joseph Alman, Melvyn Hughes and Vivian Lloyd

In attendance: Mr David Bridson (Temporary Clerk)

- Public participation: An opportunity for members of the public to address the council on items listed in the agenda.
 - None.
- To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting (207) held on 17th November 2025.
 - Approved. (Proposed by Cllr Ian Ball, seconded by Cllr Beck Lloyd.)
- Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting (207) held on 17th November 2025.
 - The clerk said that he had met Audit Wales's December 18th deadline for submission of the overdue accounts for 2023/24 and 2024/25 and was now awaiting feedback.
 - The clerk said that his applications to various funding bodies (such as the National Lottery Heritage fund) for grant aid towards the cost of refurbishment for the telephone kiosk had been turned down but he was continuing to investigate other possibilities. He said he had received positive feedback from someone at PAVO who said she might be able to help but was still awaiting further contact from her.
- Planning.

Councillors made no comment on any of the current local planning applications.
- Finance
 - Councillors noted the accounts for the past two months without comment.

- Councillors approved payment of Zurich's annual insurance premium of £238.00. (Proposed by Cllr Ed Jones, seconded by Cllr Julie Davies.)
- Correspondence since last meeting
 - Councillors noted all recent correspondence without comment.
- AOB
 - The clerk said that he'd been advised that legally, he should be directly employed by the community council, but he did not want the further tax complications that PAYE employment would entail. He suggested he could investigate whether any of the clerks working for neighbouring community councils would be willing to take over the role. Councillors approved that suggestion. (Proposed by Cllr Ed Jones, seconded by Cllr Beck Lloyd.)
 - The clerk said he had written to Powys Highways at Cllr Ball's request to draw their attention to the dangerous absence of safety rails at Milton Bridge, Michaelchurch on Arrow, and was awaiting a response.
- To receive items for the next Meeting (at 7.30 pm Monday 16th March 2026).
 - No additional items.
- The meeting ended at 8.10 pm.

Signed 16th March 2026 by Cllr Ed Jones (Vice Chair)


