

Gladestry Community Council

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Minutes of the ordinary Gladestry Community Council meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 16th March 2026 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Ian Ball, Melvyn Hughes, Ed Jones (Vice Chair), Beck Lloyd and Vivian Lloyd

Apologies: Cllrs Joseph Alman, Julie Davies (Chair)

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 (208) held on 19th January 2026.
 - Approved. (Proposed by Cllr Ian Ball, seconded by Cllr Beck Lloyd.)
- Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting (208) held on 19th January 2026.
 - The clerk said that Audit Wales Had issued audit completion notices for the community council's 2023/24 and 2024/25 accounts.
 - The clerk said that there was no further progress on his search for grant aid for the refurbishment of Gladestry's K6 telephone kiosk.
 - The clerk said that he had made no progress on the search for a more permanent person to take up his temporary role.
 - Cllr Ed Jones said he would follow up with Powys Highways the issue of the safety rails at Milton Bridge, Michaelchurch on Arrow.
- Planning.

There were no new local planning applications for councillors to consider.
- Finance
 - Councillors noted the accounts for the past two months without comment.
 - After some discussion, councillors decided to reject the application from the Wye and Usk Foundation. (Proposed by Cllr Melvyn Hughes, seconded by Cllr Ian Ball.)

- Correspondence since last meeting
 - Councillors noted the email from Antony Croker, HGSS Works Supervisor Penybont at Powys Highways re the safety rails at Milton Bridge without further comment.
 - The clerk was instructed by councillors to write to the owner of the trees at Church House that are obstructing the footpath and the view of oncoming traffic for tractor and lorry drivers after a complaint by a local farmer.

- 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.)
 - Councillors asked the clerk to produce a report (for their consideration at the next AGM) on the community council's actions to comply with biodiversity conservation as required under the Welsh Government's Section 6 Biodiversity Duty.
 - Councillors discussed at length the question of Powys County Council's continued failure to deal with potholes, particularly on the C roads at Gwaithla and the road up to Stone House. Councillor Ed Jones said that he was pursuing the issue at county council level.
 - Councillors discussed the excessively high speed of traffic through the village of Gladestry, with many vehicles travelling at more than double the 20mph speed limit on the B4594. It was noted that a cycling proficiency test for pupils at Gladestry CIW Primary Scholl had had to be abandoned because the examiner considered it too dangerous to continue with it.

Councillor Ed Jones said that drivers from the quarries were now being more compliant with the speed limit but that he would raise the issue of speeding by local residents on the Gladestry Noticeboard group page in Facebook.

The clerk was asked to investigate the cost of electronic speed signs and whether grants are available for their installation and management.

- To receive items for the next Meeting (at 7.30 pm Monday 18th May 2026).
 - No additional items.
- The meeting ended at 8.16 pm.

Signed 18th May 2026 by Councillor Ed Jones (Chair)


