

Gladestry Community Council

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Draft minutes of the ordinary Gladestry Community Council meeting held at 7.30 pm on Monday 18th May 2026 in Gladestry Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Joseph Alman (Vice Chair), Ian Ball, Julie Davies, Melvyn Hughes and Ed Jones (Chair)

Apologies: Cllrs Beck Lloyd 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 (209) held on 16th March 2026.
 - Approved. (Proposed by Cllr Ian Ball, seconded by Cllr Melvyn Hughes.)
- Matters arising from the Ordinary Meeting (209) held on 16th March 2026.
 - The clerk said he had been unable to identify any organisation offering grant aid for the refurbishment of Gladestry's K6 phone kiosk. He said he would replace the missing glass from his own pocket and offered to repaint the kiosk inside and out if the community council covered the cost of the appropriate paint. Councillors agreed to this suggestion. (Proposed by Cllr Julie Davies, seconded by Cllr Melvyn Hughes.)
 - The clerk said he had had no luck interesting any other local community council clerks in adding Gladestry to their role(s). He said he would continue his efforts to resolve the issue.
 - Cllr Ian Ball confirmed that Powys Highways appeared to have erected wooden fencing at Milton Bridge, Michaelchurch-on-Arrow to replace the old safety fences that had fallen down. He said that the old metal poles were still *in situ* but he could cut them up and take them away.
 - The clerk said that he had written to the owner of Church House about the garden trees overhanging the footpath and obscuring the view of oncoming traffic. He said she had replied almost immediately to assure him that her gardener would deal with them.

- The clerk said he had not had the time at this point to prepare a report on the community council's actions to comply with biodiversity conservation but he would add it to the list of other governance documents that need to be readied for councillors' consideration at the next meeting.
- Cllr Edward Jones said that potholes continued to be an issue despite Powys Highways' attempts to rectify some of them, although he did concede that they had done a good job at Gwaithla, where the road surface had been in extremely poor condition.
- Councillors expressed the view that excessive speeding through the village had reduced somewhat since Cllr Ed Jones's notice about the issue in the Gladestry Noticeboard Facebook group. The clerk said he was still seeking information on the possibility of obtaining a grant to cover the cost of installing a Speed Indicator Device in the village.
- Planning.
 - Councillors offered no comment on any of the community's recent planning applications.
- Finance.
 - Councillors accepted the current bank balance of £5,468.58 without comment.
 - Councillors agreed to replace the defibrillator pads (expired on May 6, 2026) at a cost of £168.00. (Proposed by Cllr Melvyn Hughes, seconded by Cllr Julie Davies.)
 - Councillors agreed to fund the RoSPA safety inspection of the playground at the village hall at a cost of £78.00. (Proposed by Cllr Julie Davies, seconded by Cllr Ian Ball.)
 - Councillors agreed to pay the £510.00 invoice from Audit Wales. (Proposed by Cllr Ian Ball, seconded by Cllr Julie Davies.)
 - Councillors agreed to continue membership of One Voice Wales at a cost of £91.00. (Proposed by Cllr Melvyn Hughes, seconded by Cllr Julie Davies.)
- Correspondence since last meeting:
 - Councillors noted email from Audit Wales stipulating its requirements for a full audit without comment.
 - Councillors agreed to sign One Voice Wales's "Civility and Respect Pledge". (Proposed by Cllr Ian Ball, seconded by Cllr Joseph Alßman.)

- AOB.
 - Cllr Melvyn Hughes suggested that the community council register its disapproval of the incorporating of a telegraph pole within the new footpath running from the Border Oak development. Cllr Ed Jones said he would raise the issue in writing with Powys Highways.
- To receive items for the next Meeting (at 7.30 pm Monday 27th July 2026).
 - None
- The meeting ended at 7.40 pm.