



**VAN COMMUNITY
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**MINUTES
REMOTE COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday 16th July 2026
Van Community Council**

1. To note Member attendance and to receive any apologies

In attendance:

Cllr Elaine Forehead

Cllr Jeff Grenfell

Cllr Anne Broughton Pettit

Cllr Sharon Harris

Cllr Sheila Jones

Cllr Lynne Hughes

Cllr John Pettit

Cllr Sheila Newbury

Clerk Michelle Moore

Apologies:

Cllr Alison Vyas

2. Police & Community Safety Matters

Apologies:

Sarah Barbour CO303

Noted

Members received latest stats report and a report on Environmental Visual Audit

Resolved: Members would like this to be added to the next agenda for discussion

3. Fire Service & Community Safety Matters

Apologies:

Julian Lloyd, Station Commander

Members received data covering wildfires from May to the current date, together with information on deliberate fires in the ward

Note: Julian Lloyd has been called away to an emergency during the majority of our meetings, highlighting the seriousness of the current situation

4. Declarations of Interest: To receive disclosures of personal interests from members in accordance with the code of conduct.

Cllr Elaine Forehead declared she is on the management committee at Van Community Centre

5. Minutes

5.1 The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 21st May 2026, were confirmed as an accurate record and arrangements were made to be signed by the chair

5.2 The minutes of the Ordinary meeting held on 21st May 2026, were confirmed as an accurate record and arrangements were made to be signed by the chair

6. Financial Matters

6.1 Received and confirmed Bank Statements May, June 2026

6.2 Received and confirmed Bank Reconciliations & Payments for May, June 2026

6.3 To discuss financing a new dishwasher at Van Community Centre, and to consider the use of CIL monies to fund the purchase

CIL balance as of 7/7/2026- £ £2,165.46

Cllr Elaine Forehead disengaged from discussion after declaring an interest

Cllr Jeff Grenfell took the chair

Resolved:

via a recorded vote

John Pettit against -due to procurement

All other members for

The Van Community Council will reimburse the full amount of £ £1,395.94 using CIL monies on the proviso that:

i)Members requested Cllr E Forehead to forward the quotes for the dishwasher to all members

ii)The clerk to confirm with CCBC that an invoice addressed to the Van Community Centre can be submitted and settled by Van Community Council using CIL funds

iii) Reimbursement to Van Community Centre, for the dishwasher they have already ordered, will not be made until points i) and ii) have been verified.

Note: Van Community Centre will arrange the installation and cover any associated costs.

6.4 To receive a request for financial assistance: Caerphilly Ladies Choir £300

Cllr Sheila Jones, seconded by Cllr Jeff Grenfell proposed an amendment to award £150

Resolved: To award £150

via recorded vote

Cllr Jeff Grenfell and Cllr Lynne Hughes against

All other members for

Resolved that in pursuance of the power conferred by section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972(as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure above satisfies the requirements of the that section

7. To discuss Community Engagement projects in the ward

7.1 Update on working group to tackle poverty in the ward: Cllr Jeff Grenfell has arranged a TEAMS meeting with Steve Evans ,Upper Valley and will forward the invite to all those on the working group

7.2 Van Community Champion Awards: Poster/Forms

Clerk to chase up nominations by Ryan at the Youth Club and Tracey Davies at Van Allotments

7.3 Update and discussion on “Remembrance Event” : inclusive of entertainment and refreshments

Resolved: Cllr Elaine Forehead and Clerk to proceed with booking entertainment and arranging catering (Van Community Centre) for 80-100 people

Confirmed Date: Saturday 20th February 2027

7.4 Update on the PB fund

Resolved: Clerk to send all member reminder of the public vote on 26th July at Van Community Centre and to request more info on the projects from GAVO

8. Clerk’s Report

8.3 Amie Locke hopes to update us the outdoor mural in the next two weeks

9. Items for next agenda

Discuss Christmas Event

Discuss Remembrance Event

Consider Community Champion nominations

Update on PB

Discuss providing pads for Defib at Van Community Centre

Discussion to hold talks with Welsh Water and Bowel Cancer at Cwtch Cafe.

Discuss report on Environmental Visual Audit with Police

10. Date of Next meetings

Ordinary Council Meeting

Thursday September 17th 2026

18:00 Van Community Centre

Meeting Closed 18:52

Chair
Cllr Elaine forehead

Clerk
Michelle Moore

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