

**Cyngor Tref Llanandras a Norton
PRESTEIGNE AND NORTON TOWN COUNCIL**

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13th January, 2026

Dear Councillor

There will be a meeting of Presteigne and Norton Town Council on **MONDAY 19th January, 2026 at 7.00 p.m.** at the **East Radnorshire Day Centre, Scottleton Street, Presteigne** and via video conferencing and you are hereby summoned to attend.

The public and press are cordially invited to attend.

Join Zoom meeting:

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Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda SUBJECT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE CLERK AND THE CONSENT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Price

TOWN CLERK

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008 and the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2016.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE – CLLR. POULTON-HAYNES

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To approve that the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th December, 2025 are a true and accurate record and authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes as such.
(Updates will be taken at the 26th January Meeting).

4. PLANNING

To consider any applications received –

25/1809/LBC Grid Reference: E:331228 N: 264639 Proposal: Alteration to curtilage of Bell House, in association with outline planning application for proposed residential development
Site Address: Taylors Development Site, Bell House, Scottleton Street, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2BG.

26/0005/HH Grid Reference: E:330218 N: 267405 Proposal: Creation of new access Site
Address: Oxenbrook, Norton, Presteigne, LD8 2EN.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PLANNING APPLICATIONS MAY BE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA AND MAY BE ADDED DUE TO THE TIGHT TIMESCALE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS.
SEE THE TOWN COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE OR THE PLANNING PAGE ON THE COUNCIL SECTION OF THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR LATEST APPLICATIONS.

5. FINANCE

a) Payments: to approve the following payments:-

Mrs T.A. Price (refund stamps)	£21.01
Mrs T.A. Price (pay)	£1668.24
HM Revenue & Customs	£733.41
NEST	£155.40
Highground Maintenance Ltd	£469.96 MEADOW ACC
British Gas (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£14.18
R. Price	£402.00 MEADOW ACC
T. Lloyd-John	£468.49
N. Close	£8.00
N. Close	£160.00 MEADOW ACC
Cllr. C. Kirkby (annual allowance)	£208.00
Cllr. L. Harling-Bowen (annual allowance)	£208.00
Defib Shop	£76.74 (debit card)

b) Donations: To consider the donation requests from national/larger organisations as follows (balance in miscellaneous donations is £500) –

URDD Eisteddfod
Cerebral Palsy Cymru

(c) Receipts: To note the following receipts -

Powys County Council Third Precept Payment	£25,351.00
Sheep Music (storage building)	£233.47 MEADOW ACC

(d) Notification of S.137 Limit for 2026/27 as £11.60.

(e) To set the Budget and Precept for 2026/27 including consideration of the following:

Confirmation of Charges – Allotment Rent £30 per annum (next review November/December 2027 to take effect in March 2028). NB Website advertisements no longer accepted.

Review of Allocated and Free Reserves and Budget Monitoring to end December and noting of the current bank balances.

Recommendations of Staffing Committee for Clerk's Salary/training costs.

Allocation of Grant Awards for 2026-27.

Recommendations of Sites and Buildings Committee re. Budget for Allotments, Meadows, Nature Reserve and Public Conveniences.

Possible New Projects 2026-27 including –

- Car parks/parking
- Additional monies for Xmas lights,
- Telephone kiosk set up costs,
- Street cleaning,
- Restoration of Norton War Memorial.
- Pump Track
- New Storage Container for Nature Reserve.
- Reserve for Future Training costs for Clerk.

Use of Allocated or free reserves in 2026-27.

6. ANY URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION (at discretion of Chair)

Enc. *December Minutes, Budget Papers.*

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH DECEMBER 2025 HELD AT NORTON COMMUNITY HUB, NORTON, PRESTEIGNE AND ALSO VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING

Present: Cllrs. D. Edwards, (Mayor), C. Ross (Deputy Mayor), T. Owens, C. Kirkby MBE, N. Rogers, F. Preece A. Ramsay, L. Harling-Bowen, J. Ramsay and F.H. Fleming.

Apologies: Cllrs. M. Price, B. Baynham.

In Attendance: Mrs T. Price, Town Clerk.

Declarations of Interest: Members were requested to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct Order) (Wales) Order 2008.

Personal: None.

Personal and Prejudicial: None.

MIN 4557 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

The Minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 1st December, 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record with one correction to the Minute ST4/25 – correct figure being £31,633.92. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

MIN 4558 UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING ITEMS AND CLERKS REPORT

(1) Pump Track: Cllr. Kirkby reported that he had now received a formal quote for this possible project.

(2) Pavement Slough Road: The County Council had confirmed that a works ticket had been raised to clear the pavements etc.

(3) Christmas Lights/Trees: The lights were put up on 27th November. Cllr. Kirkby advised Members that the small Christmas trees had been delivered but that they had all been oversized and this had meant that it had taken a lot of hard work to trim them down to fit. Thanks were due to Cllrs. J. Ramsay and Fleming for carrying out the work so quickly. The Fire Service had put the trees in place and it was agreed to consider a donation to the Fire Fighter's Charity in the New Year. Cllr. Kirkby added that the tree lights seemed to have run out of batteries already. It was noted that different lights might need to be purchased for future years.

(4) Missing Bin High Street: Now replaced.

MIN 4559 FINANCE

(1) Donations: No donations this month.

(2) Payments: The following payments were approved –

Microsoft (outlook email storage)	£19.99 (Debit Card)
Highline Electrical (installation of Christmas Lights)	£780.00
Locsafe (additional keys – H/S Toilets)	£37.20 (Debit Card)
RB Landscaping (work at allotments inc gatepost)	£500.40 MEADOW ACC
British Gas Lite (Wilson Terrace Toilets)	£16.62
Alun Crichton	£200.00 MEADOW ACC
Purrfect Cat Hire (work Nature Reserve)	£600.00 MEADOW ACC
Highground Maintenance Ltd	£469.96 MEADOW ACC
Mrs T.A. Price (Dec Salary)	£1668.44
HM Revenue & Customs	£733.21
Mrs T.A. Price (travel expenses)	£38.70

NEST (pension payment)	£155.40
EDF Energy (Meadow)	£27.25 MEADOW ACC
Presteigne Building Supplies (toilets)	£313.18 MEADOW ACC
Presteigne Building Supplies (allotments/storage shed)	£55.86
N. Close	£52.00
N. Close	£216.00 MEADOW ACC
EDF Energy (Hereford Street Toilets)	£61.79
Kington Building Supplies (Storage Building)	£273.38 MEADOW ACC
Presteigne Building Supplies	£313.18 MEADOW ACC
Presteigne Building Supplies	£55.86
T. Lloyd-John	£558.49

(3) New Projects: Provisional projects put forward were –

- Car parks
- Additional monies for Xmas lights,
- Telephone kiosk set up costs,
- Street cleaning,
- Restoration of Norton War Memorial.
- Pump Track
- New Storage Container for Nature Reserve.
- Future Training costs for Clerk.

NB inclusion is provisional and subject to confirmation at the full budget setting.

(4) Conclusion of External Audit for 2024-25: Members noted that the full audit had been completed without any concerns. They discussed the recommendation for community consultation and agreed to allocate some monies in the annual budget and to consider consultation further. It was noted that the monthly town council surgeries had not been successful with very few visitors.

MIN 4560 PLANNING

Cllr. Edwards left the room due to her position on the County Council Planning Committee and Cllr. Ross took the Chair.

(1) 25/1475/FUL Grid Reference: E:331238 N: 264776 Proposal: Change of use of building to community gym (part retrospective) Site Address: Salt Barn (former Depot), Mill Lane, Presteigne: Members considered the additional information supplied and it was agreed to submit the following extra comments –

- Highways concerns - traffic to the site (already open and operating) is travelling too fast, much faster than when the site was in use as a highways depot. The number of vehicles has also increased. The Town Council requests that this is fully addressed and that serious consideration be given to reversing the direction of traffic along Pound Lane - it understands that in a letter to a resident it was stated by the Highways Department that this could be possible.
- The site is contaminated land and it has been disturbed. This needs investigating.
- The stability of the slope of the site should be checked.
- Concerns over the opening hours.
- Concerns over foul water disposal.
- Noted that the site owner is not Mr. Rickets as stated on the application form.
- Noted that the applicant has confirmed that he is willing to put in place mitigation measures to protect biodiversity and to ensure compliance of any external lighting with dark sky requirements.

(2) Applications: The following applications were considered –

25/1740/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331462 N: 264311 Proposal: Works to trees within a conservation area Location: 52 Hereford Street, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2AU. Noted that the work had already taken place.

25/1810/CAC Grid Reference: E:331228 N: 264639 Proposal: Conservation Area Consent for alterations /partial demolition works to 'Building A' as part of scheme for residential development Site Address: Taylors Development Site Adj. Bell House, Scottleton Street, Presteigne, Powys LD8 2BG: Resolved no objections be raised.

Cllr. Edwards returned to the room and re-took the Chair

(3) Planning Decisions: None to report this month.

(4) Wind Energy Development Application: PEDW Application Reference: DNS CAS-01907-D7Q6Z1 Local Authority Reference: 25/1623/DNS Start Date: 18/11/2025 Proposal: The construction and

operation of energy park, including wind energy development and associated infrastructure and habitat management areas Site Address: Nant Mithil Energy Park, 9km East Of Llandrindod Wells, Powys: Cllr. Edwards opened the item for general discussion and the Members discussed the development in general and the various concerns raised by campaign groups etc and then received a short report from Cllr. Harling-Bowen on the effect of the proposal on the Presteigne and Norton Dark Sky Community. He stated that the proposed development would -

- Have an impact on local amenity; visual impact from Presteigne and Norton International Dark Sky Community and on individual residences.
- Have impacts on local landscapes and the enjoyment of those landscapes from publicly accessible areas, including rights of way and roads, especially the enjoyment of the night sky by residents and visitors.
- Impact on the local economy including tourism businesses. Several businesses have invested heavily and benefitted following the successful application of Presteigne and Norton to become an International Dark Sky Community in January 2024. The first dark sky community in England and Wales. Some visitors had specifically asked for a dark sky environment so that they can use their telescopes and cameras to film stars and the dark night sky.
- Finally inaccuracies and misrepresentations in the application documents. The Environmental Statement produced by Bute Energy has not assessed the Presteigne and Norton International Dark Sky Community.

Members also had concerns over the visual impact for the Offa's Dyke national path.

Members agreed to submit these comments and a vote was then taken. There were three votes against the development with all remaining Members abstaining. The proposal to object to the application was therefore carried.

(4) Reply re. TPO Requests: Members noted the response from the planning department and expressed disappointment at the decision not to make any tree preservation orders using the list supplied. It was agreed that the Clerk respond advising that the intention was to protect trees into the future, not wait until they were under threat, and requesting a site meeting with the Officer to look at the trees put forward. Cllrs. J. Ramsay and Harling-Bowen would meet the officer on site and would seek the assistance of a local resident with knowledge and experience with trees.

MIN 4561 HIGHWAYS, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT

(1) Dark Skies Project: Cllr. Harling-Bowen reported on the following –

- Request for Shielding of Light PR64: Noted that the County Council had refused the request stating *'We are restricted with what we can do with the lights in this area. It's also on a tight junction with narrow footpaths, so we don't really want to limit the lighting any further.'*
- Dark Skies Week February 2026 – Agreed that some of the allocated budget could be used for an event(s) during dark skies week in February. Cllr. Harking-Bowen to report back to Council with a firm proposal in January.
- Annual Report to International Dark Skies Association – agreed subject to the amendments included as previously circulated. Cllr. Harling-Bowen would upload the information to the Dark Sky Association website.
- Talk given on Presteigne and Norton Dark Skies on 27th November to a community near Whitchurch.

(2) Climate and Environment Matters: The following matters were discussed –

- Water Quality Monitoring on River Lugg - Reply from Environment Agency: Agreed that the Clerk respond asking that the requested monitoring be added to the 2028 list.
- Woodland Trust Tree Giveaway: The Clerk had investigated grants/free trees available and there were none currently that would allow the Council to gift trees to individuals. The Woodland Trust offer required a site to be confirmed. The Tree Group had been made aware of this offer and was looking into possible sites.
- Climate and Working Group Notes and Summary: Received as circulated and noted. Agreed the Clerk ask the Planning Officer what extra information would help with the TPO requests. A tree had been donated by the Young Farmers Club for its recent anniversary. Cllr J. Ramsay thought it was a sycamore but Cllr. Owens thought it had been an oak. Cllr. Owens would check.

(3) Fold Farm DMMO Application: No update received from the Officer. Cllr. Kirkby stated that the Officer would need to send a statement of grounds to PEDW and that the information required was very specific and detailed.

(4) Car Parking: The Clerk reported that she had had a reply to her queries and car park fine income was not apportioned to individual car parks. The County Council had stated it did not hold daily figures for income and the Clerk had spoken to Cllr. Baynham who would meet with the relevant officer to discuss this and any other questions outstanding.

(5) Update re. Presteigne Cemetery: No further reply had been received. The Clerk would ask the Officer for a reply to the most recent email.

(6) Update re. Lugg Bridge Repairs: The Clerk had contacted the officer and received the following reply - *I cannot tell you exactly where Lugg bridge would place on the list. We are currently generating a new list following this year's structural inspections and Lugg Bridge was inspected in September this year. Looking at the defect scores, I would very much doubt that it will make next years planned maintenance programme, as parapet damage scores very low on our list of defects which are scored from A1 to E5 on every element. Currently we have 46777 defects logged on all structures in the county and as you can imagine there are probably going to be a lot more highly ranked structures on the list. At a guess I would say that Lugg is at least a third down that list, but we cannot give an any more accurate answer at this stage.* The Clerk was asked to follow up the query over the standard of the work carried out most recently.

(7) State of Herefordshire Roads, particularly road to Presteigne Cemetery: Clerk to report the following concerns –

- Road from Lugg Bridge to Presteigne Cemetery.
- Nash Wood
- Coombes Moor.

It was thought that Cllr. Baynham had spoken to the local Herefordshire Councillor. The Clerk would check.

(8) Opportunity for Biodiversity Grants from One Voice Wales: The Clerk and Cllr. J. Ramsay were asked to look into these grants and report back to a future meeting. Particular interest was expressed for the bulbs and for the habitat boxes.

MIN 4562 NORTON

(1) Christmas Trees etc: Noted that the village decorations were excellent.

(2) Light in Norton Kiosk: Noted as not working but not felt to be an issue as the defibrillator itself had a flashing light.

(3) Cleaning of War Memorial: Cllr. Edwards reported that a thorough clean and work on the lettering was needed. Noted above as a possible new project. A formal quote had been sought.

MIN 4563 SITES AND BUILDINGS

(1) Public Conveniences: Nothing to report this month.

(2) Allotments: The following matters were noted -

- Gatepost replaced.
- Two plots currently vacant
- Tenants advised of rent increase.
- New pump bases completed.
- One plot to be dug over before the Spring.

(3) Meadows: The following matters were discussed –

- Update – Brilliant Basics Grant (paths): All work was now complete other than the installation of the hand rail. It was agreed not to move any soil from its present locations for the time being. Agreed that the Clerk approach the grant officer to seek approval for two additional lengths of path and work to the stone wall on the bridge. If agreed and there was any shortfall in the grant money available then up to £1000 was agreed to be used from the Meadow account. The invoice for the work to date was approved and the Clerk would send to the County Council for payment.
- Reply from Guerrilla Gardeners re. Ligne Garden: Members noted that the group had now ceased work for the year and was not willing to clear the gravelled area without a commitment from the Council to provide additional gravel. It was agreed to add clearing this area and possibly adding more gravel as part of the 2026 work day. The Clerk to ask the community payback team if it could clear the weeds etc in case this could be done sooner.

- Delay in rubbish collections after events: Members noted that there had been a delay in clearing both rubbish and recycling from the two most recent events. Cllr. Ross had chased up the collections and they had eventually been done. Members noted that a delay in collection meant bags etc were ripped and rubbish spread on the site which then needing picking up at a cost to the Council.
- Quote for replacement of rotten sleepers around skateboard area: Agreed to accept the quote subject to clarification on the cost per sleeper.

(4) Nature Reserve Matters: Cllr. J. Ramsay reported that volunteer work was continuing and that correspondence was ongoing re the additional sign suggested. Members considered the quotes for the tree work on the reserve and agreed to appoint the contractor with the lowest quote. Clerk to ask that consideration be given to not reducing the crown of the wellingtonia quite as much as detailed providing this was still felt to meet the requirements of the formal tree survey.

MIN 4564 CORRESPONDENCE/GENERAL ITEMS

(1) Leisure Services Review: Nothing to report.

(2) Town Council representative for revised Presteigne and Norton Town Trust until May 2026: Cllr. Kirkby advised that the Trust had agreed that the representative could be from the Presteigne or Norton Wards of the Council and it was agreed that Cllr. Edwards be appointed. Cllr. Kirkby would be remaining as Chairman until the changes to the Trust structure had been made when he would resign.

(3) Official Email Addresses: Members noted that formal .gov. email addresses were now available on application to the Clerk. The Clerk stressed that use of such email addresses was considered best practice. Cllr. Ross asked if the form of the email could be shortened for ease of use and the Clerk would look into what might be possible.

(4) Adoption of Telephone Kiosk: Agreed to sign agreement and pay the £1 adoption fee subject to continued provision of electricity and if possible, a paint kit.

BT £1.00

(5) Review of Posting of Meeting Papers: Agreed to reverse the decision made in May and meeting papers to be posted to those Members that requested them.

MIN 4565 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr. Edwards reported the following –

- Landslide Issue in Norton: Being dealt with.
- Numerous potholes reported.
- Christmas recycling dates now published.
- Praise for the work of the highways department during the recent heavy rain and flooding.
- Current Consultation 'Have Your Say' on the budget for 2026/27.

No other items were reported.

MIN 4566 CO-OPTION

It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Mr. W. Leigh Poulson-Haynes as a Councillor for the Norton Ward,

MIN 4567 URGENT BUSINESS INFORMATION

(1) Newton Lane: Cllr. Owens raised the condition of this road again and Cllr. Edwards would speak to the Highways Department.

MIN 4568 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS ITEMS

Resolved under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business because of the confidential nature of the following items.

The Clerk left the meeting at this point.

MIN 4569 STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Mayor Cllr. Edwards handed the seat to the Chairman of Staffing Cllr. Ross who went through the Minutes and recommendations of the Staffing Committee meeting held at East Radnorshire Care Centre on 1st December 2025

Council agreed on that the noted recommendations as follows –

- Annual Appraisal and additional comments be noted.
- Clerk's hours unchanged.
- Payment of Hours worked for Allotments: Arrangements unchanged.
- Draft Budget Recommendations as follows:
 - Annual Salary including employer's pension and national insurance payments £31,634 with any balance needed for the annual pay award to come from free reserves
 - Training: Current needs to come from existing allocated reserve. Consideration of a further amount for future training needs to be made at the budget setting meeting.
 - Additional Staff/Contractors: To continue as at present with no change.

Cllr. Owens as Vice-Chair of Staffing enforced the details in the noted minute from the Staffing committee in regards to contacting the Clerk whilst on leave given that the Clerk did give everyone notice and, during that time, if there was anything deemed as urgent then the Mayor/Chair should be contacted and they would in turn contact the Clerk.

Cllr. Edwards then retook the Chair. She thanked all Members for their continuing hard work for the community, commenting that the Council was a group of twelve different people that worked hard and wanted the very best for the community they represented. She reminded Members that there was a Code of Conduct that all should follow and that all, from the most experienced Councillors to the newest, should read this from time to time and remind themselves of the requirements. The world had changed especially with communication, and while she was very aware that the majority of Members only had time out of normal hours to send emails etc. she asked all to please be considerate of the tone within communications, as there was a very thin line between what was perceived as normal communication and bullying and harassment.

The meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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Expenditures	Final 2025/26	Spend to end December 2025
Council Administration Costs		
Mayor's Allowance - vired to expenses	1000	0.00
Mayor's Expenses	500	136.80
Clerk's Salary PAYE inclusive. See note 1 below	30,643	24215.50
Audit Fee (Internal and External)	350	100.00
Insurance (3 year agreement exp. 2/9/25)	1575	1728.93
Membership of SLCC	300	300.00
Stationery & Computer Sundries/Petty Cash inc computer repairs	800	340.12
Video Conferencing Licence (zoom)	150	129.90
One Voice Wales Annual fee	600	612.00
Training/Conference Fees for Clerk	0	Reserve held
Travelling and Misc Expenses	100	77.40
Election Expenses (reserve held)	250	to allocated reserve
Remuneration of Councillors/Cllr Expenses.	0	Reserve held
Councillor Training.	0	Reserve held
Information Commissioner Data Registration	35	47.00
Website (inc under new project below for this year)	0	0.00
Bank Charges Treasurer Account	110	33.00
	36,413.00	27,720.65
Donations and S137s		
Air Ambulance	250	250
British Legion (Remembrance Wreaths)	75	75
East Radnorshire Care	2000	2000
Memorial Hall	1500	1500
Mid Border Arts	1500	1500
Presteigne and Norton Community Trust	2000	2000
Presteigne and Norton Community Trust (Fireworks)	400	400
PACDG	250	250
Presteigne Festival	1500	1500
Presteigne Fireworks Display (Sheep Music)	500	500
Presteigne & Norton Community Support	0	0
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000	2000
Powys CAB	200	200
The Samaritans	250	250
Youth Project	1000	1000
Miscellaneous	500	0
	13,925.00	13,425.00
Ongoing Projects:		
Anchorage Test for Xmas Lights	125	to allocated reserve
Toilet Blocks (2) (£5000 reserves to be used for excess)	5000	9129.04
Devolved Services (inc Town Library Service)(reserve held)	0	Renamed from Library
Presteigne Christmas Lights (installation)	1200	798.32
Wildflowers/ Bulbs/Verges/Roundabouts - 2024 via sponsorship	120	56.63
Street Lighting/Dark Skies Project	0	See under new projects
Climate Crisis Project Grants	0	use under allocated reserves
Street Cleaning Arrangements	0	
Christmas Lights, Norton	0	
	6,445.00	9,983.99
New Projects 2025-26		
New website	2300	2337
Disabled Access Paths Meadow (Match Funding)	3000	0
New Storage Building (Match Funding)	3000	3000.00
Christmas Lighting	3000	0
Dark Skies Project	1500	143.40
Additional for Devolved Services inc car parks/Leisure Centre	5,000	0
	17,800.00	5,480.40

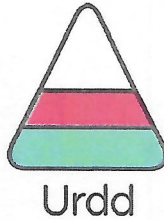
ESTIMATED SPENDING TO YEAR END		2025-26
Toilets		
(Cleaning £1600, elec £400, water 300, repairs 200)		2600
Clerk's Pay inc pension payments/employer's NI		7672
Clerk's allotment hours from meadow allocated reserve		500
Mayor's Expenses Allowance		1364
External Audit		400
Christmas Lights		300
Christmas Trees		200
Office/Travel/Bank Charges		500
Misc		1500
Meadow costs		1515
Brilliant Basics Path Contributions		3000
Tree Work, Nature Reserve		2250
Painting, Hereford Street Toilets		3630
		25431
VAT REFUND DUE TO END OF YEAR		
Treasurer		626.10
Meadow		1175.63
Est to Year End		600
(est to year end)		2401.73

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2025-26 - Project Balances at 31st December 2025		(Including 2025-26 Precept)					
Meadows (as bank balance)		9,842.62					
Allotment monies (Held in Meadow Acc) (£1413.50)		-					
Allotment Deposits (held in Meadow Account (£140)		-					
Remuneration of Councillors		760.00					
Councillor Training		472.50					
Wildflower Mix / Bulbs		214.53					
Christmas Lights Anchorage Testing		698.80					
Renewal of Christmas lights		4177.95					
Toilets (both blocks)		25377.87		to end December			
Election Fund		7109.92					
Norton Lights		365.45					
Clerk's Training		233.00					
Devolved Services inc library		10854.00					
Xmas Lights Annual Costs		1629.93					
Norton General		0.00					
Dark Skies/Street Lighting		968.00					
Climate Crisis Grants		1149.87					
MUGA/New Barn		17250.00					
		81,104.44					
Governance and accountability for local Councils in Wales - A Practitioners Guide recommends that free reserves of 3 to 12 months expenditure are held by local Councils							
Bank Balances at 31st December 2025							
9,842.62		Meadow					
46,382.55		Treasurer					
37,357.40		General Reserve					
50,000.00		Money Market Account					
0.00		less cheques to clear					
-25431.00		less approx projected spend to year end if applicable					
2401.73		VAT refund due Oct to present					
120553.30		Projected Year End Balance					
Ear marked Reserves		81104.44					
Total Minimum Level Free Reserves		22,275					
Total Maximum Level Free Reserves		89,098					
103379.44		Minimum Total Balance rec'd Practitioners Guide (min. free reserve + allocated reserves)					
170202.44		Maximum Total Balance recommended - max free reserve plus allocated reserves					
NB ring fenced reserves - spending allowed on capital items only				£26,379			
Included in overall reserve balances							

POSSIBLE SECTION 137 PAYMENTS 2026-27		DRAFT	
Expenditures			
Electors 2024 = 2218. £11.60 per elector in 25-26.		£25,728.80	As Applied for 26-27
		Notes	
Air Ambulance			250
British Legion (Remembrance Wreaths)			75
East Radnorshire Care			2000
Norton Community Trust			2000
			0
PACDG			300
Presteigne Fireworks Display (Sheep Music)			500
The Samaritans			250
Youth Project			1200
Presteigne Young Farmers Club			750
Knighton & Prestigne Leg Club			200
Miscellaneous Donations			500
Library Service		Reserve held and potential spend of £1000	0
Climate Crisis Grants		Reserve held and potential spend of £1100	0
			8025
Non S137 Grants/Donations			
Mid Border Arts		Local Government Act 1972, s.145	2000
Presteigne & Norton Community Support		Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.26-29	0
Presteigne Festival		Local Government Act 1972, s.145	1500
Presteigne Memorial Hall		Local Government Act 1972 s.133	1500
Judges' Lodging Trust		Local Government Act 1972, s.144	2000
Citizens advice Bureau		LGA 1972 S.142	250
			7250
Grand Total			15275
Note: Even if all grants awarded in full the Council would be well under the projected S.137 limit.			

PNTC		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Precept Raising Powers		£1 raises £1287.30	£1 raises £1308.28	£1 raises £1350.70	£1 raises £1352.72	£1 raises £1358.09	£1 raises 1,366.88
£							
53		68226.90	69338.84	71587.10	71694.16	71978.77	72444.64
54		69514.20	70647.12	72937.80	73046.88	73336.86	73811.52
55		70801.50	71955.40	74288.50	74399.60	74694.95	75178.40
56		72088.80	73263.68	75639.20	75752.32	76053.04	76545.28
57		73376.10	74571.96	76989.90	77105.04	77411.13	77912.16
58		74663.40	75880.24	78340.60	78457.76	78769.22	79279.04
59		75950.70	77188.52	79691.30	79810.48	80127.31	80645.92
60		77238.00	78496.80	81042.00	81163.20	81485.40	82012.80
61		78525.30	79805.08	82392.70	82515.92	82843.49	83379.68
62		79812.60	81113.36	83743.40	83868.64	84201.58	84746.56
63		81099.90	82421.64	85094.10	85221.36	85559.67	86113.44
64		82387.20	83729.92	86444.80	86574.08	86917.76	87480.32
65		83674.50	85038.20	87795.50	87926.80	88275.85	88847.20
66		84961.80	86346.48	89146.20	89279.52	89633.94	90214.08
67		86249.10	87654.76	90496.90	90632.24	90992.03	91580.96
68		87536.40	88963.04	91847.60	91984.96	92350.12	92947.84
69		88823.70	90271.32	93198.30	93337.68	93708.21	94314.72
70		90111.00	91579.60	94549.00	94690.40	95066.30	95681.60
Other Town Council Precepts		2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26		
Brecon	158.56	161.73	168.43	174.11			
Crickhowell	48.23	51.65	55.82	70.77			
Hay	72.24	85.85	91.99	102.57			
Knighton	63.27	63.22	79.71	125.56			
Llanidloes	97.25	97.34	101.82	104.23			
Llandrindod	83.29	77.50	84.53	97.1			
Machynlleth	244.59	351.23	401.77	405.66			
Montgomery	108.26	105.08	107.24	110.24			
Newtown	178.54	179.21	198.99	215.44			
Rhayader	47.77	47.77	65.48	70.43			
Talgarth	82.74	95.43	98.18	101.81			
Ystradgynlais	103.46	112.24	129.96	136.48			
Recent PNTC Precepts							
2025-26 - £56.00	NB £13,000 was also taken from Council Reserves						
2024-25 - £56.00							
2023-24 - £54.00	Average Band D total overall for T & CCs £89.12						
2022-23 - £54.00	This represents an increase of 7.35%						
2021-22 - £54.00							
2020-21 - £55.00							
2019-20 - £54.14							
2018-19 - £44.00							



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November 2025

Dear Councillors,

On behalf of the Cylch committees (Ystradgynlais, Aberhonddu and Llannau) and the Brycheiniog a Maesyfed Regional committee, we are writing to ask kindly whether you might consider making a contribution to support with the costs of the Urdd's Eisteddfodau in your area.

The Brycheiniog a Maesyfed region is very active. We have over 880 members in our area and we would like to see this number increase with the hope of offering exciting opportunities within the arts to each and every member. We provide a variety of activities and trips, all through the medium of Welsh and we encourage our Welsh learners to have a go and try their best. Through doing so they develop their Welsh language skills.

In partnership with schools, we hold the Cylch (local) Eisteddfodau as well as 2 regional Eisteddfodau. This is in addition to competitions in the fields of cookery, art, literature, composition and creation. The children and young people of our region had wonderful experiences at Eisteddfod Dur a Môr 2025 in Margam Park and we are determined to keep enthusiasm high as we prepare for Eisteddfod yr Urdd Ynys Môn in 2026.

We are very fortunate to work with local communities and we are extremely grateful for the contributions that we already receive. However, the hard costs are rising each year. In order to avoid having to increase the entrance price to our Eisteddfodau, we are approaching you to ask for a grant.

You are welcome to stipulate if you would like to see your contribution being used for a specific event e.g. on a local level (at your Eisteddfod Cylch), Art Design and Technology competitions or at the Regional Eisteddfodau. We will acknowledge donations in the Eisteddfod programmes and an announcement will be made from the stage. I can ensure you that your grant will remain within Brycheiniog a Maesyfed and the young people of the area will benefit from your contribution.

Therefore, we ask you kindly to consider our request which will enable us to continue to offer the above opportunities through the medium of Welsh to the children and young people of our region. If you would like to support, a cheque should be made payable to :- Urdd Gobaith Cymru, or we can provide you with bank details if you prefer.

Sincerely,

E. Jones

Ellie Jones
Project Officer

Rh. Thomas

Rhiannon Thomas
Brycheiniog a Maesyfed Community Officer

Cadeirydd: Nia Bennett
Prif Weithredwr: Siân Lewis

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Clerk to the Council
Presteigne & Norton Town Council
Garn Farm
Chapel Lawn
BUCKNELL
Shropshire
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July 2025

Dear Clerk

I hope this letter finds you and your members well.

I am writing to ask Presteigne & Norton Town Council if you would be able to support us in making a life-changing difference to children and families across Wales living with cerebral palsy this year.

Cerebral Palsy Cymru is a national centre of excellence and the only charity in Wales that provides specialist therapy and support to babies and children living with cerebral palsy.

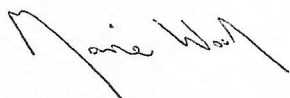
Cerebral palsy is the most common physical disability in children worldwide and it is estimated that here in Wales every 5 days a baby will be born who will have the condition. Last year was one of our busiest years on record for our specialist early intervention service 'Better Start, Better Future' with 72 new babies referred to us – babies like Rosie, whose story you can read on the enclosed document.

Overall, last year we provided 1,000 life changing therapy sessions to approximately 300 families across Wales. 'Better Start, Better Future' is the only service of its kind in the Wales - maximising the opportunity to establish neurological connections that are only possible up to 2 years post-term age and helping children achieve their full potential. It is funded entirely from the funds we raise from our charity shops, fundraising activities and donations from community councils and the public – with no support or contribution from the NHS or Welsh government.

The past year has been one of the most challenging we have faced to date. Like many organisations, we have been greatly impacted by the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, rising operational costs and increased pressure on our services. At the same time, demand for our specialist service continues to grow. We would be so grateful for your support in 2025-2026.

By providing a donation, you will be helping to ensure that we are able to provide life-changing support to every family across Wales that needs our specialist help.

Thank you in advance for your support.



Marie Wood
Director of Fundraising & Communications

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Expenditures	Final 2025/26	Projected Spend to Year End	Notes	Draft 2026-27	Final 2026-27
Council Administration Costs					
Mayor's Allowance - vired to expenses	1000	0.00	25-26 vired to expenses	1000	
Mayor's Expenses	500	1500.00		500	
Clerk's Salary PAYE inclusive.	30,643	30685.00	Pay Award of 3% included in new figures	31,634	
Audit Fee (Internal and External)	350	500.00	Full Audit done in 2025	400	
Insurance (3 year agreement exp. 2/9/28)	1575	1728.93	light increase expected due to index link	1800	
Membership of SLCC	300	300.00		325	
Stationery & Computer Sundries/Petty Cash inc computer repairs	800	800.00		800	
Video Conferencing Licence (zoom)	150	129.90		140	
One Voice Wales Annual fee	600	612.00		640	
Training/Conference Fees for Clerk	0	Reserve held	build up to cover future training needs	250	
Travelling and Misc Expenses	100	77.40		100	
Election Expenses (reserve held)	250	to allocated reserve	Election Year 2027	250	
Remuneration of Councillors/Cllr Expenses.	0	Reserve of £760 held		500	
Councillor Training.	0	Reserve of £472 held		0	
Information Commissioner Data Registration	35	47.00		47	
Website (inc under new project below in 25-26)	0	0.00		410	
Bank Charges Treasurer Account	110	33.00		0	
	36,413.00	36,413.23		38,796.00	0.00
Donations and S137s					
Air Ambulance	250	250	Amounts for 26-27 listed as applied for	250	
British Legion (Remembrance Wreaths)	75	75		75	
East Radnorshire Care	2000	2000		2000	
Memorial Hall	1500	1500		1500	
Mid Border Arts	1500	1500		2000	
(Presteigne and) Norton Community Trust	2000	2000		2000	
(Presteigne and) Norton Community Trust (Fireworks)	400	400		400	
PACDG	250	250		300	
Presteigne Festival	1500	1500		1500	
Presteigne Fireworks Display (Sheep Music)	500	500		500	
Presteigne & Norton Community Support	0	0		0	
The Judge's Lodging Trust Ltd	2000	2000		2000	
Powys CAB	200	200		250	
The Samaritans	250	250		250	
Youth Project	1000	1000		1200	
Presteigne YFC	0	0		750	
Knighton & Presteigne Leg Club	0	0		200	
Miscellaneous	500	500		500	
	13,925.00	13,925.00		15,675.00	0.00
Ongoing Projects:					
Anchorage Test for Xmas Lights	125	to allocated reserve		125	
Toilet Blocks (2)	5000	11729		12,000	
Devolved Services (inc Town Library Service)(reserve also held)	0	Renamed from Library	No spend this year to date	0	
Presteigne Christmas Lights (installation)	1200	1100			

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Expenditures	Final 2025/26	Projected Spend to Year End	Notes	Draft 2026-27	Final 2026-27
Christmas Trees (24) and Lights	0	200		200	
Wildflowers/ Bulbs/Verges/Roundabouts - 2025 & 2026 via sponsorship	120	56.63		120	
Street Lighting/Dark Skies Project	0	See under new projects		0	
Climate Crisis Project Grants	0	allocated reserve held		0	
Street Cleaning Arrangements	0			1000	
Christmas Lights, Norton	0				
	6,445.00	13,085.63		13,445.00	0.00
New Projects 2025-26					
New website	2300	2337	Website build complete	0	
Disabled Access Paths Meadow (Match Funding)	3000	3000	Project nearing completion	0	
New Storage Building (Match Funding)	3000	3000	Project complete	0	
Christmas Lighting (purchase, plus projected January cost, increase/fitting adjustments)	3000	0	New lights in 2026?	4500	
Christmas Lighting Power connection point				823.47	
Dark Skies Project	1500	143.40	Adequate reserve held	0	
Additional for Devolved Services inc car parks/Leisure Centre	5,000	0	will be added to devolved services above	0	
	17,800.00	8,480.40		5,323.47	0.00
New Projects 2026-27					
Norton War Memorial Renovation	0	0		1650	
Pump Track - contribution	0	0		3000	
Street Cleaning - see under ongoing projects	0	0		0	
MUGA sweeping - see under Meadow	0	0		0	
Storage Container for Nature Reserve	0	0		3000	
Car Parks - 'free Saturdays'	0	0		1500	
Telephone Kiosk Set Up Costs	0	0		300	
Training Costs for future Clerk - see under admin above	0	0		0	
Community Consultation	0	0		250	
	0	0		9,700	0
Went's Meadow Site inc MUGA etc, Eddie's Meadow					
Weekly Inspections (inc defib checks)	1500	1240		1500	
General Maintenance	1500	1822.08		1600	
Dog Bags	2000	2130		2250	
Grass Cutting/weed killing	4700	4255		4700	
Professional Inspections	1365	1364.90		300	
MUGA / New Barn Reserve	2000	to allocated reserve		2000	
Allotments (funded via rental income)	0	SEE BELOW		0	
Utilities	350	371.52		500	
Sweeping of MUGA (£50 x 6 months) Linked to street cleaning	0	0.00	NEW 26-27	600	

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