

LLANFAIR WATERDINE COMMUNITY TRUST

MEETING MINUTES

Location: Llanfair Waterdine Community Pavilion

Date: 20 January 2026

Time: 18:00-21:00

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1. AGENDA SCHEDULE – 20 January 2026

The agenda set the structure for discussions relating to finance, land management, pavilion matters, recent and upcoming events, and governance. Trustees confirmed that all items previously circulated were to be covered in this meeting.

2. VISIT FROM JANE THOMAS

Jane Thomas attended to provide insights on community development opportunities, stressing the increasing availability of rural grants in 2026. She highlighted collaboration potential with neighbouring community groups and encouraged the Trust to explore joint projects to strengthen future funding applications. Trustees discussed several relevant areas including facility upgrades, youth engagement programmes, and environmental improvements. Follow-up actions include arranging a secondary workshop focusing on practical grant-writing advice.

3. PRESENT

Attendees: Steve Knowler, Liam Waters, Will Rogers & Matt Croose. Each trustee presented a brief overview of their focus areas, including operational considerations, finance, and event planning responsibilities.

4. APOLOGIES

No apologies were received, marking full attendance and enabling all governance decisions to proceed without delay.

5. FINANCE / ACCOUNTS

Invoices reviewed included Grass Cutting (£960), Gravels Access (£50) and AAE (£2,700). Trustees discussed the rising costs of external services and considered options for future budget efficiency. The NatWest balance stands at £10,721.74, which, while healthy, will need monitoring in light of planned pavilion investments.



6. REVIEW OF EMAIL / ONLINE DECISIONS & AWARDS

The £250 award for a carpentry course was confirmed, with trustees noting the positive community impact of skills-based initiatives. AED funding fully covered by BHF was acknowledged, significantly reducing capital expenditure. Trustees discussed opportunities for public awareness once installation is complete.

7. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS EVENTS

Fireworks Night was confirmed as highly successful with significant attendance and financial surplus. The Christmas Market exceeded expectations, aided by an improved layout that encouraged better visitor flow. The Christmas Quiz saw excellent participation, though suggestions for adjusting team sizes will be trialled next year. Trustees also reviewed the pavilion's role during the recent power outage, acknowledging positive community feedback on its availability as a safe, warm space.

8. REVIEW OF FUTURE EVENTS

Upcoming events were reviewed in detail. The Fun Day is expected to attract broad participation and planning will emphasise inclusivity. DPJ/Farmer's Night discussions included potential entertainment options such as a comedian and catered food. Trustees debated event scheduling to maximise turnout. Social layout changes were explored to make events more welcoming for younger families, older residents and new community members.

9. MATTERS RELATING TO THE PAVILION & COMMUNITY FIELD

The Trust reviewed storage limitations and agreed in principle to install a shed and weather cover. These additions aim to improve safety and equipment organisation. Pavilion investments include the purchase of a sack truck for children's toys and a review of utilities to ensure cost efficiency. Trustees will investigate alternative electricity rates before the new financial year. The AED installation is expected within 5 weeks pending electrical work confirmation. KBM's donation of scalpings was appreciated, supporting ongoing site maintenance. MC will lead on purchasing new signage.



10. LAND MANAGEMENT

Three parcel offer letters and 2026 contracts will be sent shortly. Trustees reviewed the value and condition of Turbary (40 acres), Hordy (3.1 acres) and Gravels (2.7 acres). A discussion took place around ensuring fair advertising to local stakeholders. Trustees reaffirmed the importance of transparent allocation processes and maintaining positive relationships with tenants.

11. END OF TRUSTEE TENURE

SK confirmed intention to re-apply for trustee tenure. WR's tenure concludes on 28 Feb 2026 and the Council will be notified in accordance with protocol. Trustees discussed succession planning and the potential need to attract additional members with specific skill sets.

12. CHARITY OF THE YEAR

DPJ was selected as the charity of the year. Trustees discussed how future events could support fundraising and promote awareness of mental health in the farming community. Potential collaborative events were also considered.

13. AOB

General matters included discussion of operational efficiency, volunteer involvement, and minor facility maintenance queries. No urgent items were raised.