

Candidates Seeking Election at PAVO AGM 2026



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Existing PAVO Trustees seeking re-election

GARY MITCHELL



I'm lucky enough to have grown up in Mid Wales, went to school and college in Newtown and followed this on at College in Brecon before heading off to University in Leeds, where I lived and worked for 6 years before returning to Wales where I worked for the Brecon Beacons National Park for 3 years before running an Outdoor Education Centre in South Powys.

More recently I have moved with my young family to Staylittle and took a role within Open Newtown a few years ago as Project Manager – I have worked for Social Farms & Gardens alongside my other roles for several years now and hold the position of CEO covering all of the UK.

I'm lucky to be able to draw on my experience of working with several community food & community land enterprises, which I have been involved in for over 10 years. I'm a director / trustee of a number of charities, both national and local which help me to understand my role as a PAVO trustee.

In May 2022 I became a county Councillor for Llanbrynmair and Trefeglwys.

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MYRA FRANCIS



Myra Frances has been involved in voluntary work all her life, an activity inherited from her parents, from local charities to larger world wide ones e.g. British Red Cross.

Myra was born in Machynlleth and therefore understands there are many issues, including rurality and isolation, poor transport and funding is a big issue for all Charities / groups therefore the 3rd Sector is so important.

Myra has previously been on the board of PAVO and was honoured to hold both the position of Chair and President.

Myra is a volunteer with LLAIS, and chair of Machynlleth League of Friends. Myra helped establish CAMAD (Community Action Machynlleth & District) and was appointed their 1st Project Manager and then became Area Manager for Domiciliary Care with Ceredigion County Council until taking voluntary redundancy due to restructuring. Myra then became a Receptionist at Glantwymyn GP Practice and then an Administrator at Dyfi Valley Health.

Myra is now retired and feels she can contribute to PAVO, her previous experiences in work and volunteering helps her to understand the importance of the 3rd Sector and to have a voice.