

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at the Community Council Office.

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PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: A. DRAPER L. PRICE R. PRICE J. REES A.WARREN
D.ATHWAL

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

148. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

148.1 No apologies were received.

149. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

149.1 No declarations were received.

150. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

150.1. No representations were received.

151. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

151.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were then agreed as a true record.

152. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

152.1 Minute 139.1 Kelly Daniel of RCT Corporate Estates is happy that appropriate guidelines have been followed by the cleansing department regarding the trees that have been planted near the community orchard. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact B C Roberts for further information.

152.2 Minute 139.3 Wildlife information board to be discussed under reports.

152.3 Minute 139.4 Councillor Rees reported that there is still an issue with column 14. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact B C Roberts.

152.4 Minute 139.7 Councillor Athwal reported on the condition of the roads on Hendreforgan Estate. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact B C Roberts.

152.5 Minute 142.1 Councillor Draper reported that Tonyrefail Community Council wish to discuss the fireworks display in their next events committee meeting.

152.6 Minute 144.1 The design for the proposed new playarea has been received and will be discussed under correspondence.

153. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

153.1 Plot holder Mr Elfed Hughes has passed away and the plot has been given to a Nigerian family residing in Thomas Street.

153.2 Work has begun for the wildlife pond.

153.3 Unfortunately a small new area of knotweed has been discovered. Photographs were taken and sent to Landtech who confirmed that it was knotweed. This will now need to have the necessary cycle of treatment.

154. OFFICE RENOVATIONS

154.1 Following the meeting with Kelly Daniel of RCT Corporate Estates it was RESOLVED: that the clerk proceed with the process of the asset transfer and all necessary surveys on the building.

155. CORRESPONDENCE

155.1 Planning applications were read and noted for the following

155.1a Land at Hendreforgan CF39 8YL. Hybrid planning application for residential development seeking full permission for a new access road and drainage infrastructure and outline permission for 5 self-build plots.

155.1b 6 Glamorgan Terrace CF39 8RA first floor rear extension.

155.1c Flat 1 Swn yr Afon Sheltered Housing CF39 8SX installation of solar panels to both North and South building.

155.2 B C Roberts requested that the £5000 income from the Windfarm 2024/25 budget be allocated as follows - £2000 OAP Welfare for trips and £3000 to Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Tonyrefail for trips. It was RESOLVED: that the request for the OAP Welfare be granted but additional information was requested regarding YGG Tonyrefail and will be discussed in the next meeting.

155.3 Correspondence was read from Amy Hancock requesting financial support for Hendreforgan Primary School's year 6 which included a trip to West Midlands Safari Park and an end of year prom. It was RESOLVED: that the matter be discussed in the next meeting.

155.4 A design has been received from Adam Kettley RCT of the new playarea. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk deliver a letter to all neighbouring properties, from the bottom of Fairview, informing them of the proposed location with a 2-week window for response. A public meeting will be held at the Rock Church and details will be posted on the website and notice board.

156. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

156.1 The clerk reported that the Easter story workshop at Moriah Chapel with pupils from Hendreforgan School went well as did the Easter event with Linda Walters.

156.2 The clerk reported that the Annual Report is complete and has been forwarded to Councillor Draper for editing.

156.3 The clerk reported that PAT testing took place on Wednesday 3 April.

156.4 Councillor Rees reported that there is still an issue with the drains near the GGCA and with the accumulation of water at the junction on top of Thomas Street. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact B C Roberts.

156.5 The wildlife information board was discussed, and it was RESOLVED: that it will be in a picture and description format.

156.6 Councillor Draper reported on the Hydropower group and discussed membership of Community Energy Wales.

157. FINANCIAL REPORT

157.1	Bank balance as of 31.3.24		£168931.29
157.1a	B&Q	Allotment	£70.86
157.1b	Wickes	Allotment	£39
157.1c	First Tunnels	Polytunnel Equipment	£256
157.1d	Screwfix	Allotment	£6.99
157.1e	B&Q	Allotment	£289.46
157.1f	SSE	Electricity	£278.06
157.1g	C B & C Supplies	Disinfectant	£18.19
157.1h	C B & C Supplies	Paper Cups	£46.79
157.1i	C R Skips	Skip Hire	£310
157.1j	Co-op	Easter Eggs	£228
157.1k	Co-op	Easter Eggs	£276
157.1l	St John Cymru	Training	£384
157.1m	Pondkeeper	Allotment	£54.74
157.1n	Travis Perkins	Allotment	£620.30
157.1o	Wickes	Allotment	£31.50
157.1p	B&Q	Allotment	45.99

158. ACCOUNTS

158.1	Cheques authorised		
	002726	Dawn Walters	£1258.50
	002727	Huw Jones	£400.16
	002728	Russell Scully	£1147.60

158.2 Bank transactions for March

	<u>March Expenditure</u>	
Dawn Walters	£1258.50	Cheque 002726
Huw Jones	£400.16	Cheque 002727
Russell Scully	£1147.60	Cheque 002728
Zoom	£15.59	
HMRC	£624.81	
BT	£46.53	
SSE	£278.06	
Screwfix	£6.99	
Central Bar & Catering Supplies	£18.19	
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B&Q	£70.86	
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March Income

Allotments / Garage Fees	£10
B&Q Refund	£5.40

158.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£0
Events	£4028
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£0
Allotment	£5840
Office Refurbishment	£57925
Training	£467
TOTAL	£108260

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£0
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£0

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£0
Allotment & Ground Rent	£0
TOTAL	£0

158.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.03.2024	£168931.29
Earmarked + Commitments	£-108260
Income not yet received	£+0
BAL:	£60671.29

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158.5 The final figures for budget 2023/24 were agreed.

158.6 The 2024/25 budget was approved.

158.7 It was Resolved: that the clerk approach Mr Jason Morgan to carry out the internal audit.

158.8 A credit note for £500 has been received from SSE.

159. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

159.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will be the Annual General Meeting followed by the monthly meeting and will take place on Wednesday 8 May at 6.30pm at the Council Office.