

April 2026

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 8 April 2026 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 8 Ebrill.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: L.PRICE A. DRAPER R. PRICE J.REES J.ABBOTT
A.WARREN

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

129. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

129.1 R.WALTERS.

130. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

130.1 Declarations were received.

130.1a The Clerk declared a pecuniary interest regarding community garden quotation from Brian Walters and signage.

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

131.1 No representations were received.

132. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

132.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting and the finance sub committee meeting were then agreed as a true record.

133. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

133.1 Minute 121.1 Hiscox £250 excess no update.

133.2 Minute 121.3 MPLC Licence in place.

133.3 Minute 121.4 Hendreforgan Crescent no update.

133.4 Minute 121.5 Dog Fouling Signage has been received.

133.5 Minute 121.7 The clerk has been in contact with three companies and the signage was discussed.

133.6 Minute 126.1 No update on the letterhead.

133.7 Minute 126.2 The placing of the new sign will require scaffolding. It was RESOLVED: that B Walters go ahead with the work and a further small sign be ordered for the front of the building.

133.8 Minute 126.3 The Wildlife Board has been proofread.

133.9 Minute 126.4 The clerk has contacted YGG Tonyrefail regarding a donation.

133.10 Minute 126.5 Kelly Daniel RCT Corporate Estates has confirmed that the building is insured by them.

133.11 Minute 126.7 Climate Cymru will wait until after the election.

133.12 Minute 126.9 The clerk has contacted Kelly Daniel regarding opting out of the SLA for the gas boiler.

134. EVENTS

134.1 Dates for the movie nights will be April 24, Dream Horse, and June 12, Pride. No entry costs but donations can be made for light refreshments.

135. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

135.1 The clerk has emailed the councillors with recent works that have been done. The new pond is now in place. The cut off wood from the hedgerows have been used to make a log pile habitat / fence around the pond area. The communal raspberry patch has been cleared of overgrowth. Wildflower seeds have been sown on the bank of the new retaining wall area. The hawthorn hedge has been pruned along with general strimming.

136. COMMUNITY GARDEN

136.1 Pillars could be built in front of the cracks of the brick wall.

136.2 The clerk has delivered a letter to the residents of 1 Etna Terrace stating that the community council are accepting ownership of the brick wall.

136.3 Quotations were received for works from B Walters & Son £6300, Custom Carpentry Landscaping £13300 and Impressive Creations £13800. The clerk having declared a pecuniary interest left the room and took no part in the discussion. It was RESOLVED: that B. Walters & Son, being value for money, be awarded the work. The community council will purchase the materials to help lower the cost with the reclaiming of VAT and the groundsperson will assist with the works.

137. CORRESPONDENCE

137.1 Correspondence was received from Forces Fitness and the proposal to deliver a health and wellbeing program in the community for ages 7-18 at a cost of £550. It was RESOLVED: that the community council would fund the project.

138. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

138.1 The licence for the community orchard has been renewed with RCT.

138.2 The clerk reported that the Annual Report for 2025/26 is complete and is with the Chair for editing.

138.3 The Chair reported on the Community Energy Wales Conference. Welsh Government have funding available for a feasibility study of the hydropower project. It was RESOLVED: that the Chair make enquiries.

139. FINANCIAL REPORT

139.1	Bank balance as of 31.03.26	£108470.71
139.1a	Amazon Cable Ties	£32.98
139.1b	Tesco Easter Eggs	£545.50
139.1c	Family Shopper Milk	£1.99
139.1d	Extrascope AV Equipment	£3155.41
139.1e	RCT CBC x 2 Utility Recharges	£765.12
139.1f	G4S Dog Signage	£97.24
139.1g	MPLC License	£528.55
139.1h	B&Q Allotment	£16.25
139.1i	Central B & C S Disinfectant	£25.14
139.1j	G4S Signage	£239.39
139.1k	Travis Perkins Allotment	£310.10

139.2 Bank transactions for March

March Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1427.80
Huw Jones	£468.88
Russell Scully	£1220.98
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£878.78
BT	£51.90
Lloyds	£4.25
Amazon	£32.98
Tesco	£545.50
Family Shopper	£1.99
Extrascope	£3155.41
RCT CBC	£300
RCT CBC	£465.12
G4S	£97.24
MPLC	£528.55
B&Q	£16.25
Central Bar & Catering Supplies	£25.14
G4S	£239.39
Travis Perkins	£310.10

March Income

Allotments	£150
Garages	£10
Pondkeeper	£15.56
Travis Perkins	£1.73

139.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£60000
Bus Shelters	£2261
Events	£5310
Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
S137 Grants	£300
Donations	£1100
Allotment	£6294
Council Premises	£17836
Biodiversity	£2872
Training & Remuneration Payments	£1000
TOTAL	£96973

Commitments

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

Income not yet received

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

139.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.03.2026	£108470.71
Earmarked + Commitments	£-96973
Income not yet received	£+0
BAL:	£11497.71

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139.5 The final figures for budget 2025/26 were agreed.

139.6 The 2026/27 budget was approved.

139.7 It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Mr Jason Morgan to carry out the internal audit.

140. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

140.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will be the AGM followed by the monthly meeting which will take place on Wednesday 13 May 6.30pm at the Council Office.

