

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 13 December 2023 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 13 Rhagfyr 2023.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

88.1 No apologies were received.

89. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

89.1 No declarations were received.

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

90.1. No representations were received.

91. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

91.1 The minutes of the finance sub committee and the previous monthly meeting were then agreed as true records.

92. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

92.1 Minute 84.2 RCT have been notified of the condition of the garages and hopefully will inspect and contact the people concerned.

93. PRECEPT 2024/2025

93.1 It was RESOLVED: that the precept be set at £87511.

94. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

94.1 Westen Power will charge approximately £5377 for the electricity supply to the container. Borough Councillor Roberts will enquire to see if she can get any financial help towards the cost. It was RESOLVED: that alternative power be considered should financial help not be available.

95. OFFICE RENOVATIONS

95.1 The information regarding the availability of the White Hut is now active on the RCT website.

96. EVENTS

96.1 A discussion took place regarding the poppy wreaths and the Remembrance Service. It was RESOLVED: that two wreaths be placed at the cenotaph next year – the traditional red, and a white wreath which reflects peace.

96.2 A good time was had by all who attended the festive afternoon tea dance.

97. CORRESPONDENCE

97.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

97.1a 117A High Street CF39 8SW demolition of garage and construction of new dwelling.

98. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

98.1 A site meeting took place regarding the Tiny Forests project on Wednesday 15 November. Photographic documentation of the area concerned has been sent to RCT for their approval. The deadline for the project application is February 2024.

98.2 The clerk reported that Hendre Ifan Goach Farm have a hydropower station and Russell Edwards, the farmer, remembers the Evanstown campaign. He is in the process of making enquiries regarding new hydropower for the farm and is encountering several problems. It was RESOLVED: that he be invited to the February meeting to share his information.

98.3 Councillor Rees had concerns regarding the water that accumulates on the pavement and road near the GGCA which became hazardous during the cold weather that caused it to freeze. The clerk reported that she had informed RCT and Borough Councillor Roberts who confirmed that it has been a problem for many years but said that the problem was with the farmland and would prioritise gritting of the area during inclement weather. After a discussion it was RESOLVED: that the clerk make further enquiries into the matter.

98.4 Councillor Draper gave an update on the Hydropower group, and it was RESOLVED: that Ian Thomas from Welcome to our Woods / Create Your Space / Rhondda Skyline be invited to the January meeting to share information.

98.5 Councillor Draper gave a draft version of the details of the information board as was suggested by Richard Wistow. After a discussion it was RESOLVED: that it be discussed further in the January meeting.

98.6 The clerk will visit the community orchard.

99. FINANCE / ACCOUNTS

99.1 The clerk reported that £2550 is remaining in the S137 grants budget. It was RESOLVED: that the allocation of this be discussed in the January meeting.

100. FINANCIAL REPORT

100.1	Bank balance as of 30.11.23		£140416.03
100.2	Invoices / Receipts		
100.2a	Town & Country	Allotment	£240
100.2b	A1 Loo Hire	Allotment	£240
100.2c	Travis Perkins	Allotment	£350.93
100.2d	Rhondda Ready Mix	Allotment	£280
100.2e	Central B 7 C Supplies	Disinfectant	£18.19
100.2f	Town & Country	Allotment	£58.65
100.2g	Tesco	Remembrance ref.	£14.19
100.2h	Wickes	Allotment	£30.10
100.2i	Brian Walters	Allotment	£600
100.2j	GG Fire Station	Fireworks Display	£2645.33
100.2k	Remuneration payments		£1456
100.2l	B&Q	Allotment	£8.99
100.2m	Wickes	Allotment	£26.10
100.2n	Tesco	Christmas	£73.50
100.2o	SSE Energy	Electricity	£146.09
100.2p	Llewellyn Valley Catering	Festive Tea Dance	£220

101. ACCOUNTS

101.1	Cheques authorised		
	002713	Dawn Walters	£1188.72
	002714	Huw Jones	£400.16
	002715	Russell Scully	£1086.28

101.2 Bank transactions for November

	<u>November Expenditure</u>	
Dawn Walters	£1188.72	Cheque 002713
Huw Jones	£400.16	Cheque 002714
Russell Scully	£1086.28	Cheque 002715
Zoom	£15.59	
HMRC	£559	
BT	£0	
RCT Council Tax	£115	
Town & Country	£240	
A1 Loo Hire	£240	
Travis Perkins	£350.93	
Rhondda Ready Mix	£280	
Central Bar & Catering Supplies	£18.19	
Town & Country	£58.65	
Tesco	£15.59	
Wickes	£30.10	
Brian Walters	£600	
GG Fire Station	£2645.33	
RP & EJ Price	£416	
D Athwal	£208	
J Abbott	£208	
A Draper	£208	
A Warren	£208	
J Rees	£208	
B&Q	£8.99	
Wickes	£26.10	

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Tesco	£73.50
SSE Energy	£146.09
Llewellyn Valley Catering	£220

November Income

S Euston	£10
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101.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£0
Events	£10022
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£2550
Allotment	£8604
Office Refurbishment	£57925
Training	£825
TOTAL	£119926

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£20626
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£20626

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£56827
Allotment & Ground Rent	£925
TOTAL	£57752

101.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.11.2023	£140416.03
Earmarked + Commitments	£-140552
Income not yet received	£+57752
BAL:	£57616.03

102. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

102.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 10 January at 6.30pm at the Council Office.