

December 2024

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 11 December 2024 at the Community Council Office.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

93.1 D.ATHWAL J.REES

94. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

94.1 No declarations were received.

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

95.1 No representations were received.

96. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

97. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

97.1 Minute 83.1 Online banking has been approved but councillors are waiting for documentation.

97.2 Minute 83.2 No update on dog fouling signage.

97.3 Minute 83.3 Councillor R Price will have information for the January meeting re gazebos.

97.4 Minute 83.5 Generators must be hired for health and safety issues.

97.5 Minute 89.1 The clerk was informed that signage for the skateboard park was being prepared and it was not possible to add that the Community Council had part funded the park. Lisa Austin was prepared to add the logo. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Lisa Austin for clarification.

97.6 Minute 89.4 Borough Councillor Roberts has made a formal complaint.

97.7 Minute 89.5 The clerk reported that Lisa Austin will be prioritising the proposal of the new play area. Lisa asked if the Community Council would consider upgrading the existing park in High Street as an alternative. It was RESOLVED: that this would not be an option.

98. PRECEPT 2025/2026

98.1 It was RESOLVED: that the precept be set at £87861.

99. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

99.1 Russell has been clearing and making good in many areas. The clerk emailed councillors with photographs of the works.

100. OFFICE RENOVATIONS / WHITE HUT

100.1 No new information has been received.

101. EVENTS

101.1 The pantomime and breakfast with santa were a success. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk purchase some gifts from the Chair's allowance budget for Vicky at the CF39 Cafe for her help.

102. BIODIVERSITY BUDGET

102.1 It was RESOLVED: that £3000 be donated to Hendreforgan School for their biodiversity projects.

102.2 The clerk will work with Russell and Huw with regards to green roof bus shelters.

102.3 Councillor Draper will contact Richard Wistow, Ecology Officer for RCT, with regards to using areas in the village for projects.

103. CORRESPONDENCE

103.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

103.1a 6 Fern Street CF39 8TP First floor extension together with internal alterations.

103.2 Councillor Draper received correspondence from Caspar Harris of Trussel Trust's Guarantee our essentials campaign. It was RESOLVED: that the Community Council would endorse the campaign and Caspar Harris be invited to the January meeting.

103.3 Correspondence was received from Tonyrefail Community School regarding a year 10 pupil and work experience at the allotment for a maximum of 3 days a week. The clerk met with the pupil, Riley, Leanne Parsons of Tonyrefail School and Eloise from Children's Services at the GGCA along with Russell and Richard Walters where it was decided that the best way forward was for Riley to work alongside Russell at the GGCA every Wednesday to begin with before working at the allotment. Councillors were happy with this arrangement but a DBS check will be offered to Russell.

104. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

104.1 The clerk reported that there have been issues with several of the Christmas features following the storm. Centregreat will try and resolve the issues. Anthony Gough of Centregreat has stated that necessary equipment is ageing and will possibly need replacing in 2026. Councillor Draper suggested that the clerk contact the Chamber of Commerce in Newport to see if there are alternative providers for this service.

104.2 Councillor Draper reported that he has been accepted by Valleys Energy, formerly Rhondda Energy, as the Community Council's representative.

104.3 Councillor Draper reported that he has contacted Welcome to our Woods for advice on the Wildlife Board.

104.4 Councillor Abbott reported that there is an issue with the lane to the rear of Glenavon Terrace between the fish shop and the wine bar. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk would make enquires.

105. FINANCIAL REPORT

105.1	Bank balance as of 30.11.24	£165526.62
105.1a	Tesco Remembrance service	£81.91
105.1b	Tesco Breakfast with santa	£200.60
105.1c	Chaplins Pantomime	£1947.60
105.1d	Friends of GGDC Grantscape	£2000
105.1e	Tesco Breakfast with santa	£104.30
105.1f	A1 Loo Hire Portaloo	£120
105.1g	GG Welfare Windfarm donation	£1000
105.1h	Families S Families Christmas event	£700
105.1i	GG Fire Station Fireworks Display	£3000
105.1j	M&S Christmas	£57.95
105.1k	Cwm Rhondda Skip Hire	£310
105.1l	Card Factory Diary	8.48

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105.2 Bank transactions for November

November Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1617.12
Huw Jones	£439.12
Russell Scully	£1484.12
Zoom	£15.59
HMRC	£1042.45
BT	£50.22
RCT Council Tax	£121
Tesco	£200.60
Tesco	£81.91
Chaplins Entertainment	£1947.60
Friends of GGDC	£2000
Tesco	£104.30
A1 Loo Hire	£120
GG OAP Welfare	£1000
Families Supporting Families	£700
Gilfach Goch Fire Station	£3000
Marks and Spencer	£57.95
Cwm Rhondda Waste Management	£310
Card Factory	£8.48

November Income

S Euston	£10
Granstcape	£2000
S Dumphie Wise	£25
Scouts	£300

105.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area & Skateboard Park	£60000
Bus Shelters	£1295
Events	£8477
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£250
Allotment	£3699
Office Refurbishment	£58975
Training & Remuneration Payments	£960
TOTAL	£133656

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£18279
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£18279

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£29170
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1290
TOTAL	£30460

105.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.11.2024	£165526.62
Earmarked + Commitments	£-151935
Income not yet received	£+30460
BAL:	£44051.62

106. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

106.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 8 January 6.30pm at the Council Office.