

February 2024

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 14 February 2024 at the Community Council Office.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

118.1 D.ATHWAL

119. SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM RUSSELL EDWARDS OF HENDRE IFAN GOCH FARM RE HYDROPOWER

119.1 Russell received a welcome and spoke of the project.

120. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

120.1 No declarations were received.

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

121.1. No representations were received.

122. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

123. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

123.1 Minute 108.1 Alternative land was requested for the Tiny Forest Project but RCT informed the clerk there was no land available.

123.2 Minute 108.2 Water problem near GGCA. RCT highways department have done all that they can and have informed BT that it is their drains that are causing the problem. They will work together to clear the drains. B C Roberts reported that the farmer refused to dig a trench on his land as he believes that this will not solve the problem. Richard Walters of the GGCA has been co ordinating the works.

123.3 Minute 108.3 Wyn Evans, Head of RCT Cleansing department arranged the planting of the additional trees at the community orchard area. B C Roberts is making enquiries regarding what trees they are and if they are suitable to remain in the area.

123.4 Minute 114.1 Councillor Draper has information regarding ownership of the land where the proposed new playarea is planned. The information has been forwarded to Lisa Austin, but no acknowledgement has been received. Councillor Draper will be contacting Andrew Morgan and Ann Crimmings regarding the lack of communication for the proposed playarea and the skateboard park.

123.5 Minute 114.2 The Wildlife information board's narrative is now complete. Councillor Draper will work with Richard Wistow to finalise.

123.6 Minute 114.5 Hendreforgan School accepted the offer of the Easter Story at Moriah Chapel. Years 1-5 will attend over 2 sessions which will take the form of a workshop on Wednesday morning 20 March.

123.7 Minute 114.6 The street lighting problem on Gelliarael Road was finally resolved on Tuesday 30 January. The clerk had been informed that it was a National Grid problem. Councillor Rees reported that there is still a problem with column 14.

123.8 Minute 114.7 PCSO's were aware of the car vandalism.

123.9 Minute 114.8 Stagecoach have been made aware of buses not stopping at the bus stop opposite the memorial bench.

123.10 Minute 114.9 Kim Willis who managed the graffiti project agrees that the signage relating to Walters Pennant is misleading and this will be rectified. It was RESOLVED: that the community council pay for a plaque to be positioned stating that it was the council that funded the project.

123.11 Minute 114.10 Huw has successfully removed the graffiti from the bench at the waterfalls. He also repaired and replaced a damaged bus shelter panel. It was RESOLVED: that Huw receive 2 hours extra pay for his efforts.

124. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

124.1 The communal polytunnel has been delivered. Plot holders were delighted of the opportunity to use it. It will be managed by the Groundsperson.

124.2 All was secure following the storms.

125. OFFICE RENOVATIONS

125.1 It was RESOLVED: that Councillor Draper, Councillor Warren and the clerk be the working group involved in the Community Asset Transfer of the White Hut.

125.2 A meeting took place with the working group, B C Roberts, Clair Ruddock and Kari Duckham. The process was explained in depth although the actual cost and charges remain a grey area.

125.3 It was RESOLVED: that the community council proceed with the transfer. The clerk and councillor Draper will prepare a business plan.

126. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY

126.1 No decision was made. It was RESOLVED: that Councillor R. Price enquire about a lazer show.

127. GROUNDSPERSON CONTRACT

127.1 It was RESOLVED: that Russell be offered a permanent contract as of 1 March 2024. His terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

128. CORRESPONDENCE

128.1 Planning applications were read and noted for the following

128.1a DJS Mini Market 16 High Street CF39 8SP Change of use from basement flat to catering unit.

128.1b 65 High Street CF39 8SR Proposed first floor rear extension above an existing single storey extension.

128.2 Sara Williams, of the Mynydd Y Gaer windfarm action group requested to attend the March meeting to inform the council of the Cenin proposal. It was RESOLVED: that Sara may attend.

129. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

129.1 The clerk requested annual leave 28 February – 1 March. It was RESOLVED: that the leave be approved.

129.2 Councillor Abbott reported on the poor condition of the road in the High Street near the Day Centre. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries.

129.3 Councillor Abbott reported on the blocked drains in the village in general. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries.

129.4 Councillor Draper reported that the Hydropower group will be meeting next week.

130. FINANCE / ACCOUNTS

130.1 It was RESOLVED:
that the £2350 remaining in the S137 grants budget heading be given to the village foodbank.

131. FINANCIAL REPORT

131.1	Bank balance as of 31.1.24		£188526.60
131.1 a	Travis Perkins	Allotment	£101.76
131.1b	A1 Loo Hire	Allotment	£240
131.1c	Wickes	Allotment	£13
131.1d	B&Q	Allotment	£14.92
131.1e	Amazon	Graffiti Remover	£13
131.1f	Friends of GGDC	S137 Grant	£200

132. ACCOUNTS

132.1	Cheques authorised		
	002720	Dawn Walters	£1258.30
	002721	Huw Jones	£400.16
	002722	Russell Scully	£1147.40

132.2 Bank transactions for January

January Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1258.30	Cheque 002720
Huw Jones	£400.16	Cheque 002721
Russell Scully	£1147.40	Cheque 002722
Zoom	£15.59	
HMRC	£625.21	
BT	£47.07	
RCT Council Tax	£115	
Travis Perkins	£101.76	
A1 Loo Hire	£240	
Wickes	£13.00	
B&Q	£14.92	
Amazon	£13	
Friends of GGDC	£200	

January Income

Allotments / Garage Fees	£685
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132.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£0
Events	£10019
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£2350
Allotment	£8279
Office Refurbishment	£57925
Training	£787
TOTAL	£119363

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£12180
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£12180

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£0
Allotment & Ground Rent	£230
TOTAL	£230

132.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.01.2024	£188526.60
Earmarked + Commitments	£-131543
Income not yet received	£+230
BAL:	£57213.60

133. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

133.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 13 March at 6.30pm at the Council Office.

