

## February 2026

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 11 February 2026 at the Community Council Office.**

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### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

#### **105. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

105.1 J ABBOTT

#### **106. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

106.1 Declarations were received.

106.1a The Chair declared a pecuniary interest regarding a quotation received from Mali Draper for Audio Visual equipment.

106.1b The Clerk declared a pecuniary interest regarding community garden advice request from Brian Walters.

#### **107. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR**

107.1 No representations were received.

#### **108. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

#### **109. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

109.1 Minute 97.1 A decision was made regarding the new logo.

109.2 Minute 97.2 No update on the £250 excess refund.

109.3 Minute 97.3 Five people attended the Assertiveness Workshop.

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109.4 Minute 97.4 Fifteen mixed fruit replacement trees for the community orchard have been received and will be planted as soon as possible.

109.5 Minute 97.5 The blinds have been fitted.

109.6 Minute 97.6 The three quotations were discussed Extrascope, Drake and Mali Draper. The Chair left the room having declared a pecuniary interest and took no further part in the discussion or decision. It was RESOLVED: that the equipment be purchased from Extrascope as the equipment is fixed and not portable and the company are based in Pontyclun.

109.7 Minute 97.9 Issue at Hendreforgan Crescent following works by National Grid is still a problem. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make further enquiries having had further clarification of the damage.

109.8 Minute 97.10 Dog fouling signage is pending.

109.9 Minute 102.1 B C Roberts reported that the highways staff manually worked on the area during the icy weather to ensure safety. RCT Highways are in negotiations with BT regarding underground channelling.

### **110. EVENTS**

110.1 It was RESOLVED: that the Spring Event be held on Monday 25 May 11-2 on the green outside the council office or at the GGCA depending on the weather. The clerk gave an update on the activities and was requested to make enquiries for the new logo to be printed on the gazebos and purchase feather banners.

### **111. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

111.1 Tree cutting and hedge laying has taken place to deal with the concerns of Susan Evelyn a resident of Holly Street. One plot holder doesn't wish to renew this year. A plot holder wanted it noted that the groundsperson is doing a good job at the allotment.

### **112. COMMUNITY GARDEN**

112.1 A site meeting took place on 26 January with the Chair, Councillor Warren, Councillor Rees, Russell Scully and Brian Walters (who was there for advice on the groundwork needed).

112.2 Russell has prepared a draft plan. Several other ideas were discussed.

112.3 The clerk will speak to the residents of 1 Etna Terrace regarding ownership of the back wall.

112.4 The clerk was instructed to get quotations regarding the groundwork.

### **113. CORRESPONDENCE**

113.1 A notification was received and noted from RCT Traffic Management re implementing prohibition of waiting restrictions at Glenavon Terrace.

113.2 Correspondence was received from Mr G Fry of Glenavon Terrace relating to minute 73.1 proposed double yellow lines at Glenavon Terrace. The clerk reported that she has dealt with the enquiry. Mr Fry had a second issue and that is the way that the community council delegates external works and mentioned a code of conduct around the decision making. The clerk has forwarded him a copy of the financial regulations. It was RESOLVED: that the Chair reply to Mr Fry.

### **114. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

114.1 Borough Councillor Roberts contacted Andrew Morgan Leader of RCT CBC regarding the proposed new playarea and the following reply was received from Lisa Austin.

Apologies that this is taking so long, but please be assured that discussions are taking place, and my colleagues in the Estates team and Planning, are now working on the land issue and we hope to have a resolution imminently. Once resolved this will allow the transfer of land between departments and we can then proceed with the installation. I have also been verbally advised that this type of provision would fall within the scope of Permitted development (GPDO part 12, Class A), which is good news, but I will double check as I wouldn't want proceedings to be halted if this was challenged.

You will already be aware of a proposal that has been costed and drawn up; however I re-visited the design and made some improvements, I will get this re-costed, and I will send through new visuals for your approval and discussion with the resident and Community Council.

I totally understand your frustrations with the pace of this project, but this scheme has been very challenging to deliver, and I hope that you feel the projects that I have been involved in previously, have all been well considered and welcomed by the community

114.2 The latest Hydropwer working group report, emailed by the Chair, was discussed.

**115. FINANCIAL REPORT**

115.1	Bank balance as of 31.01.26		£129428.08
115.1a	Tesco	Allotment	£9.50
115.1b	B&Q	Allotment	£15
115.1c	B&Q	Allotment	£39
115.1d	B&Q	Allotment	£69

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115.2 Bank transactions for January

**January Expenditure**

Dawn Walters	£1428
Huw Jones	£468.88
Russell Scully	£1220.98
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£878.58
BT	£51.54
Lloyds	£4.35
Tesco	£9.50
B&Q	£15
B&Q	£39
B&Q	£69

**January Income**

Allotment	£100
Garages	£130
SSE	£46.76

115.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£60000
Bus Shelters	£2282
Events	£10801
Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
S137 Grants	£300
Donations	£1100
Allotment	£6968
Council Premises	£22359
Biodiversity	£3349
Training & Remuneration Payments	£1000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£108159</b>

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£13184
Unpresented Cheques	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£13184</b>

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
Precept	£0
Allotment & Ground Rent	£942
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£942</b>

115.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.01.2026	£129428.08
Earmarked + Commitments	£-121343
Income not yet received	£+942
<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£9027.08</b>

**116. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

116.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will be the monthly meeting which will take place on Wednesday 11 March 2026.





