

## January 2025

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 8 January 2025 at the Community Council Office.**

***Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 8 Ionawr 2025.***

### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

#### **107. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

107.1 No apologies were received.

#### **108. SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CASPAR HARRIS AND MATT STEVENS OF TRUSSEL TRUST'S GUARANTEE OUR ESSENTIALS CAMPAIGN**

108.1 Matt spoke of the campaign with it's focus on an Independent Commission and increasing the Universal Credit benefit. It was RESOLVED: that Councillor Draper prepare a letter of support on behalf of the community council for circulation to Chris Bryant, MSs and County Borough councillors.

#### **109. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

109.1 No declarations were received.

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

110.1 No representations were received.

#### **111. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**112. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

112.1 Minute 97.1 There are still issues with the online banking. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries with Lloyds bank.

112.2 Minute 97.2 No update on dog fouling signage.

112.3 Minute 97.3 Councillor R Price discussed the gazebo options. It was RESOLVED: that 2 be purchased in royal blue dimensions 4x3.5 with sides and weights from Gazeboshop UK for quality and value for money.

112.4 Minute 97.5 No reply received from Lisa Austin re skateboard park signage.

112.5 Minute 103.3 Russell has a DBS with the GGCA.

112.6 Minute 104.1 The clerk reported that she has not been able to find an alternative provider for the Christmas lights and trees. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk, in her meeting with Anthony Gough of Centregreat in April, discuss the possibility of bunting lights for December 2025.

112.7 Minute 104.3 Councillor Draper has not received a reply from Welcome to our Woods.

112.8 Minute 104.4 Councillor Abbott reported that the waterboard have visited the area.

**113. ALLOTMENT / GARAGE CHARGES FOR 2025**

113.1 It was RESOLVED: that the allotment fee remains at £25 per plot.

113.2 It was RESOLVED: that the garage fee increase to £110.

**114. ALLOMENT UPDATE**

114.1 The clerk reported that Riley started with Russell today.

**115. OFFICE RENOVATIONS / WHITE HUT**

115.1 After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: that the draft lease be approved. Caitlin Kloet of Robertsons Solicitors Cardiff will be acting on behalf of the Community Council.

**116. BIODIVERSITY BUDGET**

116.1 The clerk reported that the bus shelter roofs aren't suitable as none of them are flat.

116.2 Councillor Draper reported that he has contacted Richard Wistow for advice. He will also contact the Lost Peatlands Project.

**117. CORRESPONDENCE**

117.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

117.1a Djs Mini Market 16 High Street CF39 8SP proposed change of use from a disused basement flat to a hairdresser salon.

117.2 A request was received from Gilfach Goch OAP Welfare organisation for help with their 80 yrs and over Christmas £50 cash payments. They had a problem in getting to a Barclays Bank to make the withdrawal. After seeking advice from RCT audit department the OAP Welfare organisation presented a cheque for £10000 made payable to Gilfach Goch Community Council in exchange for £10000 cash.

**118. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

118.1 Councillor Rees has concerns regarding the accumulation of water on the bridge area of Cambrian Avenue and the road between Palmers and Llewellyn's shops. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries with Borough Councillor Roberts.

118.2 Councillor Draper reported the tree overgrowth at the property of Eloise Prosser, High Street. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk would monitor the situation.

**119. FINANCIAL REPORT**

119.1	Bank balance as of 31.12.24	£189872.44
119.1a	Sports Direct      Waterproof Jacket	£39.99
119.1b	Tesco                      Breakfast With Santa	£104.89
119.1c	A1 Loo Hire              Portaloo	£180
119.1d	One Voice Wales      Membership	£626
119.1e	Central B & C Sup      Disinfectant	£22.08
119.1f	Marks & Spencer      Flowers & Chocolates	£16
119.1g	OAP Welfare	£10000

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119.2 Bank transactions for December

**December Expenditure**

Dawn Walters	£1324.80
Huw Jones	£439.12
Russell Scully	£1191.80
Zoom	£15.59
HMRC	£703.02
BT	£50.22
RCT Council Tax	£121
Sports Direct	£39.99
Tesco	£104.89
One Voice Wales	£626
A1 Loo Hire	£180
Central Bar & Catering Supplies	£22.08
Marks & Spencer	£16
OAP Welfare	£10000

**December Income**

S Euston	£10
OAP Welfare	£10000
RCT Precept	£29170.33

119.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area & Skateboard Park	£60000
Bus Shelters	£1277
Events	£8376
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£250
Allotment	£3516
Office Refurbishment	£58975
Training & Remuneration Payments	£960
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£133354</b>

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£15471
Unpresented Cheques	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£15471</b>

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£0
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1280
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1280</b>

119.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.12.2024	£189872.44
Earmarked + Commitments	£-148825
Income not yet received	£+1280
<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£42327.44</b>

**120. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

120.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 12 February 6.30pm at the Council Office.