

## July 2025

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 9 July 2025 at the Community Council Office.**

***Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 9 Gorffennaf 2025.***

### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

#### **26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

26.1 J.ABBOTT

#### **27. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

27.1 No declarations were received.

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

28.1 Anthony Rose was present.

#### **29. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

#### **30. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

30.1 Minute 18.1 New logo is being designed.

30.2 Minute 18.2 The pre demolition survey is being prepared by Anchem following a site visit on Tuesday 8 July.

30.3 Minute 20.3 A laptop has been purchased from Extrascope and an extension lead was donated.

30.4 Minute 22.2 No update on the new playarea.

30.5 Minute 22.5 The Stagecoach 172 service will remain.

30.6 Minute 23.7 It was RESOLVED: that new trees be purchased.

**31. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

31.1 A new plot holder. There are now 31 active plots.

31.2 It was suggested that some of the produce be taken to the annual forestry run / fun day to promote interest

**32. EVENTS**

32.1 An alternative forestry run route and risk assessment is complete and has been accepted by Natural Resources Wales. A £1000 donation has been received from Dale Hart, Walters Pennant, towards the event. St John's will provide first aid cover.

32.2 Corey Elkins of the fire service has been notified that the community council will no longer fund future fireworks displays. Corey is hopeful that Borough Councillor Roberts will secure funding for an annual event in the village.

32.3 It was RESOLVED: that a film night, showing a production of How Green Was My Valley, be held at the Rock Church on Friday 24 October at 7pm for approximately 50 people.

32.4 There will be a festive afternoon tea dance held at the OAP Hall on Friday 12 December 3-5pm for approximately 50 people. The CF39 Café will provide refreshments.

**33. COMMUNITY AWARDS**

33.1 Following a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: that this be discussed again in October.

**34. CORRESPONDENCE**

34.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

34.1a 4 Holly Street CF39 8UB single storey extension to rear.

34.2 Correspondence was received from Joanna Bayliss, on behalf of Real Acts of Community Kindness group, requesting the use of the community council building. It was RESOLVED: that Joanna be invited to attend the meeting in September to provide more information.

34.3 One Voice Wales requested an attendee and substitute for a remote meeting on Wednesday 3 September at 4pm to discuss the Constitution and Governance Framework. It was RESOLVED: that Councillor L Price attend and Councillor J Rees substitute.

34.4 Anthony Rose was asked to leave the meeting at this point for the duration of discussions of the co-option councillor vacancy out of fairness to all candidates as he was one of the candidates.

34.5 Three applications were received Richard Walters, Anthony Rose and Stephen Clee. All three were very good candidates. Following a lengthy discussion, it was unanimous that Richard Walters be accepted.

### **35. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

35.1 The clerk reported on the incident of the bus shelter damage on 23 June. I have been in contact with Robyn Greenslade RCT Street Furniture who tells me that only Bus Shelters Ltd produce our specific shelter range and will match all of the existing shelters in the village. Bus Shelters Ltd won the contract with RCT and they only use them. The shelter will be financed by the driver's insurance company Aviva, who state that they need a like for like quotation. Jason Morgan has stated that this is ok. He was happy with the one quote of £8594.78 due to the following that was received from Robyn Greenslade, Street Furniture, RCT. **As discussed. Only bus Shelters Ltd produce your specific shelter range and it will match all your other Shelters in Gilfach. Bus shelters Ltd won the contract with RCT and so we only use them. When RCT replaced the shelters in Gilfach Goch we bought the matching shelter, so all shelters looked the same even though they cost us more. Your shelters are from a better-quality range than ours, look better, stronger and more robust to vandalism. When I replace any shelters, I only purchase like for like. I advise you to do the same.**

35.2 S137 Grant application forms will be available with a closing date of Friday 22 August.

35.3 The nature board will be sent for Welsh translation while waiting for the new logo.

35.4 Councillor L Price reported on National Grid works at Hendreforgan Crescent and the poor condition of the finished work / debris left behind. All councillors agreed that several areas in the village are of concern following the works. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Borough Councillor Roberts for advice on how to address these concerns.

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35.5 Councillors reported on the damaged trees in the village that were put in place by RCT. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Borough Councillor Roberts regarding the maintenance of these trees.

35.6 The Chair gave an update on the Community Valley Energy Group.

35.7 Councillor Rees reported on bullying issues at the skateboard park. She had seen posts on Facebook.

**36. FINANCIAL REPORT**

36.1	Bank balance as of 30.06.25	£138933.04
36.1a	M J Bradshaw Tricky Micky F Run	£280
36.1b	Rhondda Radio Opening Event	£100
36.1c	Hokey Cokey F Run	£325
36.1d	Friends of GGDC NF Fitness Classes	£1000
36.1e	Wickes Allotment	£4.00
36.1f	Porth Fuel Express Petrol	£6.70
36.1g	RCT Ground Rent Hendreforgan bus shelter	£5.00
36.1h	G4S Forestry Run Publicity	£106.34
36.1i	Groundwork Ser Removal of bus shelter debris	£625
36.1j	Sweets & Treats F Run	£150
36.1k	Audit Wales 2022/23 fees	£758

36.2 Bank transactions for June

	<b><u>June Expenditure</u></b>
Dawn Walters	£1331.25
Huw Jones	£468.88
Russell Scully	£1192.00
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£895.21
BT	£358.26
RCT Council Tax	£122
M J Bradshaw	£280
Rhondda Radio	£100
Hokey Cokey Events	£325
Friends of GGDC re NF Fitness	£1000
Wickes	£4.00
Porth Fuel Express	£6.70
RCT	£5.00
G4S	£106.34
Groundwork Services	£625
Sweets & Treats	£150
Audit Wales	£758

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**June Income**

S Euston	£10
Allotment Rent	£25
Grantscape re NF Fitnes Classess	£1000
RCT rent refund	£350
Walters Pennant F Run	£1000

36.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£1370
Events	£15091
Windfarm / Grantscape	£4000
S137 Grants	£10000
Donations	£4000
Allotment	£9450
Council Premises	£34807
Biodiversity	£3500
Training & Remuneration Payments	£2456
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£124674</b>

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£39087
Unpresented Cheques	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£39087</b>

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£4000
Precept	58574
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1270
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£63844</b>

36.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.06.2025	£138933.04
Earmarked + Commitments	£-163761
Income not yet received	£+63844
<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£39016.04</b>

36.5 Members Allowances £156 basic and £52 additional per annum. The maximum £30 entitlement for attending meetings was discussed and it was RESOLVED: that this would not be implemented.

**37. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

37.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will be the S137 Grants meeting, followed by the monthly meeting which will take place on Wednesday 10 September at the Council Office

