

July 2026

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 8 July 2026 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 8 Gorffennaf.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

26.1 R.PRICE

27. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

27.1 Declarations were received.

27.1a The clerk declared a pecuniary interest regarding a quotation received from B Walters for work at the community Garden.

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

28.1 No representations were received.

29. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

30. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

30.1 Minute 18.4 The clerk reported on the meeting that she had with Mr Mahoney. He still wishes to meet with the Chair regarding unanswered questions.

30.2 Minute 18.5 No update on solar panels for the GGCA.

30.3 Minute 18.9 The Unity Trust Bank Account has been set up and has to initially have an instant access account with a minimum investment of £50 before the 32 day access savings account can be opened.

30.4 Minute 23.4 The bird boxes were all positioned in the trees surrounding the school.

30.5 Minute 23.5 Councillor Walters has prepared the signage for the skateboard park stating that the community council contributed £20000.

31. EVENTS

31.1 Nine attended the movie night.

31.2 The clerk gave an update on the forestry run event.

32. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

32.1 Unfortunately there is a new area of knotweed which will need treatment.

32.2 There is another new plot holder. Russell has prepared an area of land.

33. COMMUNITY GARDEN

33.1 It was RESOLVED: that B Walters go ahead with the works according to the £120 quotation. The clerk having declared a pecuniary interest took no part in the decision.

33.2 Following the success of the One Voice Wales Biodiversity Grant the clerk has requested seating, wildflowers and large terracotta pots. Councillor L Price has a crab apple tree that could possibly be put there.

34. CORRESPONDENCE

34.1 It was RESOLVED: that the council agree to oppose the proposed Mynydd Y Gaer Windfarm.

34.2 The revised Model Code of Conduct was adopted by all members present.

34.3 Correspondence was read and noted regarding legal proceedings for the bus shelter claim.

35. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

35.1 There have been many complaints about the Well Pharmacy Service. Councillor Abbott is a member of the panel at Cwm Gwyrdd Medical Centre and will discuss this with the practice manager Louise Duck.

35.2 The Chair gave an update on the Valleys Community Energy Group.

36. FINANCIAL REPORT

36.1	Bank balance as of 30.06.26	£118161.25
36.1a	Flocon Valves Community Garden	£161.10
36.1b	Trophystore F Run	£337.84
36.1c	RCT B Shelter land rent	£5
36.1d	RCT Community Orchard	£25
36.1e	Cartridgesave Ink Cartridges	£54.26
36.1f	Blackmill S S Petrol	£6.45
36.1g	Hokey Cokey F Run	£575
36.1h	B&Q Petrol Can	£9
36.1i	Co-op Refreshments	£10
36.1j	Central B & C Sup Disinfectant	£22.08
36.1k	Baker Ross F Run	£115
36.1l	B Walters Community Garden	£3020
36.1m	D Davies Skips	£295
36.1n	GGCA Summer Playscheme	£2556.29
36.1o	M J Brayshaw F Run	£290
36.1p	Jeans Hardware Community Garden	£35.70
36.1q	LBS Builders Community Garden	£83.34
36.1r	Inscapes Community Garden	£58.50
36.1s	RCT I T SLA	£43.78
36.1t	Inscapes Community Garden	£23.40
36.1u	Jeans Hardware Community Garden	£23.80

36.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£60000
Bus Shelters	£1982
Events	£17850
Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
S137 Grants	£10000
Donations	£1442
Allotment	£4767
Community Garden	£9835
Biodiversity	£1465
Training & Remuneration Payments	£1956
TOTAL	£109297

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£44428
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£44428

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
Precept	£74627
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1785
TOTAL	£76412

36.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.06.2026	£118161.25
Earmarked + Commitments	£-153725
Income not yet received	£+76412
BAL:	£40848.25

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 Grants meeting followed by the monthly meeting which will take place on Wednesday 9 September 6.30pm at the Council Office.

