

## March 2024

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 13 March 2024 at the Community Council Office.

*Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 13 Mawrth 2024.*

### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

#### **134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

134.1 A. WARREN D. ATHWAL

#### **135. SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM CHERYL WILLIAMS AND RICHARD MORGAN OF THE MYNYDD Y GAER WINDFARM ACTION GROUP RE THE CENIN PROPOSAL**

135.1 Cheryl and Richard received a welcome and spoke of the group's concerns. The group's report, once finalised, will be presented to the community council.

#### **136. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

136.1 No declarations were received.

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

137.1. No representations were received.

#### **138. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

**139. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

139.1 Minute 123.3 There is no update on the trees. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries with B C Roberts and Kelly Daniel of RCT Corporate Estates.

139.2 Minute 123.4 To be discussed in reports.

139.3 Minute 123.5 The wildlife information board is with Richard Wistow.

139.4 Minute 123.7 There is still an issue with column 14. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk report it.

139.5 Minute 123.8 No update from PCSO.

139.6 Minute 123.9 B C Roberts has confirmed that a bus stop sign has been requested.

139.7 Minute 129.2 There are several areas in the village where roads need repairing and this area is on the list as confirmed by B C Roberts.

139.8 Minute 129.3 All gully drains in the village are being cleaned but will take some time. B C Roberts requested this.

**140. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

140.1 Russell Scully, Groundsperson, thanked the community council for his permanent contract.

140.2 Russell has completed the First Aid at Work course with St John's Ambulance Cymru.

**141. OFFICE RENOVATIONS**

141.1 Correspondence received from Kelly Daniel, RCT Corporate Estates states that the White Hut would have an annual rent in the region of £4200. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Clair Ruddock and Kelly Daniel to discuss this amount before proceeding with the application.

141.2 Amendments were made to the business plan.

141.3 The Concessionary Lettings Application Form was discussed.

**142. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

142.1 Councillor Draper reported that he had met with Linda Michel and Glen Evans, two councillors from Tonyrefail Community Council to discuss this annual event organised by Gilfach Goch Fire Station and funded by the community councils. The topic was to consider replacing fireworks with a lazer display. It was RESOLVED: that a joint formal meeting be held with representatives of the two councils, Corey Elkins of the fire service and the Evanstown community councillors. Public consultation may be considered following this meeting.

**143. CORRESPONDENCE**

143.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

143.1a Ty Rhosyn Homes Hybrid planning Land North of Wilifred Way  
Tonyrefail CF39 8JQ.

**144. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

144.1 The clerk, Councillor Draper and B C Roberts attended a meeting at the GGCA with Adam Kettley, RCT, with regards to the skateboard park and proposed new play area at the top of High Street. Lisa Austin did not attend. The skateboard park has been designed and was shared with one of the youths. The skateboard park should be in place this year. Adam Kettley said that he would prioritize the investigations needed for permission of the proposed new play area.

144.2 The councillors wished to thank B C Roberts for all her work in dealing with matters required in the village.

144.3 Councillor Draper reported that he attended a Social Media and Community Engagement course but didn't find it helpful or informative and believes that it was mis sold. This course was available through One Voice Wales. He has completed an evaluation form and believes that we should not be charged.

144.4 Councillor Draper reported that the Hydropwer Group met on 18 February.

**145. FINANCIAL REPORT**

145.1	Bank balance as of 29.2.24		£175364.96
145.1a	B&Q	Allotment	£4.00
145.1b	Blackmill S S	Petrol	£6.92
145.1c	Wickes	Allotment	£12.60
145.2d	First Tunnels	Polytunnel	£818.10
145.2e	Centregreat	Christmas	£6684
145.2f	A1 Loo Hire	Portaloo	£240
145.2g	Screwfix	Safety Boots (R. S.)	£47.99
145.2h	B&Q	Allotment	£43.99
145.2i	R C Foodbank	S137 Grant	£2350

**146. ACCOUNTS**

146.1	Cheques authorised		
	002723	Dawn Walters	£1258.50
	002724	Huw Jones	£416.80
	002725	Russell Scully	£1147.40

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146.2 Bank transactions for February

**February Expenditure**

Dawn Walters	£1258.50	Cheque 002723
Huw Jones	£416.80	Cheque 002724
Russell Scully	£1147.40	Cheque 002725
Zoom	£15.59	
HMRC	£629.22	
BT	£46.53	
A1 Loo Hire	£240	
Wickes	£12.60	
B&Q	£4.00	
Blackmill Service Station	£6.92	
First Tunnels	£818.10	
Centregreat	£6684	
Screwfix	£47.99	
B&Q	£43.99	
Rock Church Foodbank	£2350	

**February Income**

Allotments / Garage Fees	£560
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146.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£0
Events	£4449
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£0
Allotment	£7293
Office Refurbishment	£57925
Training	£787
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£110454</b>

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£8728
Unpresented Cheques	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8728</b>

Income not yet received

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

146.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 29.02.2024	£175364.96
Earmarked + Commitments	£-119182
Income not yet received	£+0
<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£56182.96</b>

147. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

147.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 10 April at 6.30pm at the Council Office.