

March 2025

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 12 March 2025 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 12 Mawrth 2025.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

133. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

133.1 A.WARREN R.PRICE

134. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

134.1 No declarations were received.

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

135.1 No representations were received.

136. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

137. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

137.1 Minute 112.7 Councillor Draper will contact the company Supersize Print who are based in Buckinghamshire.

137.2 Minute 125.1 Councillor Draper has received two replies.

137.3 Minute 130.3 Councillor Rees's concern re skateboard park has been explained by Richard Walters GGCA. The clerk has emailed the reply to councillors.

138. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

138.1 The clerk has emailed photographs of all recent works.

138.2 The student no longer wishes to continue with his placement.

138.3 Councillors queried if there is a compost heap at the allotment. The clerk will make enquiries.

139. WHITE HUT

139.1 The official handover was made on Thursday 20 February at 1pm.

139.2 The clerk reported that Kelly Daniel, RCT, has informed her that the Concessionary Lettings Application has been approved and that she is waiting for official notification.

139.3 The clerk reported on the SPF works carried out to date.

139.4 It was RESOLVED: that the following additional works be carried out

139.4a Renew 3 windows Upvc double glazed

139.4b Replace window guards. Two quotations have been received from S. Jones and B. Walters. It was RESOLVED: that the work be given to S. Jones. The quotation was the lowest in price and S. Jones has done many jobs in the past for the community council all to a very high standard.

139.4c New gated entrance. Two quotations have been received from S. Jones and B. Walters. It was RESOLVED: that the work be given to S. Jones. The quotation was the lowest in price and S. Jones has done many jobs in the past for the community council all to a very high standard.

139.4d Jet wash fascias, gutters and all external walls and repaint.

139.4e X4 new internal doors.

139.4f Paint x 12 radiators.

139.4g Purchase new radiator for office area.

139.5 The clerk reported that she has been in contact with BT regarding the telephone line and internet. It was RESOLVED: that she contact an alternative supplier for a quotation.

139.6 All councillors wished to thank Brian Walters for all the additional works carried out - the clearing of the building, journeys to the council tip and working with the contractors.

139.7 A community event will be held for the official opening.

139.8 Councillor Draper would like to see a mural on one of the exterior walls. Planning permission and approval from the Highways department would be required. It was RESOLVED: that this be discussed later.

139.9 The clerk reported that there is a problem with the paperwork of the existing boiler. No installation date or service history. She has contacted corporate estates for information.

139.10 It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact an estate agent who may be able to offer advice regarding use of the current office once vacant.

140. CORRESPONDENCE

140.1 No correspondence received.

141. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

141.1 Councillor Draper reported that the community council are entitled to a year's free membership of the Community Energy Wales, after which it's £50 per annum. It's next meeting will be held on 25 March.

141.2 Councillor L Price reported that there is still signage advertising the fireworks display that was held last November in place opposite Hendreforgan School. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Corey Elkins of the fire service to remove it.

141.3 Councillor Draper reported on the RCT Let's Talk Wildflowers Scheme. It was RESOLVED: that the community council would participate.

142. FINANCIAL REPORT

142.1	Bank balance as of 28.02.25		£165931.79
142.1a	Gazeboshop	Gazebos	£1753
142.1b	Rock Community Church	Food Bank	£469
142.1c	Centregreat	Christmas Features	£5956.80
142.1d	Eye to Eye	Youth Counselling	£300
142.1e	Pondkeeper	Pond Liner	£74.99
142.1f	Robertsons Solicitors	White Hut Legal Fees	£3303.40
142.1g	GGCA	Biodiversity	£2000
142.1h	Poundstretcher	Storage Boxes	£62.93
142.1i	A1 Loo Hire	Portaloo	£270
142.1j	Central B & C Supplies	Disinfectant	£22.08

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142.2 Bank transactions for February

February Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1324.80
Huw Jones	£439.32
Russell Scully	£1191.80
Zoom	£15.59
HMRC	£702.82
BT	£50.22
Gazeboshop	£1753
Rock Community Church	£469
Centregreat	£5956.80
Eye To Eye	£300
Pondkeeper	£74.99
Robertsons Solicitors	£3303.40
GGCA	£2000
Poundstretcher	£62.93
A1 Loo Hire	£270

February Income

Allotment & Garage Fees	£700
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142.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area & Skateboard Park	£60000
Bus Shelters	£1259
Events	£3411
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£0
Allotment	£3229
Office Refurbishment	£55903
Training & Remuneration Payments	£960
TOTAL	£124762

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£8154
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£8154

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£0
Allotment & Ground Rent	£100
TOTAL	£100

142.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 28.02.2025	£165931.79
Earmarked + Commitments	£-132916
Income not yet received	£+100
BAL:	£33115.79

142.5 As of 13 May 2025 the Lloyds Treasurers Account will automatically be transferred to a Community Account.

142.6 It was RESOLVED: that Easter eggs be purchased for the pupils of Hendreforgan School from the Events budget.

143. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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