

March 2026

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 11 March 2026 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 11 Mawrth.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

117.1 A.WARREN

118. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

118.1 Declarations were received.

118.1a The Clerk declared a pecuniary interest regarding community garden quotation from Brian Walters.

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

119.1 No representations were received.

120. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

121. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

121.1 Minute 109.2 No update on £250 excess refund.

121.2 Minute 109.4 New trees have been planted at the community orchard.

121.3 Minute 109.6 Extrascope have installed the AV equipment, and it was RESOLVED: that a licence be obtained from MPLC.

121.4 Minute 109.7 Borough Councillor Roberts reported that RCT Highways are still pursuing the matter with National Grid re Hendreforgan Crescent.

121.5 Minute 109.8 Dog fouling signage received.

121.6 Minute 110.1 S Evelyn is pleased with the work at the allotment.

121.7 Minute 111.1 The clerk was instructed to go ahead with gazebo signage and 2 feather banners.

121.8 Minute 113.2 No further correspondence received from Mr Fry.

122. EVENTS

122.1 Signage has been ordered for the Spring event.

122.2 Easter eggs have been purchased and delivered to Hendreforgan School. Rev. Rachel Wheeler and the clerk will be at the school on Wednesday 25 March.

123. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

123.1 There was a leak in the pond liner, and the company have replaced it.

123.2 All tenants have paid their fee.

124. COMMUNITY GARDEN

124.1 The clerk reported that she had spoken to the residents of 1 Etna Terrace regarding ownership of the brick wall, and they could not find any evidence on the title deeds of their ownership. It was Resolved that the Community Council would accept safety and ownership of the wall and inform the residents.

124.2 Two quotations for work were read and noted. The clerk is waiting for a third quotation.

124.3 Rachel Carter, Biodiversity Officer One Voice Wales, will be visiting the site on Wednesday 22 April 10.30

125. CORRESPONDENCE

125.1 Planning applications were read and noted for the following

125.1a 3 Hendreforgan Crescent CF39 8UL Demolish existing structures to side elevation and replace with a 2-storey flat roof extension to rear elevation.

125.1b 166-168 High Street CF39 8SN A compound and the construction of a single storey timber frame building to store and maintain plant and machinery.

126. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

126.1 It was RESOLVED: that minor changes be made to the new letterhead before being approved.

126.2 It was RESOLVED that external signage be ordered for the office.

126.3 The Wildlife board was approved, and it was RESOLVED: that two be ordered and placed at the waterfall area where there is already a stand in place and at the community garden.

126.4 Councillor Abbott reported that it is the 70th anniversary of YGG Tonyrefail. The school plans fundraising to mark the occasion with a mural. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact the school for details in order to donate.

126.5 The clerk reported that there has been some confusion with regards to the buildings insurance and is waiting for official clarification from Kelly Daniel RCT.

126.6 The Chair gave a report on Valleys Energy and solar panels.

126.7 The Chair reported on the Cymru Together Initiative, Climate Cymru and it was RESOLVED: that they be invited to the meeting in June.

126.8 Councillor Walters reported that the residents of Hendreforgan Estate have formed a Tenants and Residents group in conjunction with Trivallis.

126.9 The clerk reported that there are ongoing problems with the gas boiler. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquires of opting out of the service level agreement with RCT.

127. FINANCIAL REPORT

127.1	Bank balance as of 28.02.26	£118080.47
127.1a	alan Sturrock Trees	£477.85
127.1b	Centregreat Christmas	£4454.40
127.1c	Hokey Cokey Ev Events	£575
127.1d	Baker Ross Events	£117.16
127.1e	Faith Marketing Logo	£390
127.1f	RCT CBC Utilities recharge	£697.22
127.1g	A1 Loo Hire Portaloo	£480
127.1h	Glamorline Blinds	£1248
127.1i	Cartridgesave Ink Cartridges	£82.48
127.1j	RCT CBC x11 Utility Recharges	£697.22

127.2 Bank transactions for February

February Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1427.80
Huw Jones	£468.88
Russell Scully	£1220.98
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£878.78
BT	£51.54
Lloyds	£4.25
Ian Sturrock	£477.85
Centregreat	£4454.40
Hokey Cokey Events	£575
Baker Ross	£117.16
Ffaith Marketing	£390
RCT CBC (11 entries)	£697.22
A1 Loo Hire	£480
Glamorline Blinds	£1248
Cartridgesave	£82.48

February Income

Allotments	£550
Garages	£610
Miscellaneous	£83.52

127.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£60000
Bus Shelters	£2282
Events	£6416
Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
S137 Grants	£300
Donations	£1100
Allotment	£6568
Council Premises	£21173
Biodiversity	£2872
Training & Remuneration Payments	£1000
TOTAL	£101711

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£9188
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£9188

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
Precept	£0
Allotment & Ground Rent	£0
TOTAL	£0

127.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 28.02.2026	£118080.47
Earmarked + Commitments	£-110899
Income not yet received	£+0
BAL:	£7181.47

127.5 The clerk reported on surplus balances under Grants, Donations and Chair Allowance budget headings. It was RESOLVED: that there were no plans for expenditure in the current financial year.

127.6 It was RESOLVED: that the next Finance Sub Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 2 April 9am.

128. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 8 April 2026.

