

**May 2024**

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at the Community Council Office.**

***Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 8 Mai 2024.***

**PRESENT**

COUNCILLORS: L. PRICE R. PRICE A.WARREN D.ATHWAL  
J.ABBOTT

**IN ATTENDANCE**

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 A.DRAPER J.REES

**2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

2.1 No declarations were received.

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

3.1 No representations were received.

**4. STAFF SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

4.1 Clerk & RFO 20 hrs a week. Point 27 NJC pay scale £35745 pro rata £19322.

4.2 Outdoor Assets Caretaker 12 hrs a week. National Living Wage hourly rate £11.44

4.3 Groundsperson 20 hrs a week. Point 12 NJC pay scale £26421 pro rata £14282.

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

6.1 Minute 152.1 Borough Councillor Roberts expressed her concerns regarding the trees that were planted there by RCT. John Crockett's reply was that she was informed of the tree planting but there was no attachment to the information stating where they were to be planted. John Crockett also stated that he was not aware that permission had been granted to the community council for the orchard. The clerk has forwarded him a copy of the licence but has not received a reply.

6.2 Minute 152.3 There is no fault with column 14. It is set for these times along with many others in the village.

6.3 Minute 152.4 Unfortunately budgets are tight. Many potholes have been filled but unfortunately haven't proved to be sustainable. B C Roberts has reported this to the highways department to query with the contractor.

6.4 Minute 152.5 A meeting to discuss the fireworks event will be held at the Tonyrefail Community Council office on Wednesday 11 May a 6pm. A Draper, R Price and the D Walters will attend.

6.5 Minute 155.2 After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: that £3000 be donated to Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Tonyrefail for school trips as requested by Borough Councillor Roberts from the Windfarm budget as there are many pupils at the school who reside in the village.

6.6 Minute 155.3 It was RESOLVED: that £250 be donated towards Hendreforgan year 6 prom.

6.7 Minute 156.4 Openreach and Welsh Water have been working on the drainage problem near the GGCA. The flooding at the junction on top of Thomas Street has been addressed by RCT. Debris from Penybryn has been blocking the drains which are on the list to be cleaned.

6.8 Minute 156.5 It was RESOLVED: that the photographs submitted by A Draper be used for the wildlife board.

**7. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

7.1 Russell is prioritising the communal polytunnel and wildlife pond.

**8. OFFICE RENOVATIONS**

8.1 A second meeting will take place on Thursday 9 May with Clair Ruddock as additional information is required.

8.2 The energy efficiency audit and structural survey have taken place, and the reports are being prepared. The clerk has applied for a grant via the Shared Prosperity Fund for the costs of these reports.

**9. NEW PLAYAREA**

9.1 Lisa Austin has confirmed that they have £25000 in addition to the community council's contribution of £40000.

9.2 It was RESOLVED: that the community council are donating the £40000 to enable RCT to develop the area.

9.3 RCT will inform the community council of any consultation.

**10. EVENTS**

10.1 It was RESOLVED: that the annual forestry run / fun day will be held on Wednesday 7 August.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

11.1 Correspondence was read from Ty Hafan regarding their Big Ambition Project. It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £500 be made.

11.2 Correspondence was read from Richard Walters regarding the old cenotaph fencing. It was RESOLVED: that the community council would have no use for this.

11.3 The internal audit report prepared by Jason Morgan was discussed and all recommendations will be implemented.

11.4 Correspondence was read from Abercerdin Community Hwb pantry. It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £250 be made.

**12. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

12.1 The Equality and Diversity Policy was approved.

12.2 It was RESOLVED: that the damaged bus shelter panel opposite the Bog Lane be replaced. An alternative to Perspex panels will be considered if there is any further vandalism.

**13. FINANCIAL REPORT**

13.1	Bank balance as of 30.4.24		£196964.21
13.1a	Toolstation	Allotment	£41.96
13.1b	B&Q	Allotment	£81.48
13.1c	Wickes	Allotment	113.50
13.1d	Cwm Rhondda Skip	Allotment	£310
13.1e	S Heal & AR Meek	Pat Testing	£60
13.1f	Wickes	Allotment	£13
13.1g	GG OAP	Windfarm	£2000
13.1h	Amazon	Bus shelter cleaner	£23.12
13.1i	Trustmark	Box Files	£23.94
13.1j	Blackmill S S	Petrol	£14.02

**14. ACCOUNTS**

14.1	Cheques authorised		
	002729	Dawn Walters	£1253.52
	002730	Huw Jones	£439.32
	002731	Russell Scully	£1150.24

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14.2 Bank transactions for April

**April Expenditure**

Dawn Walters	£1253.52	Cheque 002729
Huw Jones	£439.32	Cheque 002730
Russell Scully	£1150.24	Cheque 002731
Zoom	£15.59	
HMRC	£636.96	
BT	£46.53	
RCT Council Tax	£119.30	
Toolstation	£41.96	
B&Q	£81.48	
Wickes	£113.50	
Cwm Rhondda Skips	£310	
S Heal & R M Meek	£60	
Wickes	£13	
OAP Welfare	£2000	
Amazon	£23.12	
Turstmark	£23.94	
Dwr Cymru	£6.06	
Blackmill Service Station	£14.02	

**April Income**

Allotments / Garage Fees	£10
HMRC Vat Refund	£5264.12

14.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area & Skateboard Park	£60000
Bus Shelters	£1981
Events	£19000
Windfarm	£3000
S137 Grants	£8000
Allotment	£9522
Office Refurbishment	£60000
Training & Remuneration Payments	£2456
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£163959</b>

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£44920
Unpresented Cheques	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£44920</b>

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£5000
Precept	£58341
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1390
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£64731</b>

14.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.04.2024	£196964.21
Earmarked + Commitments	£-208879
Income not yet received	£+64731
<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£52816.21</b>

**15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

