

May 2026

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 13 Mai.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2.1 Declarations were received.

2.1a The clerk declared a pecuniary interest regarding payment to B Walters for signage and community garden.

2.1b The clerk and Councillors L and R Price declared a personal interest in the Grantscape Grants awarded to the Rock Church and Moriah Chapel. They took no part in the decision of their interests.

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 28 NJC pay scale £39152 pro rata £21163.24

Outdoor Assets Caretaker 12 hrs a week. National Living Wage hourly rate £12.71

Groundsperson 20 hrs a week. Point 12 NJC pay scale £28598 pro rata £15458.38

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6.1 Minute 133.1 Keoghs are now involved in reclaiming the £250 excess. The insurance premium has increased by £310 despite the building no longer needing to be insured. The increase is due to the bus shelter claim.

6.2 Minute 133.5 Feather banners have been received.

6.3 Minute 133.6 Letterhead is still with the Chair.

6.4 Minute 133.7 Signage all in place and £120 payment approved for B. Walters.

6.5 Minute 133.8 Wildlife boards have been received, and one has been positioned at the waterfalls. The stand needs painting / stripping and the clerk will arrange with S. Jones.

6.6 Minute 133.12 No update on gas boiler opt out.

7. EVENTS

7.1 The hall will have a different layout for future movie nights. A sign will be placed on the toilet door. Advertising must be in line with the MPLC licensing rules although this does seem to be somewhat of a grey area.

7.2 First aid cover has been arranged for the Spring Event. The GGCA is available should weather conditions be poor. It was RESOLVED: that the Nearly Wild Show will attend. The Chair will ask the Tai Chi leader at the GGCA to attend if available.

7.3 The Annual Forestry Run / Fun Day will be held on August 12 pending availability of the facilities at the Welfare Park.

8. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

8.1 Plants have been purchased for the water feature.

9. COMMUNITY GARDEN

9.1 Rachel Carter, Biodiversity Office One Voice Wales, visited the site and shared ideas with the Chair, Councillor Rees, Councillor Abbott, the clerk and Brian

Walters. There are packages available and the clerk reported that she has completed the application form and the following needs to be done

Proof of land ownership or lease

Evidence the whole council has agreed to accept the package if your application is successful - either through a copy of council minutes or written confirmation from the Clerk, RFO or Chair. It was Resolved that the council agree.

Letter or email of support from volunteers, community group, school, or similar to install the package. Councillor Walters will provide a letter of support from GGCA.

9.2 Councillor Rees shared ideas for the garden.

9.3 Councillor L Price suggested that maybe the community council could develop the small area of land opposite the garden.

9.4 Spend to date is £5585.20 which includes the payment of £4480 first payment to B Walters. There will be unforeseen expenses incurred.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 The correspondence from Mr Brian Mahoney and his concerns regarding the council tax payment was discussed.

10.2 The £5000 income from Grantscape has been received and Borough Councillor Roberts requested the following and it was RESOLVED: that the payments be made.

Moriah Chapel	£1000
Bethel Church	£1000
St Barnabas Church	£1000
The Rock Church	£1000
GG Junior Rugby	£1000

11. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

11.1 The internal audit report prepared by Mr Jason Morgan was received and all recommendations have been noted. The councillors thanked the clerk for her efforts.

11.2 The Annual Governance Statement was approved.

11.3 The Accounting Statement was approved.

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11.4 The Chair gave an update on Valleys Community Energy and will make enquiries regarding solar panels for the GGCA.

11.5 There were concerns regarding some of the old metal benches in various areas of the village. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries into the ownership of the benches with Borough Councillor Roberts.

11.6 The Chair and clerk are meeting with Amy Pickford of Keep Wales Tidy on Tuesday 19 May regarding a top up package for the community orchard.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

12.1	Bank balance as of 30.04.26		£150065.47
12.1a	RCT	Utilities	£244.28
12.1b	One Voice Wales	Membership	£688
12.1c	B&Q	Allotment	£19.50
12.1d	Post Office	Postage	£1.55
12.1e	Supersize Print	Nature Boards	£76.72
12.1f	Jeans Hardware	Allotment	£7
12.1g	Printingwales.com	Feather Banners	£429.60
12.1h	LBS Build Supplies	Community Garden	£413.79
12.1i	G4S	Signage	£20.73
12.1j	Dwr Cymru	Etna Terrace	£94.26
12.1k	Blackmill S S	Allotment	£6.95
12.1l	B&Q	Allotment	£43.50
12.1m	LBS Build Supplies	Community Garden	£646.21

12.2 Bank transactions for April

April Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1411.00
Huw Jones	£488.08
Russell Scully	£1221.18
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£903.79
BT	£51.54
Lloyds	£6.91
RCT	£244.28
One Voice Wales	£688
B&Q	£19.50
Post Office	£1.55
Supersize Prints	£76.72
Jeans Hardware	£7
Printingwales.com Ltd	£429.60
LBS Building Supplies	£413.79
G4S	£20.73
Dwr Cymru	£94.26
Blackmill Service Station	£6.95
B&Q	43.50
LBS Building Supplies	£646.21

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April Income

Allotments	£25
Garages	£10
HMRC	£6037.47
Mynydd Windfarm	£5000
RCT Precept	£37313.67

12.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£60000
Bus Shelters	£2000
Events	£21000
Windfarm / Grantscape	£5000
S137 Grants	£10000
Donations	£4000
Allotment	£4935
Community Garden	£19117
Biodiversity	£1936
Training & Remuneration Payments	£1956
TOTAL	£129944

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£52476
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£52476

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
Precept	£74627
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1805
TOTAL	£76432

12.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.04.2026	£150065.47
Earmarked + Commitments	£-182420
Income not yet received	£+76432
BAL:	£44077.47

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12.5 Direct debits are in place for Zoom, Bank Charges, BT and Welsh Water. The clerk will check if it would be cheaper to make payment to Zoom annually rather than monthly.

12.6 The Chair suggested the £60000 earmarked for the new playarea be transferred to a Lloyds Account that pays interest. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries.

12.7 The following expenditure was approved from the Chair's Allowance. The clerk will purchase gift cards

£50 Huw Jones Wedding gift.

£50 Russell Scully when baby is born.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

