

## November 2025

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

*Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 12 Tachwedd.*

### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

#### **65. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

65.1 J.ABBOTT

#### **66. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

66.1 No declarations were received.

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

67.1 No representations were received.

#### **68. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

68.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting and the Finance sub committee meeting were then agreed as a true record.

#### **69. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

69.1 Minute 57.2 Quotations were received from Trustmark £45 hr, I Am Bagsy requesting £1000 beforehand and Ffaith Marketing £650. It was RESOLVED: that further enquiries be made with Ffaith Marketing.

69.2 Minute 57.2 No update on new Playarea.

69.3 Minute 57.4 One Voice Wales and our own insurers Gallagher could not offer any help or advice regarding the bus shelter claim with Aviva. The clerk has requested clarification of the content of the latest email from Guy Lawrence but hasn't received a reply. It was RESOLVED: that a formal letter be sent from the Chair stating that if the claim is not settled in full then the community council will take legal action.

69.4 Minute 57.5 Councillor Walters confirmed that no training has been arranged yet.

69.5 Andreas Buch has a new job and will not have time to redesign the website. It was RESOLVED: that enquiries be made in the new financial year.

## **70. COUNCIL PREMISES ETNA TERRACE**

70.1 National Grid disconnected the electricity supply on 3 November. The asbestos removal is complete. There were documents in plastic bags in the attic that were covered in cement debris which identified asbestos and had to be removed. These had been there for over 30 years. SSE will be removing the electricity meter on 3 December. Demolition work has commenced.

70.2 There is a council tax refund of £550.74.

## **71. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

71.1 There has been no further correspondence from Mr & Mrs Roberts.

71.2 It was RESOLVED: that the proposed works suggested by Councillor Walters go ahead to hopefully resolve Susan Evelyn's concerns.

## **72. EVENTS**

72.1 The screenings of How Green Was my Valley and The Coal Beneath our Feet the Wind above our Heads were successful and well attended. The Chair thanked members of the Rock Church for their hospitality. It was RESOLVED: that more movies nights be arranged and Councillor Rees will compile a list. Enquiries will be made regarding the purchase of equipment to hold future events at the council office.

72.2 The Remembrance Service at the cenotaph was well attended and the refreshments at the pavilion were appreciated.

72.3 December's events are Pantomime for Hendreforgan School on Saturday 29 November and afternoon tea dance on Friday 12 December.

## **73. CORRESPONDENCE**

73.1 Notification was received and noted from RCT Traffic Management re the proposed double yellow lines at Glenavon Terrace.

73.2 It was RESOLVED: that the Valley Steps Assertiveness Workshop be held on Tuesday 20 January 1-2.30 at the council office.

**74. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

74.1 It was RESOLVED: that the trees at the community orchard be replaced.

74.2 It was RESOLVED: that the dog fouling signage at Hendreforgan playing fields be discussed later when the new logo is available.

74.3 The clerk reported that the Biodiversity Report is complete. She thanked the Chair for his help in editing the report.

74.4 The Chair gave a Hydropwer Energy update and will circulate the information to councillors and clerk.

75.5 The biodiversity budget was discussed in the finance sub committee and it was suggested that bird boxes be made available to pupils at Hendreforgan School to decorate and be positioned in suitable trees in the village. Miskin Tree Services are prepared to do this free of charge. Councillor R Price suggested that we contact the craft group at the Gilfach Goch Community Facility, who have already done a similar project, if they would like further funding for the project.

75.6 The Chair reported that Biodiversity Wales have projects that we could take part in and will be discussed in the next meeting.

**76. FINANCIAL REPORT**

76.1	Bank balance as of 31.10.25		£115894.79
76.1a	B Walters	Council Office Work	£2400
76.1b	Blackmill S S	Petrol	£6.63
76.1c	Garden Machinery	Allotment	£48.28
76.1d	Bus Shelters Ltd	Bus Shelters	£9164.78
76.1e	Steven Jones	Council Office Work	£623.30
76.1f	SLCC	Membership	£240
76.1g	Rock Church	Mynydd Portref Grant	£500
76.1h	St Barnabas Church	Mynydd Portref Grant	£500
76.1i	Moriah Chapel	Mynydd Portref Grant	£1000
76.1j	Gilfach Goch Junior Rugby	Mynydd Portref Grant	£2000
76.1k	Bethel Methodist Church	Mynydd Portref Grant	£1000
76.1l	Amazon	Cable Ties	£13.48
76.1m	Poppy Shop	Poppy Wreaths	£59.97
76.1n	Cwm Rhondda Waste M	Skip	£320
76.1o	National Grid	Etna Terrace Supply	£625.22

77.2 Bank transactions for October

**October Expenditure**

Dawn Walters	£1370.75
Huw Jones	£468.88
Russell Scully	£1220.98
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£935.86
BT	£51.54
RCT Council Tax	£122
B Walters	£2400
Blackmill Service Station	£6.63
Garden Machinery	£48.28
Bus Shelters Ltd	£9164.78
Steven Jones	£623.30
SLCC	£240
Rock Church	£500
St Barnabas Church	£500
Moriah Chapel	£1000
Gilfach Goch Junior Rugby	£2000
Bethel Church	£1000
Amazon	£13.48
Poppy Shop	£49.97
Cwm Rhondda Waste Management	£266.67
Lloyds Bank	£4.25
Dwr Cymru	£91.09
National Grid	£625.22

**October Income**

S Euston

£10

77.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£60000
Bus Shelters	£0
Events	£12785
Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
S137 Grants	£300
Donations	£1100
Allotment	£7784
Council Premises	£30209
Biodiversity	£3500
Training & Remuneration Payments	£1000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£116678</b>

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£25174
Unpresented Cheques	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£25174</b>

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
Precept	£29287
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1192
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£30479</b>

77.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.10.2025	£115894.79
Earmarked + Commitments	£-141852
Income not yet received	£+30479
<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£4521.79</b>

**78. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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 December at the Council Office.







