

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir Mercher 9 Tachwedd 2022.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

52.1 D.ATHWAL

53. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

53.1 No declarations were received.

54. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

54.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting and grants meeting were then agreed as a true record.

55. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

55.1 Minute 42.1 The unveiling of the memorial bench will take place on Wednesday 23 November 1.15pm. Refreshments will be served at the Day Centre in High Street for those who have received an invitation. The unveiling is open to all and will be published on the website and Gilfach Goch Hub on Facebook.

55.2 Minute 42.6 Dragon monument at Glenavon Terrace is still waiting repair.

55.3 Minute 42.8 Tony Richardson RCT has been informed that the request is that the bus stop be moved forward so that when buses are stationary they are not blocking the entrance to Ffordd Llanbad.

55.4 Minute 42.9 No replacement bin.

55.5 Minute 44.3 A meeting will be scheduled after 16 November due to a family bereavement of one of the committee members.

55.6 Minute 45.1 Done

55.7 Minute 45.6 The Community Council will provide refreshments. The clerk and Richard Walters GGCA have worked together to ensure that a service will take place.

55.8 Minute 47.2 SSE contract for 1 year was retracted and a new one issued for 6 months.

55.9 Minute 48.2 Book of Condolence will be taken to RCT office.

55.10 Minute 48.5 The clerk has contacted Rose Osborne on 2 occasions to arrange to meet at the preferred location for the benches but no date has been arranged.

55.11 Minute 48.6 Remembrance signage is in place.

55.12 Minute 48.8 Community Orchard application has been successful.

56. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

56.1 A letter has been delivered to Andrew Roberts. Matthew Edwards has been informed about the plans to position steel fencing.

56.2 The knotweed has received its second treatment and is regressing well.

56.3 It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Afan Landscapes and Sovereign Steel for quotations for the steel fencing.

56.4 It was RESOLVED: that the quotation from Miskin Tree Services be accepted following several complaints about the area from residents of Llewellyn Street.

56.5 It was RESOLVED: that a groundsperson position is needed and the clerk was instructed to work with One Voice Wales to produce a job description and advert. The contract will be for 1 year in the first instance and 20 hrs a week. Proposed salary point 12 of the NALC pay scale £24496 pro rata =£13903.

57. OFFICE RENOVATIONS

57.1 The clerk reported that she had thanked CCL for their well-prepared quotation and will inform them when a decision has been made.

57.2 A meeting with the committee of the OAP Hall will be arranged after 16 November.

58. EVENTS

58.1 The fireworks display was successful, and the incorrect tickets were recalled prior to the event.

58.2 Centregreat have positioned the requested trees but there were problems with some and some also refused. Jag Saracen window company will be offered one.

58.3 All arrangements have been made for the festive afternoon tea dance.

59. CORRESPONDENCE

59.1 Planning applications were read and noted for the following

59.1a Porch extension to front 25 Gelliarael Rd CF39 8SY.

59.1b Replace front windows with French doors and removal of front porch 69 Glenavon Terrace CF39 8RB.

59.2 All recipients of the grants were grateful, and payment has been made.

60. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

60.1 The clerk reported that a meeting was held at the council office with BC Robert, Lisa Austin and member of staff and Manning Construction regarding the accessibility problem at the proposed new park at the top of High Street for which we have earmarked a contribution of £40000 in the budget for several years and is being questioned by audit. Manning Construction are working with the authority on the access.

60.2 The clerk's pay award from April 2022 has been implemented along with arrears.

60.3 The clerk reported that she attended a joint seminar with SLCC and One Voice Wales.

60.4 A biodiversity report needs to be prepared and published on the website by December.

60.5 Nothing to report on Training Plans.

60.6 It was RESOLVED: that a working group be set up regarding the proposed hydropower scheme and will include Councillor A Draper, Councillor J Rees and Claire Gwilliam.

60.7 The proposed site for the community orchard is along the railway line. A Draper is working with B C Roberts on the area.

60.8 A discussion took place with regards to new signage for the village and it was RESOLVED: that it be considered for the 2023 budget.

60.9 It was RESOLVED: that a Finance Sub Committee be put in place and the first meeting will be held on Thursday 17 November 10am at the council office to discuss this year's current financial situation and next year's budget before setting the precept in the December meeting. Councillor A Warren and Councillor Richard Price will be the members.

61. FINANCIAL REPORT

61.1	Bank balance as of 31.10.22		£102253.73
61.2	Invoices / Receipts		
61.2a	Zoom		£14.39
61.2b	Welsh Water		£54.73
61.2c	SLCC	Seminar	£54
61.2d	SLCC	Membership	£234
61.2e	Landtech	Knotweed Treatment	£420
61.2f	OAP Hall	Festive Afternoon Tea	£15
61.2g	Manning Construction		£6029.22

62. ACCOUNTS

62.1	Cheques authorised		
	002678	Dawn Walters	£1006.07
	002679	Huw Jones	£364.80

62.2 Bank transactions for October

	<u>October Expenditure</u>	
Dawn Walters	£1006.07	Cheque 002678
Huw Jones	£364.80	Cheque 002679
Zoom	£14.39	
HMRC	£369.13	
BT	£34.08	
RCT Council Tax	£111	
SLCC	£54	
SLCC	£234	
Bridgend Mayor's Charities	£100	
Welsh Water	£54.73	
Landtech	£420	
GG War Memorial Trust	£225	
OAP Hall	£15	
Manning Construction	£6029.22	
Garden Village Ladies Guild	£300	
Garden Village Ladies Arts & Crafts	£300	
Gilfach Goch First Scouts Group	£300	
Moriah Welsh Baptist Chapel	£500	
Hendreforgan School	£400	
Messy Monsters Day Nursery	£200	
Gilfach Goch Community Singers	£300	
Gilfach Goch Old People's Welfare	£500	
First Responders Group	£565	

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Gilfach Goch Watercolour Society	£100
St Barnabas & Llandyfodwg M U	£100
Bethel Methodist Church	£500
St Barnabas Church	£100
Gilfach Goch Bushu Kai Karate	£500
Community Defibrillators	£100
Swn Yr Afon	£150
Lil Amigos	£750
Gilfach Goch Ladies Bowls	£190
Julie Rees	£150
Daljinder Athwal	£150
Allun Warren	£150
Joan Abbott	£150
Liz & Richard Price	£300

October Income

S Euston	£10
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62.3 Money already earmarked

Dropped Kerbs	£5000
New Basketball Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£11900
Events	£9004
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£245
Allotment	£0
Office Refurbishment	£30000
Election Costs	£4000
TOTAL	£100149

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£8403
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£8403

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£35810
Allotment & Ground Rent	£802
TOTAL	£36612

62.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.10.2022	£102253.73
Earmarked + Commitments	£-108552
Income not yet received	£+36612
BAL:	£30313.73

63. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

63.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 14 December 2022 6.30pm at the Council Office.