

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 9 October 2024 at the Community Council Office.**

***Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 9 Hydref 2024.***

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

**63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

63.1 D.ATHWAL

**64. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

64.1 No declarations were received.

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

65.1 No representations were received.

**66. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

66.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting, the White Hut meeting held on Monday 23 September and the Grants meeting were then agreed as a true record.

**67. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

67.1 Minute 49.1 The Skateboard Park is under construction.

67.2 Minute 56.1 Still waiting for RCT Legal Department approval re dog fouling signage for Hendreforgan fields.

**68. REMUNERATION PAYMENTS**

68.1 All councillors wish to receive the full entitlement of Members Allowance £204.

**69. TRAINING PLAN REVIEW**

69.1 Training plans were reviewed.

**70. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

70.1 The knotweed was treated on Thursday 3 October. The area will be cut down during the winter months.

**71. OFFICE RENOVATIONS**

71.1 All forms have been completed and quotations have been received for the recommended works at the White Hut.

71.2 Should the community council decide to go ahead with the Community Asset Transfer of the White Hut then the future of the current office will need to be thought through carefully.

**72. EVENTS**

72.1 The custom made Hi viz jackets have been received for use in future forestry run events.

72.2 Councillor R Price will look to purchase gazebos.

72.3 The order of service for Remembrance Sunday is complete.

72.4 Two poppy wreaths will be placed at the cenotaph this year one red and one white.

72.5 The Christmas pantomime will be held in Hendreforgan school hall on Saturday 30 November with one performance before and one performance after the school's Christmas fayre.

72.6 Breakfast with Santa will be held at the GGCA on 11 December at 9.30am for nursery and reception classes. They will be joined by the Lil Amigos mother and toddler group.

**73. CORRESPONDENCE**

73.1 All recipients have acknowledged receipt of their grants and donations and thanks given to the community council.

73.2 Joanna Bayliss from Families Supporting Families would like to hold a Christmas event at Evanstown Welfare Park and Pavilion in December with laser lighting throughout the park. She has received a price of £1400 for the lights. The clerk has given Joanna an application form to submit to Ogmore Valley Community Council for financial help towards this. It was RESOLVED: that Gilfach Goch Community Council contribute a maximum of £700 should the event go ahead.

**74. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

74.1 The Annual Report was approved. The clerk thanked Councillor Draper for his assistance in editing.

74.2 The Audit Conclusion report from Audit Wales for 2024 was Unqualified with no recommendations.

74.3 There was no update on the progress of the Wildlife Board due to workload.

74.4 Councillor Draper reported that Government funding has now become available for Hydropower projects, and he will be attending the arranged meeting.

**75. FINANCE / ACCOUNTS**

75.1 The Biodiversity budget of £5000 will be discussed in the November meeting.

75.2 A meeting of the Finance Sub Committee will be held on Friday 1 November at 10am.

**76. FINANCIAL REPORT**

76.1	Bank balance as of 30.9.24		£184334.04
76.1a	B&Q	Allotment	£3.82
76.1b	SLCC	Membership	£238
76.1c	A1 Loo Hire	Allotment	£744
76.1d	GGDC	30 yr celebrations	£1000
76.1e	GGCC	Playscheme	£1000
76.1f	Steven Jones	Allotment fencing	£1669.72
76.1g	Andreas Buch	Website	£462.50
76.1h	Hendreforgan PTA		£200
76.1i	One Voice Wales	Training	£40
76.1j	Blackmill S S	Petrol	£6.74
76.1k	Grants	S137	£9750
76.1l	Tesco	Petrol	£6.74
76.1m	Halfords	Allotment	£9.49
76.1n	Homebase	Allotment	£32
76.1o	Royal B Legion	Signage	£52.98
76.1p	Poppy Shop	Wreaths	£59.97
76.1q	G4S	Hi Viz Vests	£60
76.1r	Jeans Hardware	Cable Ties	£3.60
76.1s	A1 Loo Hire	Portaloo	£240

**77. ACCOUNTS**

77.1	Cheques authorised		
	002746	Dawn Walters	£1283.04
	002747	Huw Jones	£439.32
	002748	Russell Scully	£1150.04

77.2 Bank transactions for September

**September Expenditure**

Dawn Walters	£1283.04	Cheque 002746
Huw Jones	£439.32	Cheque 002747
Russell Scully	£1150.04	Cheque 002748
Zoom	£15.59	
HMRC	£654.31	
BT	£50.22	
RCT Council Tax	£121	
Blackmill Service Station	£6.74	
B&Q	£3.82	
SLCC	£238	
A1 Loo Hire	£744	
Friends of GGDC	£1000	
GGCA	£1000	
Steven Jones	£1669.72	
Andreas Buch	£462.50	
Hendreforgan PTA	£200	
One Voice Wales	£40	
G V Ladies Arts & Crafts Class	£300	
Scouts	£300	
Moriah Chapel	£1000	
Hendreforgan School	£500	
Messy Monsters Day Nursery	£300	
Gilfach Goch Community Singers	£300	

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Gilfach Goch OAP Welfare Fund	£800
Gilfach Goch Watercolour Society	£150
Bethel Methodist Church	£1000
St. Barnabas Church	£100
Gilfach Bushi-Kai Karate	£500
Ton & Gilfach Goch Comm. Defib	£500
Swn Yr Afon Tenants Social Fund	£800
Red Valley FC	£500
Lil Amigos Parent & Toddler Group	£500
Gilfach Goch Ladies Bowls	£200
Gilfach Goch Quilting Group	£500
Friends of Gilfach Goch Day Centre	£500
Families Supporting Families	£500
Community Pantry	£500
Tesco	£6.74
Halfords	£9.49
Homebase	£32
Royal British Legion	£52.98
Poppy Shop	£59.97
G4S	£60
Jeans Hardware	£3.60
A1 Loo Hire	£240

**September Income**

S Euston	£10
Mynydd Windfarm	£5000

77.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area & Skateboard Park	£60000
Bus Shelters	£1295
Events	£15290
Windfarm	£0
S137 Grants	£0
Allotment	£6763
Office Refurbishment	£58975
Training & Remuneration Payments	£2416
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£144739</b>

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£27240
Unpresented Cheques	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£27240</b>

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£29170
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1335
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£30505</b>

77.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.09.2024	£184334.04
Earmarked + Commitments	£-171979
Income not yet received	£+30505
<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£42860.04</b>

**78. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

78.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 13 November 6.30pm at the Council Office.