

October 2025

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 8 October 2025 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir 8 Hydref.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

53.1 No apologies were received.

54. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

54.1 Declarations were received.

54.1a Councillors L and R Price and the clerk declared a personal interest under Correspondence re Mynydd Portref grant allocation.

54.1b The clerk declared a pecuniary interest under correspondence for a quotation for works received from B. Walters & Son.

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

55.1 No representations were received.

56. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

57. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

57.1 Minute 39.1 Joanna Bayliss does not require use of the council premises.

57.2 It was RESOLVED: that a new designer be sought for the logo.

57.3 Minute 43.3 No update on new playarea.

57.4 Minute 43.5 The new shelter was installed on 30 September. It was RESOLVED: that the offer of £7500 from Aviva be declined and the clerk seek advice from One Voice Wales.

57.5 Minute 48.1 Three participants for the Skateboard park training.

57.6 Minute 48.8 Works are complete.

57.7 Minute 48.9 Works are complete.

57.8 Minute 49.4 It was RESOLVED: that the clerk and Chair meet with Andreas Buch to discuss the website.

58. COMMUNITY AWARDS

58.1 It was RESOLVED: that this would not be implemented.

59. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

59.1 Susan Evelyn and Andrew and Michelle Roberts still have issues regarding trees at the allotment. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk liaise with the Groundsperson, Councillor Walters and Miskin Tree Services to try to resolve these issues.

60. EVENTS

60.1 The clerk reported that she has 18 names for the movie night at the Rock Church showing How Green Was My Valley on Friday 24 October 7pm.

61. CORRESPONDENCE

61.1 Borough Councillor Roberts requested that the following payments be made from the Mynydd Portref Windfarm Grant. Councillors L and R Price and the clerk having declared a personal interest took no part in the discussion.

61.1a Moriah Chapel £1000

61.1b Bethel Church £1000

61.1c The Rock Church £500

61.1d St Barnabas Church £500

61.1e Gilfach Goch Junior Rugby £2000

61.2 A planning application was read and noted for the following

61.2a 11 Ash Street CF39 8UE. Construction of a two-storey flat roof extension to rear of the property.

61.3 Correspondence was read and noted from the Mynydd Y Gaer Action Group.

61.4 Quotations were received for the safe removal of asbestos, that was identified on the report provided by Anchem, from the council office Etna Terrace prior to its demolition. Quotations were received from D. Davies £1500, PAR Asbestos & Environmental Services £2350 and RDM Environmental Ltd £3850. It was RESOLVED that the work be given to PAR for value for money and expertise in this field. D. Davies was the cheapest but could only provide an estimated cost.

61.5 Quotations were received for the demolition and removal of the council office building Etna Terrace. Once this has taken place it was RESOLVED: that it be replaced with a Community Garden. The clerk having declared a pecuniary interest left the room and took no part in the discussion. Quotations were received from B. Walters & Son £5500, Leigh Bartholomew £6200 and D.Davies £7700. It was RESOLVED: that the work be given to B. Walters & Son for value for money and the quality of workmanship of previous works undertaken.

62. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

62.1 The Audit Completion Report was read. All recommendations will be implemented.

62.2 The Concerns / Complaints Policy was approved and adopted.

62.3 Councillor Rees reported that the 172 bus service can sometimes be stationary for a prolonged period at the bus stop opposite Ffordd Llanbad. Councillor Abbott explained that there are 2 designated bus stops in the village, the one concerned and the one at Cwm Gwyrdd Medical Centre where this service is required to remain stationary if running ahead of time.

62.4 The Chair gave an update having attended a Valleys Community Energy meeting where Hydropower and RCT funding was discussed.

63. FINANCIAL REPORT

63.1	Bank balance as of 30.09.25	£138725.90
63.1a	St John Ambulance F Run	£156
63.1b	Central B & C Supplies Disinfectant & Cups	£58.89
63.1c	Blackmill Service Station Petrol	£5.99
63.1d	Toolstation Radiator	£154.98
63.1e	Landtech Knotweed Treatment	£420
63.1f	GG Junior Rugby 3G lighting	£2000
63.1g	Bethan Thomas Translation	£50
63.1g	Messy Monsters Donation	£300
63.1h	GGCA Skateboard Training	£600
63.1i	Peace Pledge Union White Poppy Wreath	£33
63.1j	S137 Grants	£9700
63.1k	Member Allowances	£1456
63.1l	Miskin Tree Services Allotment	£600

63.2 Bank transactions for September

September Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1567.48
Huw Jones	£468.88
Russell Scully	£1365.70
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£1140.09
BT	£51.54
RCT Council Tax	£122
St John Ambulance	£156
Central Bar & Catering Supplies	£58.89
Blackmill Service Station	£5.99
Toolstation	£154.98
Garden Village Ladies Arts & Crafts Class	£300
Moriah Chapel	£1500
Hendreforgan Community Primary School	£500
Gilfach Goch Community Singers	£500
Gilfach Goch Old Peoples Welfare Fund	£800
First Responder Group	£250
Bethel Methodist Church	£800
St. Barnabas Church Community Shop	£100
Gilfach Bushi-Kai Karate	£250
Swn Yr Afon Tenants Social Fund	£500
Red Valley FC	£800
Lil Amigos Parent & Toddler Group	£800
Gilfach Goch Ladies Bowls	£300

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Gilfach Goch Quilting Group	£500
Friends of Gilfach Goch Day Centre	£500
Real Acts of Community Kindness	£300
Community Pantry	£300
Gilfach Goch FC Juniors	£500
Gilfach Goch Senior Citizens	£200
Joan Abbott	£208
Andrew Draper	£208
Allun Warren	£208
Julie Rees	£208
Richard Walters	£208
Liz & Richard Price	£416
Bank Charges	£4.25
Landtech	£420
Gilfach Goch Junior Rugby	£2000
Bethan Thomas	£50
GGCA Messy Monsters	£300
GGCA Skateboard Training	£600
Peace Pledge Union	£33
Miskin Tree Services	£600
SSE	£33.73

SEPTEMBER INCOME

S Euston	£10
Mynydd Portref Windfarm	£5000
Allotment Rent	£25

63.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£1340
Events	£12785
Windfarm / Grantscape	£5000
S137 Grants	£300
Donations	£1100
Allotment	£8097
Council Premises	£33753
Biodiversity	£3500
Training & Remuneration Payments	£1000
TOTAL	£106875

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£26770
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£26770

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
Precept	£29287
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1202
TOTAL	£30489

63.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.09.2025	£138725.90
Earmarked + Commitments	£-133645
Income not yet received	£+30489
BAL:	£33569.90

63.5 Current budget amendments Grantscape / Windfarm headings expenditure and income both increased to £6000.

63.6 Date set for Finance Sub Committee meeting Tuesday 28 October 11am at the Council Office.

64. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

64.1 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 12 November at the Council Office.

