

## October 2026

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 14 October 2026 at the Community Council Office.

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### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

#### **52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

52.1 No apologies were received.

#### **53. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

53.1 Declarations were received

53.1a Councillor Walters declared a personal interest in the payment of £175 made to Community Action Partnership.

53.1b The Chair, Councillor Walters and Councillor Rees declared a personal interest in the donation of £400 for Tai Chi lessons at the GGCA.

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

54.1 No representations were received.

#### **55. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

55.1 The grant minutes and previous monthly meeting were then agreed as a true record.

#### **56. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

56.1. Minute 42.2 The Chair gave an update on solar panels at the GGCA.

56.2 Minute 42.3 The clerk reported that the Unity Trust Bank application is still waiting approval. If no update is received by the next meeting, then she will make enquiries with other banks.

56.3 Minute 42.4 The skateboard park signage has been received.

56.4 Minute 48.2 An update was received from Lisa Austin.

## **57. EVENTS**

57.1 The community council will lead the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph on Sunday 8 November and provide refreshments at the pavilion following the service. Poppy wreaths have been ordered.

57.2 A pantomime has been arranged for Hendreforgan School on Saturday 28 November at 10am and 2pm.

57.3 A festive afternoon tea dance has been arranged for Friday 11 December 3-5 at the Senior Citizens Hall.

## **58. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

58.1 First, Me, Beth and Osian would like to thank the council for their kind gift and well wishes. Very much appreciated. Obviously, we're both constantly tired but also more than worth it.

In my absence the rains returned, and everything has grown quite a bit. Since being back, I've been mainly strimming everything and getting it all back under control. I'll continue to tidy up over the next weeks and start cutting back hedges and trees. I'm pretty sure we have at least 1 hedgehog in the allotments now after spotting what I think is hedgehog poo (there are a few hedgehog boxes around that we've put there, but I think he's living in the log pile I created around the pond). I'll put a trap camera there to try and confirm his/her existence which I was going to do before a baby decided to come 3 weeks early.

## **59. COMMUNITY GARDEN**

59.1 The application with the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust was unsuccessful.

59.2 £5000 was received from Walters Pennant.

59.3 Signage was decided with some of the wording relating to dog fouling. If this isn't a deterrent, then a wildlife camera will be placed there.

59.4 The nature board will be displayed on the back wall.

**60. CORRESPONDENCE**

60.1 Amy Pickford, Keep Wales Tidy has had 40 x Wood Anemone, 80 x Bluebell, 40 x Snowdrop bulbs delivered to the GGCA for the community orchard. They can be planted any time between Sep-Dec and came with an instruction leaflet. The orchard package will be delivered later in the winter, and she will purchase the tree guards around the same time and then arrange a day to plant once everything has arrived.

60.2 An email was received from Pete Lane offering help with the council's biodiversity report at a cost. It was RESOLVED: that the council decline the offer.

60.3 Correspondence was received from Amber Rowlands requesting financial assistance for the boxing club. It was RESOLVED: that the council purchase equipment to the value of £700. The clerk will liaise with the club.

60.4 A late S137 Grant application was received from Jayne Finch regarding Tai Chi classes at the GGCA. It was RESOLVED: that a payment of £400 be made directly to the GGCA for the provision.

60.5 Correspondence was received from the National Grid via Centregreat regarding the charge for power used on the columns for the Christmas lights. The clerk has liaised with National Grid, Centregreat and Ben Hodges of RCT Street Lighting Department to put this in place.

**61. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

61.1 Two bus shelter panels have been damaged. The shelter at the front of Hendeforgan Estate panel has been removed to make safe. It was RESOLVED: that this be replaced. The shelter on top of Tonyrefail hill has a panel with a hole burned in it. It has been made safe and it was RESOLVED: that this would not be replaced.

61.2 The conclusion of audit was discussed and all qualified points and recommendations were noted.

**62. FINANCIAL REPORT**

|       |                             |                          |            |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 62.1  | Bank balance as of 30.09.26 |                          | £119285.19 |
| 62.1a | S137 Grants                 | Grants                   | £9600      |
| 62.1b | Keoghs                      | Solicitors (VAT)         | £1.70      |
| 62.1c | Mini Mayhem                 | F Run                    | £925       |
| 62.1d | Second Life Products        | Benches                  | £2262      |
| 62.1e | Forces Fitness              | GGCA Workshop            | £550       |
| 62.1f | Trustmark                   | Printer paper            | £23.45     |
| 62.1g | LBS                         | Community Garden         | £34.26     |
| 62.1h | M&S                         | Gift Card Russell's baby | £50        |
| 62.1i | Members Allowance           | Remuneration Payments    | £1456      |
| 62.1j | Travis Perkins              | Community Garden         | £49.10     |

62.2 Bank transactions for September

**September Expenditure**

|                                          |          |
|------------------------------------------|----------|
| Dawn Walters                             | £1690.40 |
| Huw Jones                                | £331.35  |
| Russell Scully                           | £756.70  |
| Zoom                                     | £16.79   |
| HMRC x 2 payments                        | £3224.06 |
| BT                                       | £56.34   |
| Lloyds                                   | £4.25    |
| Forces Fitness                           | £550     |
| Keoghs                                   | £1.70    |
| Mini Mayhem                              | £925     |
| Second Life Products                     | £2262    |
| Trustmark                                | £23.45   |
| Tonyrefail & Gilfach Goch Defibrillators | £1000    |
| Amy Morgan (Gilfach Goch FC Juniors)     | £500     |
| Bethel Church                            | £1000    |
| Friends of GGDC                          | £200     |
| Garden Village Ladies Guild              | £300     |
| Gilfach Goch Ladies Bowls                | £250     |
| Gilfach Goch Old People's Welfare        | £1000    |
| Gilfach Goch SCA                         | £250     |
| Hendreforgan School                      | £500     |
| Lil Amigos                               | £500     |
| Moriah Chapel                            | £1500    |
| RACK                                     | £300     |

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|--------------------|--------|
| Red Valley FC      | £800   |
| St Barnabas Church | £1000  |
| Swn Yr Afon        | £500   |
| LBS                | £34.26 |
| M&S                | £50    |
| Allun Warren       | £208   |
| Andrew Draper      | £208   |
| Joan Abbott        | £208   |
| Julie Rees         | £208   |
| Richard Walters    | £208   |
| R & E Price        | £416   |
| Travis Perkins     | £49.10 |

**September Income**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Garages                  | £10     |
| RCT CBC Hire or premises | £232.50 |

63.3 Money already earmarked

|                                  |               |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| New Play Area                    | £60000        |
| Bus Shelters                     | £1971         |
| Events                           | £12945        |
| Windfarm / Grantscape            | £0            |
| S137 Grants                      | £400          |
| Donations                        | £894          |
| Allotment                        | £4731         |
| Community Garden                 | £7880         |
| Biodiversity                     | £1345         |
| Training & Remuneration Payments | £500          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>£90666</b> |

Commitments

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Salaries (including oncosts) | £28239        |
| Unpresented Cheques          | £0            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>£28239</b> |

Income not yet received

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Windfarm / Grantscape   | £0            |
| Precept                 | £37314        |
| Allotment & Ground Rent | £1730         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>£39044</b> |

43.4 Bank Reconciliation

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Balance @ 30.09.2026    | £119285.19       |
| Earmarked + Commitments | £-118905         |
| Income not yet received | £+39044          |
| <b>BAL:</b>             | <b>£39424.19</b> |

63.4 The Chair declined the £1500 remuneration allowance

63.5 £175 contribution for temporary repair works at the cenotaph was approved.

63.6 £965 for Christmas light repairs with Centegreat was approved.

**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 11 November 6.30pm at the Council Office.

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65.1 Register of disclosure of personal interests under Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000.

65.1a Richard Walters Community Action partnership re Repairs at Cenotaph

65.1b Richard Walters re Jayne Finch Tai Chi funding

65.1c Andrew Draper re Jayne Finch Tai Chi funding

65.1d Julie Rees re Jayne Finch Tai Chi funding