September 2025

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 10 September 2025 at the Community Council Office.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

38.1 J.REES.

39. SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM JOANNA BAYLISS RE REAL ACTS OF COMMUNITY KINDNESS GROUP

39.1 Joanna spoke of the group's work and the reasons for requesting the use of the council office. It was RESOLVED: that the use be approved under the following terms and conditions. The clerk will inform Joanna.

39.1a Storage in kitchen cupboard only

39.1b No cooking

39.1c Enhanced DBS checks.

39.1d Availability only when clerk is on the premises.

39.1e £15 hourly rate

40. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

40.1 Declarations were received.

40.1a Councillor Walters and Councillor Warren declared a personal interest under Correspondence re Skateboard Park Training and Messy Monsters donation request.

40.1b The Clerk declared a pecuniary interest under Correspondence and a quotation for exterior works received from B. Walters & Son

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

41.1 No representations were received.

42. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

42.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were then agreed as a true record.

43. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

43.1 Minute 30.1 No update on logo.

43.2 Minute 30.2 Pre demolition survey report identified asbestos.

43.3 Minute 30.4 New playarea no update.

43.4 Minute 30.6 November is the best time to purchase and plant trees.

43.5 Minute 35.1 The new bus shelter will be in place on 30 September. The clerk reported on the issues that she is having with Aviva insurance company regarding the claim. It was RESOLVED: that failure to reimburse the full amount by 1 October will lead to legal action in pursuit of the claim.

43.6 Minute 35.3 Translation is complete.

43.7 Minute 35.4 Borough Councillor Roberts has had a site visit with Simon Pritchard of RCT Highways and all works will be rectified.

43.8 Minute 35.5 RCT CBC trees are maintained.

43.9 Minute 35.7 Bullying at the Skateboard Park will be discussed in correspondence.

44. REMUNERATION PAYMENTS

44.1 All councillors will receive the full amount.

45. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

45.1 Joanna Bayliss' group Real Acts of Community Kindness have taken the last 2 remaining plots.

45.2 Miskin Tree Services will trim the trees that Susan Evelyn, a resident of Holly Street, has had concerns with for some time. She approached the clerk and Borough Councillor Roberts at the Forestry Run event. The work is planned for Thursday 18 September.

45.3 The knotweed was treated on Monday 8 September.

46. EVENTS

46.1 The forestry run / fun day was a success. It was RESOLVED: that next year-

46.1a No traders be invited.

46.1b More supervision is required with the inflatables.

46.1c Competitors will have their registration number written on their age category card and their hands checked following the race for the stamp which shows that they went the distance.

46.1d Staggered age starts will be considered.

46.1e Hands stamped for refreshments as well as tickets.

46.1f Signage for gazebos and flags bearing new logo.

47. EVENTS

47.1 Unfortunately, despite promising to do this year, the vicar of St Barnabas is leading the Remembrance Service at Tonyrefail. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk liaise with the churches in the village and Councillor Walters to ensure that a service is held at the cenotaph. The Chair, Councillor Draper, agreed to deliver a personal message. The clerk reported that the pavilion may not be available for refreshments.

47.2 How Green Was My Valley will be shown at the Rock Church on Friday 24 October with a limit of 50 persons. Councillor Abbott has the DVD. Free refreshments will be provided.

48. CORRESPONDENCE

48.1 Correspondence was received from Debbie Page-Evans Children and Youth Development Officer GGCA regarding Skateboard Park training for the volunteers. The cost £200 per person. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact her regarding how many would require training. Councillor Walters and Councillor Warren, having declared a personal interest, took no part in the decision.

48.2 A request for a donation was received from Messy Monsters Day Nursery. It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £300 be given. Councillor Walters and Councillor Warren, having declared a personal interest, took no part in the decision.

48.3 A request was received by Adrian Dobbs on behalf of Gilfach Goch Mini and Junior rugby for financial help towards lighting at the new 3G pitch at Evanstown Welfare Park. It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £2000 be made.

48.4 Correspondence was received from the organisation Mothers Matter requesting the use of the council office as their headquarters. It was RESOLVED: that the building would not be appropriate.

48.5 Two quotations were received regarding the removal of asbestos at the previous council office. It was RESOLVED: that this be discussed in the October meeting following quotations for the demolition and removal of the building that the clerk will try and obtain.

48.6 Planning applications were read and noted for the following

48.6a Land to the West of 166-168 High Street CF39 8SN change of use to a small scale recycling facility and construction of a single storey timber framed building to store and maintain plant and machinery in association with the recycle waste.

48.6b 13 Meadow Street CF39 8TA proposed front extension including entrance porch.

48.7 The RCT Shared Charter was approved.

48.8 A quotation was received from S Jones for the handrail refurbishment £623.30. It was RESOLVED: that the work go ahead.

48.9 Quotations were received for the removal and replacement of paths surrounding the office. B. Walters & Son £2500 and A.L.S Building Services £2750. It was RESOLVED: that the work be given to B.Walters & Son for value for money and good workmanship of previous works undertaken. The clerk, having declared a pecuniary interest, took no part in the discussion or decision.

49. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

49.1 The Annual Report was approved. The clerk reported that the Biodiversity Report needs to be completed by the end of the year. It was RESOLVED: that the Chair work with her.

49.2 The Chair reported on the meeting with the organisation Valley Steps that was held at the council office on 15 August. Councillor Rees and the clerk were also in attendance.

49.3 The Chair reported on the Valley Energy meeting that he attended and it was RESOLVED: that they meet with the community council in October.

49.4 The clerk reported that the website is now 13 years old. Andreas Buch has offered to redesign. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Andreas to meet with her and the Chair.

50. JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

50.1	Bank balance as of 31.07.25		£132496.11
50.1a	Blackmill Service Station	Petrol	£6.36
50.1b	Cartridge Save	Ink Cartridges	£68.14
50.1c	SSE	Electricity	£105.28
50.1d	Tesco	R Run	£61.60
50.1e	Extrascope	Laptop	£444
50.1f	Blackmill Service Station	Petrol	£6.32
50.1g	Anchem	Pre Dem Survey	£1020
50.1h	B&Q	Allotment	£3.50
50.1i	Andreas Buch	Website	£527.50
50.1j	CF Pest Solutions	Wasps nest	£75
50.1k	Wickes	Allotment	£6.30
50.1l	Central Bar & Catering Supplies	Disinfectant	£22.08

50.2 Bank transactions for July

July Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1331.25
Huw Jones	£468.88
Russell Scully	£1192.20
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£895.01
BT	£51.54
RCT Council Tax	£122
Blackmill Service Station	£6.36
Cartridge Save	£68.14
SSE	£105.28
Bank Charge	£4.25
Tesco	£61.60
Extrascope	£444
Blackmill Service Station	£6.32
SSE	£31.43
Anchem	£1020
B&Q	£3.50
Andreas Buch	527.50
CF Pest Solutions	£75
Wickes	£6.30
Central Bar & Catering Supplies	£22.08

July Income

S Euston	£10
Allotment Rent	£12.50

51. AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT

51.1	Bank balance as of 31.08.25		£153996.22
51.1a	Tesco	Allotment	£1.60
51.1b	B&Q	Allotment	£34
51.1c	Blackmill Service Station	Allotment	£5.99
51.1d	Amazon	Allotment	£38.65
51.1e	A1 Loo Hire	Portaloo	£348
51.1f	C Thomas	Face Painters	£340
51.1g	Tesco	F Run	£10.40
51.1h	Robert Price	Allotment	£26.59
51.1i	Kim Thomas	Ice cream	£324
51.1j	Beefys Baps	Burgers/hot dogs	£870
51.1k	Post Office	F Run Key Return	£.87
51.1l	RCTCBC	Mayor's Charity	£100
51.1m	Forces Fitness	F Run	£250
51.1n	Mini Mayhem	F Run	£1080
51.1o	Rhondda Radio	F Run	£50
51.1p	Bridgend CBC	Mayor's Charity	£100
51.1q	Chubb	Fire extinguishers	£17.28
51.1r	Chubb	Fire extinguishers	£78.84

51.2 Bank transactions for August

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C Thomas	£340
Lloyds Bank	£4.80
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August Income

S Euston	£10
Precept	£29287

51.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£1352
Events	£12915
Windfarm / Grantscape	£4000
S137 Grants	£10000
Donations	£4000
Allotment	£9053
Council Premises	£33882
Biodiversity	£3500
Training & Remuneration Payments	£2456
TOTAL	**£121158**

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£31312
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	**£31312**

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£4000
Precept	£29287
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1237
TOTAL	**£34524**

51.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.06.2025	£153996.22
Earmarked + Commitments	£-152470
Income not yet received	£+34524

BAL: £36050.22

51.5. On 1 June the Lloyds Bank Account was transferred from a Treasurers Account to a Community Account as the council is not a registered charity. Unfortunately, this now comes with a monthly charge.

51.6 Misc Income received to date is £1350 and the budget is £100. £1000 was received from Dale Hart for the forestry run and £350 from RCT refund for months rental of the council office. £1000 has been added to the events budget and £250 to contingency.

51.7 SLCC pay agreement new scales as of 1 April 2025 have been received. This affects the clerk and groundsperson. September salaries have been paid at the new rate and the arrears from April – August.

52. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

52.1 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 8 October at the Co