

September 2026

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 9 September 2026 at the Community Council Office.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

38.1 J.REES

39. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

39.1 No declarations were received.

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

40.1 No representations were received.

41. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

42. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

42.1 Minute 30.1 The Chair and Clerk reported on the meeting with Mr Brian Mahoney.

42.2 Minute 30.2 No update on the solar panels.

42.3 Still waiting for approval of the Unity Trust Bank Account.

42.4 The skateboard park signage is ready for collection.

42.5 The bus shelter claim might have to go to court.

42.6 Councillor Abbott reported that the medical centre isn't able to help with the problems at the Well Pharmacy.

43. REMUNERATION PAYMENTS

43.1 All councillors requested the full payment of £208.

44. EVENTS

44.1 All agreed that the forestry run was a success with recommendations for next year which included a better timetabled risk assessment, walkie talkies and the starting point to be reviewed. The advice from the medical team was appreciated. £100 donations from the Chair's Allowance budget were donated to the Mayor of Bridgend and RCT's chosen charities. Both acknowledged with thanks. Russell, groundsperson, would like to have a vegetarian barbeque with produce from the allotment. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Ogmore Valley Community Council to see if they can make a financial contribution next year.

44.2 The Clerk will contact the Vicar of St Barnabas regarding the Remembrance Service at the cenotaph. The community council and the GGCA have worked together to provide the service for the last two years which has worked well but Borough Councillor Roberts believes that the vicar should lead the service this year.

44.3 It was RESOLVED: that Hendreforgan be offered a Christmas pantomime.

44.4 It was RESOLVED: that the Senior Citizens Association be offered a festive afternoon tea dance.

45. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

45.1 All produce has thrived this year.

46. COMMUNITY GARDEN

46.1 Following a visit from Rachel Carter, Biodiversity Officer One Voice Wales, the clerk, Russell Scully and Brian Walters she brought along 2 trees and will supply some wildflowers. She was pleased with the progress.

46.2 Walters Pennant have awarded £5000 towards the garden.

46.3 The clerk reported that she has filled in an application form with Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust for financial assistance.

46.4 A nature board will be positioned, and the Chair will create a further noticeboard.

46.5 Brian Walters will complete the seating area due to Russell being on paternity and annual leave for the next four weeks.

46.6 The clerk reported that there has been dog mess and it was RESOLVED: that a camera might need to be positioned there.

47. CORRESPONDENCE

47.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

47.1a 119 High Street CF39 8SW proposed demolition of substantial building to be replaced with a two storey rear extension and a single storey rear extension with balcony above.

48. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

48.1 The Annual Report was approved.

48.2 The clerk reported that there was no update from Lisa Austin on the proposed play area.

48.3 The Chair gave an update on the Valleys Community Energy.

48.4 Councillor Abbott reported on the parking issues in High Street / Glenavon Terrace. The clerk reported that Borough Councillor Roberts is addressing these issues.

48.5 Councillor R Price reported that there is an issue with a campervan being parked at Hendreforgan Crescent.

49. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY

49.1	Bank balance as of 31.07.26	£112652.78
49.1a	Blackmill S S Petrol	£6.54
49.1b	G4S Posters and Banners	£154.93
49.1c	Extrascopex Microsoft Licence	£116.64
49.1d	Pre Hospital Em First Aid Cover	£550
49.1e	Savers Sunscreen (Russell)	£22.49
49.1f	Central B & C Disinfectant	£13.10
49.1g	Blackmill S S Petrol	£7.02
49.1h	Audit Wales Last year's audit	£267.60
49.1i	B Walters Community Garden	£120
49.1j	G4S Skateboard Park Signage	£6.97
49.1k	Tesco Crisps & Water	£71.41
49.1l	RCT Boiler	£105.16

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49.2 Bank transactions for July

July Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1410.80
Huw Jones	£488.08
Russell Scully	£1220.98
Zoom	£16.79
HMRC	£904.37
BT	£56.34
Lloyds	£4.25
Blackmill Service Station	£6.54
G4S	£154.93
Extrascop	£116.64
Pre Hospital Emergency	£550
Savers	£22.49
Central Bar & Catering	£13.10
Blackmill Service Station	£7.02
Audit Wales	£267.60
B Walters	£120
G4S	£6.97
Tesco	£71.41
RCT	£105.16

July Income

Garages	£10
Allotment	£25

50. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR AUGUST

50.1	Bank balance as of 31.08.26		£140074.09
50.1a	Forces Fitness	F Run	£280
50.1b	Fiona Elward	F Run	£200
50.1c	Spacehog Sweets	F Run	£150
50.1d	Co-op	F Run	£11.20
50.1e	Kim Thomas Ice Cream	F Run	£334
50.1f	James Thomas	F Run	£612
50.1g	Rhondda Radio	F Run	£100
50.1h	Pre Hospital Emergency	F Run	£80
50.1i	KT Facepainters	F Run	£300
50.1j	Fiona Elward	F Run	£100
50.1k	RCT	Mayor's Charities	£100
50.1l	M& S	Gift card Huw wedding	£51.50
50.1m	Chris Humphreys	F Run	£350
50.1n	Fit 4 Fun	F Run	£120
50.1o	Bridgend CBC	Mayor's Charities	£100
50.1p	Post Office	Forestry key	£3.80
50.1q	Blackmill Service Station	Allotment	£6.99
50.1r	RCT CBC x 5 invoices	Utilities recharge	£163.34

50.2 Bank transactions for August

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RCT CBC	£20.25
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RCT CBC	£28.54
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RCT CBC	£33.04
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RCT CBC	£39.85
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RCT CBC	£41.66
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Aled Summerhill	£300
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Jayne Finch	£300
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Huw Jones Arrears	£2137.92
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August Income

Garages	£10
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Precept 2	£37313.67
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50.3 Money already earmarked

New Play Area	£60000
Bus Shelters	£1971
Events	£13870
Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
S137 Grants	£10000
Donations	£1442
Allotment	£4731
Community Garden	£9835
Biodiversity	£1345
Training & Remuneration Payments	£1956
TOTAL	£105150

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£34242
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£34242

Income not yet received

Windfarm / Grantscape	£0
Precept	£37314
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1740
TOTAL	£39054

50.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.08.2026	£140074.09
Earmarked + Commitments	£-139392
Income not yet received	£39054
BAL:	£39736.09

50.5 Huw Jones, outdoor asset caretaker, salary arrears £2920.75.

50.6 3.3% salary increase for clerk and groundsperson from April 2026.

51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

51.1 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 14 October 6.30pm at the Council Office