

Gwernyfed Community Council Minutes of Gwernyfed Community Council Meeting Held in person at Felindre Hall and online. Meeting Date & Time: 12 June 2025, 7.30pm

Cllr Nick Pritchard	Chair, Finance Sub-Committee	Present
Cllr Mike Bugler	Vice Chair, Finance Sub-Committee	Present
Cllr Peter Varcoe	Personnel & Finance Sub-Committee	Present
Cllr Rachel Harding	Personnel Sub-Committee	Apologies
Cllr Will Lloyd	County Councillor	Present
Cllr Graham Day		Present - Teams
Cllr Kelly Doel		Present
Cllr Chris Jones	Personnel &, Finance Sub-Committee	Apologies
Sue Thomas	Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer	Present

lte	tem of Business			
1.	Declarations of Interest - None	Note		
2.	Apologies – As Above	Note		
3.	 Agree Minutes of the Council Meeting of 8 May 2025 The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Doell, Seconded by Cllr Pritchard 	Approved		
4.	 Matters Arising Bus Service and Community Needs Update – Carried over from Council Meeting 08/05/25. The result of the consultation is going to PCC to be signed off Cllr Lloyd will update GCC when this happens. The service will run on Thursday to and from Felindre/Hay. It is hoped that the service will be well used and a plan to publicise it This is a watching brief. Dial A Ride (Hay and Brecon) information, including costs, as well as the timetable for the new service, could be put on the various noticeboards in the area. This will be considered for the future. Request Dial A Ride service usage data and explore potential funding options. Brecon Dial A Ride – The Clerk has been on holiday but will follow up with Barbara Anglezarke to speak at a GCC meeting about Brecon Dial A Ride Minutes of the Hay and Talgarth Meeting have been received and reviewed CAT Process – Green Spaces – On Agenda Item No.8 Cllr Lloyd's Powys CC discretionary fund – On Agenda Item No. 9 Love Glasbury Joint Meeting Update Action: Clerk will respond to Love Glasbury to arrange a date on a Wednesday in the next 4 weeks at The Harp, Glasbury 	Cllr Lloyd Clerk Resolved Clerk		
5.	 Correspondence PCSO Update, The PCSO sent details of various safety campaigns in the area, including: Sceptre Campaign, Street Safe and ask Angela Innovative Practice Conference – Cllr Pritchard wishes to attend. The cost is £67.00, See Agenda Item 15, Approval of payment is requested Proposed by Cllr Bugler, Seconded by Cllr Day Multiple Government Consultations have been brough to the attention of the Council, including Improving the Admin and enforcement of Council Tax in Wales, Legislation for Welsh Ministers to pay grants to Corporate Joint Committees and Draft Disabled People's Rights Plan If any member of the Council wishes to put in a response please notify the Clerk 	Noted Approved All Clerk		

	• There is a lot of correspondence that the Councillors feel can be overwhelming. It is recommended that the Clerk find a solution. The Clerk will review what is possible and	
	bring it forward to the Members.	
6.	Sign Off Annual Report	
	• Cllr Pritchard checked that all Councillors had read his Annual Report, and the Councillors all agreed they had. No questions have been brought forward from the Report. Proposal to accept the Annual Report. Proposed by Cllr Day, Seconded by Cllr Bugler. Action for the Clerk to get the report added to the Council's website.	Approved Clerk
7.	Planning Applications	
/.	 Ref: 25/0714/HH Date: 21 May 2025 Grid Reference: E:316564 N: 235774 Proposed two storey rear and side extension with associated works Site Address: 2 Porthamel Cottages, Talgarth, Powys, LD3 0DL – No comments PDND4 – Sectorth Octore No Comments 	No Action
	BBNPA – Footpath Orders – No Comments	
8.	Green Spaces	
	 Update on search for a solicitor. Information is needed regarding: Precise location, Acreage, Valuation, Freehold vs Leasehold, Contributions from PCC, Considerations for upkeep, particularly any infrastructure on the piece of land. This information is required before a Solicitor can provide a cost for the work. Update from Cllr Bugler. The last meeting with Powys CC went well. The Head of Housing 	
	was unable to attend, and he is a key person in this. Ed Jenkins is a key facilitator, and Cllr Pritchard is unhappy at the process and lack of speed. Cllr Bugler has asked for the information as above. GCC requested that PCC sign off on the plans now rather than have to go through each project after the lease. A quick win is tree planting, 250 to 300 trees	Cllr Bugler
	could be planted in the autumn. Cllr Pritchard suggests sending monthly emails to PCC, collectively or individually, to keep the pressure up. If the Head of Housing leaves PCC before this is concluded, it could be difficult to push through. Cllr Bugler to write to PCC to try and get something moving. PCC is still open to providing a financial commitment to the space, however, this is not in writing yet. Proposed by Cllr Pritchard, Seconded by Cllr	Approved
	Varcoe.	
9.	County Councillor's Report	
	 There is a new Leader of PCC, Councillor Jake Berriman from Llandrindod. There is a controversial 6th form provision. There are a number of implications to this: could it mean the end of some of the current High School sixth Form provision? Does it mean that all sixth forms in Powys will Close? What consideration is being given to the additional travel that students would face? How does the success of Crickhowell High School sixth form provision fit into these discussions. The Members agreed to keep a close eye on this and to participate in any further consultations as appropriate. Cllr Lloyd has received an application from Hay Dial A Ride for his Anti-Poverty Fund. It was suggested that Cllr Lloyd might request a survey from Hay Dial A Ride as to the number of users/subscribers and their location to support the funding request. Cllr Varcoe to discuss this at the next Felindre Coffee Morning. Cllr Lloyd will send the criteria for the fund to GCC. 	Noted
	• Action – Put Dial A Ride flyers on noticeboards. Note - Date for EOI by July 1 st to Cllr Lloyd	All
10.	 Training Report All Cllrs to let the Clerk know of any training courses they would like to attend. 	All
11.	Website Update	
	 Procurement Process has been paused and New Millenium (Nic Carter Jones) has been asked to continue for a further year Given timescales to procure and transfer with associated training, the process needs to be recommenced with a detailed look at what our requirements are without delay, given that there will be holidays in the intervening time and the need for approval of the 	
	 requirements at Council meetings. Action: Clerk to provide a 'Lite' Process for procurement. The Members will review the current requirements and questions on what the website is to achieve. 	Clerk

	• Action: Each Cllr to provide content on at least 1 or 2 elements of the Aims, e.g. flooding,	All
	road safety, anti-poverty, speed limits. This can be planned for release over the next 6 months.	
	• Action: The Clerk to work with Nic Carter Jones to discuss what can be done on the existing	Clerk
	website.	
	Clerk to prepare a Project Plan for the Procurement Process	Clerk
12.	Discuss having a Council Meeting in August	
	There needs to be a pressing reason for the meeting.	All
	• Proposed that during the next 6 weeks, if Councillors think of a single topic item, for	
	example, the website and content, then an extraordinary meeting could be called in	
	August to cover just that topic.	
13.	Defibrillator at Gwernyfed High School	
	• The defibrillator at Gwernyfed High School has been deactivated because they don't have	
	the funds to replace the pads, approx. £74. Proposed that GCC pay for the pads for	Approved
	them. Proposed by Cllr Bugler, Seconded by Cllr Varcoe	
	• Clerk to write to Helen Higgs at Gwernyfed Community Council to apprise them that	Clerk
	GCC will pay for these pads.	
1.4	Forward Look	Agenda
14.	Better Together Powys Engagement Opportunities – Feedback via the Clerk	Item
	 One Voice Wales Area Committee – Mark for the agenda for July 	
	 Update on Education on Agenda for July 	
15.	Financial Matters	Clerk
15.	 Bank Balances as on 10/06/2025 – Current: £15,606.40, Reserve: £9,893.65 (inc. interest 	
	(inc. interest f8.94)	
	 Invoices to be paid : 	
	 Conference Attendance - £67.00, 	
	 Clerk Salary, 	
	 Microsoft (Cllr Pritchard) £52.92, 	
	 New Millennium Website Hosting £323.50 	
	 Vodafone on DD has increased to £27.55 from £25.90 	
	Councillors' Expense Payments and Tax Treatment	
	 Send form for expenses to all Councillors. 	
	• Audit Report to Audit Wales – The Council will have to explain the reason why we have	
	£20,000 in the current account at 24/25 year end. There are valid reasons e.g. Speed signs	
	cost put aside at £7K. Cllr Bugler and Cllr Pritchard to work with the Clerk to ensure an	
	accurate account is prepared for Audit Wales. Proposal to approve the Internal Auditors'	
	Report. Proposed by Cllr Bugler, Seconded by Cllr Varcoe	Approved
16.	Close of meeting	
Ι <u>τ</u> υ.	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.36	

Next Meeting 10th July 2025 at 7.30 pm at Felindre Village Hall and as a hybrid meeting over Teams