



Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Gwernyfed Community Council Meeting
Held in person at Felindre Hall and online
Meeting Date & Time: 10th July 2025, 7.30pm

Cllr Nick Pritchard Cllr Mike Bugler Cllr Peter Varcoe Cllr Rachel Harding Cllr Will Lloyd Cllr Graham Day Cllr Kelly Doel Cllr Chris Jones Sue Thomas	Chair, Finance Sub-Committee Vice Chair, Finance Sub-Committee Personnel & Finance Sub-Committee Personnel Sub-Committee County Councillor Personnel &, Finance Sub-Committee Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer	Present Apologies Present Present - Teams Present Present Present Present Present
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Item of Business		
1.	Declarations of Interest None Resolved	Note
2.	Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bugler 	Note
3.	Agree Minutes of 12th June 2025 The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 12 th June 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed: Cllr Varcoe, Seconded: Cllr Pritchard 	Approved
4.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brecon Dial A Ride – Invitation to Barbara Anglezarke - Ongoing • Community Asset Transfer (CAT) Progress – On Agenda Item No.8 • Cllr Lloyd’s Powys CC discretionary fund - On Agenda Item No. 10 • Love Glasbury Joint Meeting Update – Cllrs Pritchard, Bugler and Varcoe attended this meeting. They felt this was a good meeting, Love Glasbury have seen increased funding recently. At this time it appears they have sufficient funds for the next 12 months but no clear path to a sustainable revenue stream. The cost of setting up a Pay To Use solution is £5k per door, which is currently considered prohibitive both on a cost and reputational basis. The next steps are for the Clerk of Glasbury Council to prepare a paper setting out the issues and consequences should the Glasbury Toilets be closed to present to PCC. Additionally there was discussion around the repairs to, and therefore closure of, the bridge and the Bont and what facilities would be available during this time. It appears the bridge replacement has been pushed back and residents are challenging PCC about lack of communication on this. • The Clerk to bring forward a solution to the volume of emails being sent to Councillors – How To Guides. Councillors are urged to use the How To Guides as they are produced and to contact the Clerk or Cllr Pritchard if they continue to have difficulty using the technology capability going forward • The Project Plan and ‘Lite’ Procurement Process for the Website – Agenda Item No.12 	Clerk Cllrs Bugler and Pritchard All
5.	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hay and Talgarth Locality Network Meeting • GCC won an award at OVW Conference – Whilst the Council are not entirely sure what the criteria for this award was, it is nevertheless appreciative of any work that is being done by GCC and any other council for example Talgarth Community Council in the efforts to reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis. • Representation at the Community and Town Council Regional Meetings On Agenda Item No. 9 • Grant for Rural Communities – Key aspect to applying for Grants will be geared towards a current project. As GCC currently do not have an actual project in place as yet this will not be pursued. • Minutes of the Brecon and Radnorshire Area Committee – Cllr Pritchard attended, it was the AGM. The Key Highlight was a presentation by John Forsey, Head of Highways and Waste 	Noted Noted Noted PCC

	<p>Mgmt. PCC, which included an element about Speed Limits. Cllr Pritchard expressed the frustration GCC feel about speed limit issue at Three Cocks. John Forsey is going to look into it and asked Cllr Lloyd to raise it again with PCC. Cllr Varcoe raised a complaint by the residents of Felindre about the Log Lorries. The issue is around both the noise and speed of this lorries around narrow and twisty country lanes. Cllr Pritchard suggested that Cllr Varcoe request the residents take photos and log the decibels of these lorries to form the basis of a complaint to PCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCC has been invitation to join PAVO. Clerk to accept the invitation. • Proposed: Cllr Jones, Seconded: Cllr Day 	Clerk All
6.	<p>Innovative Practice Conference Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The day was interesting, run by OVW. The speakers included Jane Bryant MS, Cab Sec. for Housing and Local Government, and Matthew Wellington, Deputy Director for Local Government Policy, on the subject of the challenges and importance of town and community councils. • Topics covered included: The equality and management of councils. (There is a Boundary Review happening, with a plan to reduce the number of councils and councillors.). The importance of defibrillators with calls to standardise them and to map the locations. Clustering of community councils. (This is not merging, rather it is a partnership between councils, sharing resources.). The use of AI in PCC. (Powys CC is one of the leading Councils in Wales for using AI.). Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and the key things that need to be in place to make this happen. • Concerns were raised about the lack of mandatory training. Code of Conduct training, in particular, came up. The courses need to be more on the application of the training, e.g. how do councils get the next level of experience and governance, and succession planning of councillor recruitment. 	Noted
7.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Reference: 25/0919/LBC, Repointing/repair works to stonework chimney and replacement of slated roof covering over Mill House, The Mill , Three Cocks, Brecon, Powys LD3 OSW 	No Action
8.	<p>Green Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: more information required to enable the Clerk to engage a Solicitor for the CAT. This information has not yet been provided by PCC. • As agreed at last Council Meeting, Cllr Bugler has sent the first of his monthly 'hurry-up' emails to William Beddoes at PCC. Cllr Pritchard, in his role as chair of the Three Cocks Matters group, emailed Ed Jenkins at PCC. Cllr Pritchard has created a Teams Channel to save correspondence and information on the Green Spaces CAT. • Next Steps – Cllr Pritchard is preparing a Paper, in his role as Chair of Three Cocks Matter which will be a Business Case including Designs and Plans for each part of the overall plan for this Project at Three Cocks. 	PCC Cllr Pritchard
9.	<p>Representation at the Community and Town Council Regional Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It seems that people don't go because there doesn't seem to be a clear reason for the meetings. Cllr Pritchard asked the attendees what their issues were, which elicited a good response. • Cllr Pritchard asked the Chair, Barbara Lloyd, if there could be better clarity about what these meetings need to achieve. There is a consultation happening about this. • The members are asked to review the consultation papers and bring up ideas to Cllrs Pritchard and Harding. 	
10.	<p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pritchard is a governor at Mynydd Du school in Talgarth, as a community councillor. They have had the report back from Estyn which is quite positive. They face viability challenges as the roll numbers are falling. There are development plans locally which may help to increase planned numbers. The school is planning improved marketing to encourage pupils to join the school. • Cllr Pritchard is also a governor at Gwernyfed High School. Estyn have reported satisfaction with the changes that have been made. They are still having issues around recruitment. The biggest challenge is the post-16 review. Powys CC is running a consultation of provision across Powys. Current plans are to close Crickhowell and Gwernyfed post-16 provision and 	

	consolidate this in Brecon High School. Cllr Pritchard asks if there is a better model where each school retains the parts of the provision that is most relevant to them. For example, Gwernyfed want to do Agriculture. Cllr Pritchard would suggest that Powys CC should look at post-16 provision in community hubs rather than in just two hubs, North and South.	
11.	County Councillors Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Lloyd is chasing the Lease Agreement for the Green Spaces at Three Cocks. He is also chasing the the Highways Dept. regarding the benches that have been donated for Martin Draper. GCC have identified a site and 2 more are under consideration. Having attended the Love Glasbury meeting, Cllr Lloyd notes that James Gibson Watts at PCC views are that the River Bank there is a Council Asset and so the Council should part fund the toilets there. Regarding the fund that Cllr Lloyd has from PCC, Cllr Pritchard suggests that some of this could be used for local training in each of the three areas served by GCC. These sessions could be on Defibrillators, First Aid, Digital Inclusion, and Biodiversity. There could possibly be match funding from GCC. Action to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting. Llanigon CC have councillor recruitment issues and would like to discuss sharing, in some way, with GCC. Action to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting. 	
12.	Training Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of Conduct Training can be subsidised by PCC. Action: Book this training. Proposed by Cllr Varco, Seconded by Cllr Jones, Approved Cllr Day has completed two outside training courses. These will be noted and filed by the Clerk. 	Clerk Clerk
13.	Website Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Cllr to provide content on at least 1 or 2 elements of the Council's Aims. Action: The Clerk to put together a structure that can be used for the contents, including a How To Guide and Template and Engagement/Comms Plan. The structure and process will include an Assurance element for sign-off before publishing All Cllrs to review the procurement process. Action: Clerk to send a dedicated link to it to all Cllrs. 	Clerk Clerk / All
14.	Discuss having a meeting in August <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consensus was that no meeting was needed. 	Resolved
15.	Forward Look <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar Speed Radar Sign – Special Offer. 2 for £4499. Action: Clerk to try and secure the price for September Personnel sub-committee – Cllr Varcoe will provide an update on Committee Possible co-operation with Llanigon CC Action Mgmt – Plan for managing actions e.g. Planner on Agenda in September Anti-poverty funded training, see agenda item 11. 	
16.	Financial Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bank Balances as On 9/07/2025 – Current £14,638.99, Reserve: £9,902.89 (inc. £9.24 interest) Invoices to be paid: Clerk Salary – July and August, Microsoft (Cllr Pritchard) £52.92, July and August each, SLCC Membership for Clerk £118 for one year including £8 joining fee, Vodafone DD £27.55 July and August Clerk to postpone CiLCA Training until Feb 2026 when a Bursary for the training will be available. Finance Committee to review policy on Cllr's expenses and bring to the September meeting. 	Clerk Clerk Cllrs
17.	Close of meeting There being no further business, the meeting was closed at	

**Next Meeting 11th September 2025 at 7.30 pm
at Felindre Village Hall and as a hybrid meeting over Teams**

Signed on behalf of Gwernyfed Community Council

Signature:		Chair of Gwernyfed Community Council	
Name:		Date:	