



Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Gwernyfed Community Council AGM
Held in person at Felindre Hall and online.
Meeting Date & Time: 9th October 2025, 7.30pm

Cllr Nick Pritchard Cllr Mike Bugler Cllr Peter Varcoe Cllr Rachel Harding Cllr Will Lloyd Cllr Graham Day Cllr Keri Doell Cllr Chris Jones Sue Thomas Barbara Anglezarke	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 Brecon Dial A Ride	Present Present Present Apologies Present (Teams) Apologies Apologies Present Present Present for item #7
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Item of Business		
1.	Declarations of Interest: None	
2.	Apologies: As Above	
3.	Agree to the minutes of the last Council Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th September 2025 are proposed as a true and correct record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Pritchard 	Approved
4.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solar Speed Radar Sign – Pending response from Elan City Clerk to progress the request sent to PCC about the pavement at the Glasbury Bus Stop. The Clerk has written to Lyn Parry at Powys CC and is waiting for a response. St Peter's Church Funding Request. £750 grant has been sent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Bugler has spoken to Anne Collins at St Peter's Church Hall, <i>sent an email that will be added to the minutes.</i> Proposal to increase the grant by £500 this year to a total of £1250. Further funding will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis in future years. Proposal that Church Hall Committee provides a councillor co-opted to the GCC Council. Proposal that GCC pay for the installation of WiFi at the Hall and hold half their meetings there. Proposed Cllr Jones, Second Cllr Varcoe Cllr Bugler to liaise with Clerk to enable this. It was noted that there are Welsh Government Grants available to communities including the Community Facility Grant and the Perthyn small grants. It is suggested that St Peter's Church Hall should look at these grants. Improvements could include a website that links all the community hubs and venues. Action: send info on the communities grant and Perthyn small grants OVW Conference 1st October 2025 – Cancelled Anti-Poverty Locality Fund Support – Training Initiative on Agenda item # 8 Audit Wales Report – no news yet. Expense Policy and Claim Form: Proposed to accept these as standard for GCC, Proposed Cllr Varcoe, Seconded Cllr Bugler 	Clerk Clerk Clerk Cllr Bugler Approves Clerk / Cllr Bugler Clerk
5.	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk has requested an update on the progress of the Audit to Wales Audit and will continue to follow up. Remembrance Day notice from Powys CC Draft Annual Report from OVW 	Clerk Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAVO News – now GCC is a member. • OVW Model Complaints Policy 2025 & Practice Development Notes -OVW • Dyfed-Powys Police HQ Open Doors Event • nalc Report 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
6.	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Balances – Current: £21,898.43 Reserve: £9,929.34 (inc. interest £9.13) • Invoices to be paid inc. Clerk Salary, Clerk's Expenses £26.10, Microsoft £52.91, Vodafone DD £27.55. 3x PAVO Payroll Invoices #2978 £46.00, #3055 £36.00, #3158 £36.00. • Review Budget Vs Actual • Cashbook • Review Councillor Allowances paper, On agenda for November meeting. • Expenses Policy Link and Claim Form – Approved <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is now a Risks, Issues, Assumptions, Decisions, Actions log on the Council internal system. • FreeAgent. The Clerk has not been able to progress this yet due to time commitment. • IT Licences: The current MSFT licences for councillors do not include the desktop versions of the Office apps. If councillors do not have access to a licence for the desktop Office Apps separately, they will only be able to use these apps as the web versions. It is proposed that standalone group training sessions will take place as needed. • Proposal to accept this financial report: Proposed: Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Bugler 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>
7.	<p>Brecon Dial A Ride – Barbara Anglezarke, Chair of the Trustees, provided an interesting talk about Brecon Dial A Ride, how they collaborate with other community transport organisations and how they are planning their future. They do 'letter drops' using volunteers in the Brecon area but would enjoy joining GCC and Three Cocks Matters to provide leaflets to the GCC area as part of the Anti-Poverty Locality Funding Initiative. It was noted that some residents have told their local councillor that the cost seems quite high. The councillors suggested that GCC could provide vouchers to offset some of the cost. Barbara will take this away and assess the feasibility. Barbara also noted that BBNPA have funding availability for communities to promote nature and conservation. They also have funding available for supporting energy efficiency in community buildings.</p> <p>That brought Barbara's presentation to a close, and the councillors all thanked her for her informative presentation.</p>	<p>Barbara Anglezarke</p>
8.	<p>Anti-Poverty Locality Fund Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that GCC has received the £2000 funding from Powys CC to support this initiative. • Cllr Pritchard noted that the planning was not as far forward as he would have liked. He has secured the Digital Skills trainer, but they still need to secure devices for the attendees. Radnorshire Wildlife Trust has agreed to provide sessions. St John's Ambulance took a long time to get back to Cllr Pritchard; however, they have now been provided with dates to confirm. • The start date has been moved back to the 1st 3 weeks of November. The Marketing company SVT are ready to provide the marketing campaign. The Clerk and Cllr Lloyd will speak with PCC to see if we can get access to a database of contacts in the GCC area. • Cllr Pritchard will now secure dates for the initiative in early spring 2026. 	<p>Clerk / Cllr Lloyd</p> <p>Cllr Pritchard</p>
9.	<p>Planning Applications: None affecting GCC</p>	<p>Noted</p>
10.	<p>Green Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Bugler has written to Mr William Beddoes again. GCC are waiting for Mr Beddoes to provide a lease agreement for consideration. When this is received, GCC can instruct solicitors. Ed Jenkins, PCC, has sent a letter of support in principle to Three Cocks Matter for tree planting. 	<p>Cllrs Pritchard and Bugler</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pritchard is speaking with the Head of PAVO who has asked Cllrs Pritchard and Bugler to provide a summary of aims and challenges as she is speaking to the Leader of PCC. 	
11.	Community and Town Council Regional Meetings – Meeting was cancelled due to lack of support	Noted
12.	County Councillor's Report – Nothing to report	Cllr Lloyd
13.	Training Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs reminded to book themselves onto any training they require. • The Code of Conduct Training subsidised by PCC is still valid and will be available on demand at a one-off cost of £60. Proposed that this training is bought. Proposed by Cllr Bugler, Seconded by Cllr Varcoe 	Clerk Clerk
14.	Website Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk has provided several Analysis documents to take the GCC website forward. The Clerk will send a dedicated link to these for the councillors. • The Clerk has also provided templates for articles, social media posts etc. and a schedule that could be followed. Councillors are urged to start writing something even if it is in bullet points. The Clerk has offered, where necessary, to turn even bullet points into updates. 	Clerk
15.	Solar Speed Sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending an update from Elan City re the October discounts • Cllr Pritchard sent a reminder to John Forsey at PCC re the speed limit. John Forsey had indicated he would test the Three Cocks Speed Limit issue with the new guidance. PCC agreed that they had, but the new guidelines are not clear. PCC are indicating that they may be able to provide an update by Christmas 2025. 	Noted
16.	Personnel Sub-committee update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Harding has resigned from the post of Chair of the Personnel sub-committee. Proposal that Cllr Varcoe take over as the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Jones, Seconded by Cllr Pritchard. • Action: Ensure that the salary review is in the folder. 	Approved
17.	Full Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Audit Report has not yet been received from the Welsh Audit Office 	Noted
18.	Forward Look <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting community facilities • Health of the villages, e.g. the logging business is causing concern to the residents, the local pub has closed, and the owner has bought the land behind it. This land is for Agricultural purposes only. Communications to the villages. • Invite the PCC liaison person to the next Council Meeting • Cllrs to ask residents if there is a reason no-one wishes to attend these meetings 	
19.	Close of Meeting – 9.30pm	

Signed on behalf of Gwernyfed Community Council

Signature:		Chair of Gwernyfed Community Council	
Name:		Date:	

**Next Meeting 14th November 2025 at 7.30 pm
at Felindre Village Hall and as a hybrid meeting over Teams**