



Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Gwernyfed Community Council
Held in in person and online.
Meeting Date & Time: 19th March 2026, 7.30pm

Cllr Nick Pritchard Cllr Mike Bugler Cllr Peter Varcoe Cllr Will Lloyd Cllr Graham Day Cllr Chris Jones Also, in Attendance Sue Thomas	Chair, Finance Sub-Committee Vice Chair, Finance Sub-Committee Chair Personnel & Finance Sub-Committee County Councillor Personnel Sub-Committee Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer	Present Present Apologies Present Apologies Present Present
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Item of Business		
1.	Apologies: Apologies received from Cllrs Varcoe and Day for this meeting #DE046. Proposed: Cllr Bugler, Seconded: Cllr Jones.	Approved
2.	Declarations of Interest: None	
3.	Agree to the minutes of the last Council Meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of the Meeting held on 12th February 2026 are proposed as a true and correct record of the proceedings. Proposed: Cllr Jones, Seconded: Cllr Lloyd #DE047 	Approved
4.	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath at Glasbury Bus Stop. ACTION: Cllr Lloyd to pick up this action Solar Radar Sign update. Quotes were requested from Colas, Telent Technology Services, Standard Signs, Messagemaker Displays. Elan City have responded that as they are a French-owned company, their Radar Signs are compliant with European ISO Standards. They have repeatedly requested the parent company to attain UK TOPAS Standard. They have asked if the ISO certification is sufficient. ACTION: Clerk to chase PCC each month. ACTION: Clerk to follow up with other companies for quotes Welsh Audit Office – Audit report has been received and has been circulated. There is a separate Agenda Item for this FS Bigbelly Bins – Contacted and coming back to Clerk with plan for doing an audit Biodiversity Pack Application has been sent #DE0 Not heard anything yet. ACTION: Clerk to chase up 	Cllr Lloyd Clerk Clerk Clerk
5.	Chair's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Jones has a quote for storage cabinet for Felindre Village Hall. ACTION: Cllr Jones to let Clerk know what the quotes are. ACTION: Clerk to find cost of projection screen, camera, and cabinets for St Peter's Church Hall ACTION: Clerk to ask St Peter's Church Hall if they are happy for us to put equipment in St Peter's Church Hall ACTION: Put this the on agenda for next meeting – Costs of equipment and storage, placing equipment and storage, using St Pete's Hall 	Cllr Jones Clerk Clerk Clerk
6.	Correspondence (Requiring discussion or decisions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bannau Brecheiniog National Park – Notice of New Consultation Database. The Clerk has registered for this under the clerk@gwernyfed.co.uk email and with the password to be provided separately. ACTION: Clerk to send password Locality Network Evaluation. A link to an evaluation form has been sent to the Council and forwarded to all Councillors. ACTION: All Councillors to review this and comment as applicable. NRW intention to conduct flood defence works at Wye Valley Canoe Hire. Recommend noting this on Facebook ACTION: Check with Nicholas Tompkinson that he is happy for us to put this on Facebook. ACTION: Put this on Facebook. ACTION: Communicate with NRW, thank them, make sure residents have been informed, but ask what works will protect the residents during the flood defence work. Publication of the Annual Remuneration Report 	Clerk All Clerk

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Town Councils (CTC): Mandatory payments for CTC members include a £156 contribution to working-from-home costs and a £52 consumables allowance. Optional payments include financial loss compensation, attendance allowances, and travel/subsistence expenses. • Transforming Education – PCC • PAVO Health and Well-being E Bulletin. • PTHB – Healthy Habits. Are these Newsletters worth putting on Facebook Yes • OVW Manifesto One Voice Wales has launched its Manifesto ahead of the May Senedd elections. • PAVO – Powys Third Sector Transport Network Meeting 31/3/2026 10.00am – 12.00pm Online. ACTION Clerk to find out what would be the cost for one council to secure one seat per week for a year to secure the route of the Thursday Bus that goes from Talgarth to Hay and back via Llanigon and Felindre. ACTION: Clerk to email Hay, Talgarth, and Llanigon councils to suggest they may wish to do the same and explain what the cost would be. • 2026 National Eisteddfod will be held near Lantood in north Pembrokeshire, Wales, from 1–8 August 2026. The 2026 festival, known as Eisteddfod Y Garreg Las, marks the 850th anniversary of the first recorded Eisteddfod. • Volunteer Toad Patrol – The organiser has been advised that a request for signage to make travellers more aware of toads and toad patrols has to come via the community council, but that funding for such signage can be funded via the Powys Nature Partnership. ACTION: – Promote this on Facebook. DECISION DE#048 Approval for the signage, Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Lloyd ACTION: Clerk to communicate with Ken Perry that we endorse this. • Become a Cancer Champion - Cancer Champions. ACTION: Clerk to promote on Facebook • nalc – nalc are holding a number of events online that are of interest to the council. ACTION: Let the Clerk know if you intend to attend. • PTHB – Mental Health Support To access the blended service, contact: Brecon Mind on 01874 611 529 / support@breconmind.org.uk ACTION: Clerk to promote this on Facebook • Penyrhoel Baptist Chapel Request for Donation – Accounts Provided 2024-25. Income £5,442.19, expenditure £2,540.84. No amount has been requested, just a polite request for continued support. ACTION: Clerk to ask Penyrhoel to use our format for the request and to provide more information on the current and savings account including investments • Beacons Creative (Wales) Ltd. Request for donation to support unexpected costs arising this year from repairs to the boiler in the workshop at Ffrwdgrech Ind. Est. and replacing a cracked and dangerous window in the shop on The Struet in Brecon DECISION DE#049 Approve grant of £565 Proposed, Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Jones. ACTION: Clerk to inform BCW of the grant and to ask that they promote this support on Facebook to encourage others to donate. Should BCW bring forward any future requests, GCC would want to know if other more local community councils have also provided grants. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Clerk</p>
7.	<p>Councillor Vacancies</p> <p>#DE050 Decision Required: Approve plans to encourage residents to engage with the Council Should be ten currently at six. Obvious need to promote council values. Suggestions included Newsletters, Invite local businesses to talk to the council and public, Provide a social engagement to encourage the public to come and speak to the Cllrs, Promote the values and benefits on FB, in the Three Cocks Matter newsletter. There needs to be an emphasis on engaging with the younger community as well as the older residents and encourage all genders to participate. Engage a professional company to engage in a behavioural insight survey in the Ward. Send representation to local events such as YFC, PAVO, Brecon Show, sports clubs, and WI. Clyro Community Council want to set a quarterly meeting of local councils. ACTION: Clerk to pull this all together as a paper for discussion</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p>Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Balances – Current: £8,977.55 Reserve: £19,978.08 (inc. interest £14.55) • Monies still to be paid (see below) total £1,902.22 • Expected Current Account Balance at 31/03/2026 £7,129.48 • Invoices to be paid: 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vodafone DDT £27.55 ○ MSFT Software March 2026 to Cllr Pritchard £52.16 ○ MSFT Software February 2026 to Cllr Pritchard - £52.16 ○ OVW Training Invoices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Invoice 10594 £21.00 ▪ Invoice 10591 £42.00 ▪ Invoice 10555 £42.00 ▪ Invoice 10583 £42.00 ▪ Invoice 10509 £21.00 ○ Gordon Snape 8/26 £160 ○ OVW Membership Renewal. Due 1st April £209 – Chairperson name and email need to be updated ○ Ian Smith Digital Skills Trainer £375.00 ● Clerk’s Salary March 2026 ● Clerks Expenses March 2026 GCC-EXP25/25 006 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vodafone WiFi for St Peters Church Hall – January 2026 £23.00, February 2026 £23.00, March 2026 due 15/3/26 £24.35 ○ Travel £68.40 ○ Heating £15.00 ● #DE051 Decision Request approve invoices to be paid. Proposed: Cllr Bugler Seconded: Cllr Jones ● Review Budget Vs Actual #DE052 Proposed to review at next meeting ● Review Cashbook #DE053 Proposed to review at next meeting: ● To Note – PAVO Payroll changes mean that that the Payroll cost per month is increasing to £14 for the first employee and £8 for any subsequent employees. See letter in the Meeting Folder ● VAT to be reclaimed – approximately £500 <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monies Paid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ £1,500 Grant has been paid to Love Glasbury, David Barlow sends his thanks for the Council’s continued support. ○ SLCC Membership has been paid ○ Invoices Approved on 12 February ○ Councillors Allowances – Please email acknowledgement of receipt by 31st March so that the report of payment can be posted online. <p>Training Report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ACTION: The Clerk will circulate a Full Training Report and a Training Plan for publication at the end of the Financial Year <p>Code of Conduct Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This course is now available via a link. The Council will receive an invoice in due course ● Code of Conduct for town and community councils in Powys <p>Attendance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Clerk will circulate a Full Attendance Report at the end of the Financial Year and will publish on the Website – No concerns about attendance have been raised <p>Cwmpas Gifted Laptops: ACTION: Clerk to receive these devices, log them and check what software is installed. ACTION: Clerk to approach Talgarth Library to receive these devices and manage the loan of them to the community.</p>	<p>Approved Noted Noted Noted Noted Noted Noted Clerk Noted Clerk Clerk</p>
9.	<p>Meeting Date recommendations for specific topics Review Standing Orders, Financial Toolkit and GCC Aims – 23rd April 2026 Review Assets and Policies - 21st May 2026 Review Risks and Governance & Compliance - 18th June 2026 Decision Required #DE054 Proposed Cllr Bugler Seconded Cllr Jones</p>	
10.	<p>Community Skills for Life Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A First Letter For Debt Payment Letter has been sent by recorded delivery to VISI Direct on 10 March 2026,. In accordance with the General Pre-Action Protocol the Clerk has prepared a Formal Letter Before Action Letter to be sent on 25 March 2026. 	Clerk

	2. Update on final training sessions and payments – potential for summer of first aid sessions. Communicate through Social Media and website.	Noted
11.	Planning Applications and Notices – If Required • None received for the Gwernyfed Ward	Noted
12.	Green Spaces – CAT – Update • A new solicitor, H Vaughan of Brecon, has been instructed by Cllr Bugler to act on behalf of GCC with PCC regarding the transfer of the asset at Three Cocks. • Update from Chair/Cllr Bugler – A meeting has been requested with Vaughan & Vaughan, Powys Solicitor and GCC. GCC assumes that our solicitors have received the lease, Cllrs have not seen this. GCC need the detail, condition of assets, issue of roads being within plans. • GCC has not yet seen a quote for our solicitors' costs	Noted
13.	Communications and Publications • The next article will be by Cllr Lloyd and will be published on 15 March 2026 . A first draft is required by 28 February 2026. This has not yet been received ACTION Clerk to send the template for article to Cllr Lloyd and to send reminder to Cllr Day. • The April article will be by Cllr Day to be published on 12 April 2026. The first draft is required by 26 March 2026 – Subject is WiFi The May article will be by Cllr Jones – Cllr Jones to let Cllrs know what the topic is	Clerk Cllr Day Cllr Jones
14.	County Councillor's Report – To be sent out ahead of meeting – Questions on the night – Send in writing.	
15.	Full Audit Update – received • Review the Audit opinion from Welsh Audit Office • Discuss the Finding and potential next steps • Decision #DE055 approve the Audit Notice for publication postponed • Decision #DE056 approve next steps postponed ACTION: Clerk to prepare a plan of action to address the issues,	Noted Clerk
16.	Forward Look • Clerk is unavailable for the meeting on 14 th May for the Full Council Meeting move to 21 st May and move review to following week	Clerk
17.	Meeting was closed at 9.39pm	Resolved

Signed on behalf of Gwernyfed Community Council

Signature:		Chair of Gwernyfed Community Council	
Name:	Cllr Nick Pritchard	Date:	

**Next Meeting 10 April at 7.30 pm
at Felindre Village Hall and as a hybrid meeting over Teams**