



**Gwernyfed Community Council**  
**Minutes of Gwernyfed Community Council**  
**Held in in person and online.**  
**Meeting Date & Time: 9<sup>th</sup> April 2026, 7.30pm**

Cllr Nick Pritchard Cllr Mike Bugler Cllr Will Lloyd Cllr Graham Day Cllr Chris Jones Also, in Attendance Sue Thomas	Chair, Finance Sub-Committee Vice Chair, Finance Sub-Committee Personnel Sub-Committee County Councillor Personnel & Finance Sub-Committee  Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer	Present Present Present Apologies – IT Issues Present  Present
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26-27-00001	<b>Apologies – None.</b> Cllr Day had technical issues while trying to join the meeting remotely
26-27-00002	<b>Declarations of Interest - None</b>
26-27-00003	The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 19th March 2026 (postponed from 12th March 2026) are proposed as a true and correct record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Jones #DE057 <b>Resolved</b>
26-27-00004	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>AC0136</b> Bannau Brecheiniog National Parks new Consultation Database. The Clerk has registered the council and sent the link and password to the Councillors. Closed</p> <p><b>AC0137</b> Locality Network Evaluation - A link to the evaluation has been sent to all Councillors - All are requested to review and comment as applicable. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0138</b> NRW intention to conduct flood defence work at the Wye Valley Canoe Hire site. The tree has already been removed. Further work will be undertaken in the summer. All residents have been informed. NRW will continue to keep residents and GCC informed of progress. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0139</b> NRW will report back to GCC if it is possible for GCC to promote this work on the GCC Facebook page. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0157</b> Further Action Raised to check that Ricketts bill for pumping has been paid. <b>Open</b></p> <p><b>AC0142</b> Volunteer toad Patrol. The organiser has been advised that the request for signage to make travellers more aware of toads crossing the roads and Toad Patrols is approved #DE048 - Promote this on Facebook. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0143</b> Become a Cancer Champion - Promote this on Facebook, <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0145</b> Beacons Creative (Wales) Ltd request for a donation DE#049 - inform BCW of the grant and request that BCW promote this on Facebook. Closed</p> <p><b>AC0147</b> The Clerk to circulate a Full Training report for 2025/26 and a Training Plan for 2026/27 - <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0149</b> Cwmpas Gifted Laptop/Tablet Devices. Clerk to receive these devices, log them on the Asset Register and check what software is installed. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0150</b> Cwmpas Gifted Laptop/Tablet Devices. Clerk to approach Talgarth Community Library to offer these devices and any ongoing support the volunteers need to enable these laptops/tablets to be loaned to members of the community. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0151</b> A First Letter for Debt Payment has been sent via recorded delivery to the registered address for VISI Direct on 10th March 2026. As no contact has been made, the Formal Letter before Action has been sent by Registered post on 7th April 2026. Clerk will progress through to the Small Claims Court if no response in the allotted time limit. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0154</b> The May Website Article will be by Cllr Jones on Biodiversity. <b>In Progress</b></p>
26-27-00005	<p><b>Chairs Report</b></p> <p><b>AC0140</b> Cllr Lloyd to follow up with PCC regarding the footpath at the bus stop in Glasbury. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0158</b> Follow up with PCC re the date for fitting the poles for the Solar Radar Signs. <b>In Progress</b></p> <p><b>AC0159</b> Cllr Bugler to contact Ian Griffiths to see what connection they have with the proposed housing at Three Cocks. <b>Open</b></p> <p><b>AC0160</b> Cllr Pritchard is preparing the Annual Report, <b>Open</b></p>

	<b>The AGM will precede the next Council Meeting. The date to be moved from the 21st of May 2026 to the 20th of May 2026. Action to contact Cllr Day to check his availability</b>
26-27-00006	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>National Eisteddfod</b> have written requesting a donation, with no amount stipulated. Proposed that as they have not sent a request in our format the council will not provide one. Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Lloyd <b>#DE058 Resolved</b></p> <p><b>For Information - Noted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Listening to People statutory guidance to improve NHS Wales response to concerns</li> <li>• PTHB endorses timeline for decisions on Temporary Service Changes in Powys</li> <li>• Powys Teaching Health Board Sets Out £30M Capital Programme to Improve Local Health Facilities</li> <li>• Nalc Online Sessions and Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Finance and Function: Powering up parish and town councils – Online 29 April 2026</li> <li>o Planning Reform Unpacked: The planning shake-up and what it really means – Online 13 May 2026</li> <li>o Annual Conference 24 June 2026 – Fully Booked</li> <li>o Stronger Together: Unlocking the power of collaboration 29 July 2026 Online.</li> <li>o Managing the Message: Making Social Media work for you Online 26 August 2026</li> <li>o Next Generation Leadership: Building inclusive parish and town councils Online 28 October 2026</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Brecon and Radnor Area Committee – 14 April 2026, Kinnerton Village Hall, LD8 2PE 7.00pm</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION AC0161</b> – Cllr Pritchard will provide an update at the next meeting. <b>Open</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OVW National Awards 2026 – Proposal that nominations are prepared for the Community Skills For Life Programme and For GCC efforts around Digital Inclusion. <b>#DE059</b> Proposed Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Bugler Resolved</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION AC0162</b> Clerk to prepare the nominations on behalf of the Council . <b>Open</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAVO – Joint Locality Meetings</li> <li>• Welsh Audit Office – Audit Notice to be posted on the Website <b>ACTION AC0163 Open</b></li> <li>• <b>ACTION AC0164</b> Keep the checklist developed by the Clerk on the Agenda for each Meeting, ask SLCC for an example of best practice for a Budget, <b>Open</b></li> <li>• <b>ACTION AC0165</b> Put website updates on agenda. <b>Open</b></li> </ul>
26-27-00007	<p><b>Equipment costs and Storage at St Peter's Church Hall</b></p> <p><b>AC0133</b> Cost of screens - quotes of £98.34 (Office Boffins 1.2m wide), £87.38 plus postage (UK Office Direct), £110.99 free delivery (Amazon UK 2.2m wide)</p> <p>Cost of Cameras: £299.99 free Delivery (Amazon UK) £219.99 Free Delivery Logitech Refurbished (Amazon UK) [This is £349.99 new features a rechargeable battery for flexibility) KanDao Meeting 360 £519.00 (Amazon UK)</p> <p>Cost of WiFi Mount: £23.08 (Amazon UK) Proposal to purchase the 2.2m wide screen for £110.99, the KanDao Meeting 360 Camera £519.00 and the WiFi Mount for £23.08 Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Lloyd <b>#DE060 Resolved</b></p> <p>Cabinets – waiting on Cllr Jones (Amazon Guide Price £150 - £200) these must be branded cabinets for insurance <b>#DE061</b> authorise Cllr Jones up to £600 to buy 2 Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Lloyd <b>Resolved</b></p> <p><b>AC0134</b> Anne Collins, St Peter's Church Hall, is happy for the projector etc. to be stored at St. Peter's Church Hall. Closed</p>
26-27-00008	<p><b>AC0140</b> Securing the A49 Thursday Bus Route from Talgarth to Hay-on-Wye to Talgarth. Inquiries have been made of Williams Bus Company. As the Service has been commissioned as an on-demand service it is not possible to book out a seat on this bus route. However, the company's stats show that there are usually 3 or 4 bookings each week on this route. While one-way fares are capped at £4.00, the actual fares are pro-rata's based on the distance travelled. E.G. from Talgarth to Hay-on-Wye is £2.80 one way, so a return journey is a maximum of £5.60. Their records also show that most users of this route are in fact recipients of concessionary travel cards. The company's suggestion is that the information on the A49 Bus Route is placed in prominent positions in the area including Noticeboards and other places where residents may visit. <b>In Progress</b></p>
26-27-00009	<p><b>AC0141</b> The Clerk was to email other councils to encourage them to do the same as GCC in Action AC0140. Considering the outcome to AC0140, these emails were not sent. Closed</p>
26-27-00010	<p><b>AC0144</b> Penyrhoel Baptist Church request for a donation. The Clerk is to ask Penyrhoel to use or Grant Form and to provide information on the current and savings account, and income streams. <b>In Progress</b></p>

26-27-00011	<p><b>Councillor Vacancies -</b> Peter Varcoe has decided to resign from the council for reasons of health concerns and family commitments. The Council thank Peter for his service and enthusiasm and noted that Peter was still willing to volunteer wherever possible.</p> <p><b>AC0146</b> Plans to engage the community and encourage residents to join as councillors. Clerk to talk to agencies re marketing and recruitment, prepare a draft engagement strategy and talk to local schools. Considerations are to see if the schools might help with Social Media. Councillor Bugler to put together a plan to talk to local businesses and prominent people in the community to see what would interest them to engage with the council. Cllr Jones will speak to the landlord of the Old Harp and Cllr Pritchard will speak to the owner of The Old Railway to see if there are opportunities to piggy-back on any of their events to encourage participation on the council. <b>Open</b></p>
26-27-00012	<p><b>Powys Electoral Services</b> have informed GCC that there have been no requests for an election to fill the space left by Keri Doell resignation. GCC are therefore free to co-opt a councillor. <b>In Progress</b></p>
26-27-00013	<p><b>Powys Electoral Services</b> have been informed of the resignation of Peter Varcoe Closed</p>
26-27-00014	<p><b>Clerk's Report - Finance</b> All invoices under #DE051 have been paid. Current Bank Balance £6,747.67 Reserve Bank Balance £19,993.51 (inc. interest of £15.43) Invoices for payment: Cllr Pritchard MSFT £52.16, Glasbury Village Hall £52.50, OVW Training 10682 £42.00, 10668 £42.00, 10616 £42.00 disputed as this is a councillor training session. Decision request to approve payment #DE062 Proposed Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Bugler <b>Resolved</b> Reviewing the Budget Vs Actual #DE052 is postponed to a quarterly review Cashbook Review #DE053 is postponed to a Finance sub-committee meeting End of Year Out-Turn 2025/26 <b>In Progress</b> for June 2026 Move the Finance Report higher up the Agenda, before Correspondence <b>Training Report</b> - Welsh Government have confirmed that it is continuing to fund free places for 2026/27. The courses with Free Spaces have been circulated to Councillors and will form part of the Training Plan to be published. <b>In Progress</b> ACTION Clerk to research Health and Safety Training there might be available for Cllr Jones to support H&amp;S on the Green Spaces. <b>In Progress</b></p>
26-27-00015	<p><b>Green Spaces</b> - CAT. Cllrs Bugler and Pritchard have met with GCC's Solicitor and are waiting on a follow-up from him. Cllr Bugler will be pursuing this with persistence. This transfer could take as little as 6 weeks. Meanwhile the Solicitor has started the searches and waiting on PCC to respond with the changes needed to the Heads of Terms Agreement. GCC and Three Cocks Matters are discussing funding arrangements for the work to be done on the Green Space. PCC have offered free woodchip to place around the trees that have been planted to discourage grass growth around them and provide a mulch.</p>
26-27-00016	<p><b>Communications and Publication</b> <b>AC0152 and AC0153 Articles for the Website.</b> Clerk to send the template for article to Cllr Lloyd (What it is like to be a Councillor) and to send reminder to Cllr Day (WiFi) - Closed. Clerk to follow up with Cllrs Lloyd and Day <b>In Progress</b></p>
26-27-00017	<p><b>Full Audit Update</b> <b>ACTION AC0166</b> - Audit to be posted on Website <b>In Progress</b></p>
26-27-00018	<p><b>Forward Look</b> - Community Skills For Life - Next Steps - consider another First Aid Course and others - Put on the agenda for a future meeting. <b>Open</b></p>
26-27-00019	<p>Meeting Closed at 9.27 pm</p>

**Signed on behalf of Gwernyfed Community Council**

<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Chair of Gwernyfed Community Council</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Cllr Nick Pritchard	<b>Date:</b>	

**Next Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm  
at Felindre Village Hall and as a hybrid meeting over Teams**