



Gwernyfed Community Council
Minutes of Gwernyfed Community Council
Held in in person and online.
Meeting Date & Time: 20th May 2026, 7.30pm

Cllr Nick Pritchard	Chair, Finance and Personnel Sub-Committee,	Present
Cllr Graham Day	Vice Chair, Personnel Sub-Committee	Present
Cllr Mike Bugler	Finance Sub-Committee	Present
Cllr Will Lloyd	Finance Sub-Committee	Present
Cllr Chris Jones	Personnel Sub-Committee	Present
Also, in Attendance		
Sue Thomas	Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer	Present

Item of Business	
26-27-00028	Meeting on 20/05/2026 Apologies - None
26-27-00029	Declarations of Interest - None
26-27-00030	The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9th April 2026 are proposed as a true and correct record of the proceedings. Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Jones #DE067 Resolved
26-27-00031	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>AC0138 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. Checking with the media team to provide information – No response yet Clerk</p> <p>AC0143 Become a Cancer Champion - Cancer Champions. ACTION: Clerk to promote on Facebook Put detail into RAIDD log so someone else can post to FB. In Progress Clerk</p> <p>AC0147 The Clerk will circulate a Full Training Report and a Training Plan for publication at the end of the Financial Year – Pending Clerk</p> <p>AC0148 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 – In Progress Clerk</p> <p>AC0150 Cwmpas Gifted Laptops: . ACTION: Clerk to approach Talgarth Library to receive these devices and manage the loan of them to the community. The Clerk has approached Talgarth Community Library, and they have asked that the council put together a proposal for the Talgarth Regeneration Group to consider. The contact spoken too raised concerns about their volunteers not having the skills to help anyone borrowing the devices to use them. An email has been sent to tal.community.lib@outlook.com In Progress Clerk</p> <p>AC0151 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. Formal Letter Before Action has been sent by Registered post on 7 April 2026, Clerk is now pursuing through the Small Claims Court In Progress Clerk</p>

26-27-00032	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Balances – Current: £11,146.72 Reserve: £20,007.48 (inc. interest £13.97) • Invoices for Payment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Pritchard MSFT £52.16 • Clerk's Salary • Vodafone • Decision Request approve invoices to be paid #DE068 Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Day • Review Budget Vs Actual #DE052 Proposed Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Bugler • Cashbook #DE053 Review Postponed <p>Actions: Clerk to propose dates for sub committees – Personnel Committee Cllrs Pritchard, Jones and Day. Finance Committee Cllrs Pritchard, Bugler, and Lloyd AC0167</p> <p>Training Report:</p> <p>It has been confirmed that the Welsh Government is continuing to fund free places for Councillors for 2026/27. There are two free spaces on the following courses</p> <p>Courses</p> <p>The Council as an Employer – Module 3 - Cllrs Pritchard and Jones Understanding the Law – Module 4 Cllrs Bugler and Lloyd Local Government Finance – Module 6 Cllrs Bugler and Day Code of Conduct – Module 9 - GCC have already purchased this course as an ON-Demand Video, however there are two free places if wished. Advanced Local Government Finance – Module 21, Cllr Bugler, Clerk Finance & Governance Toolkit – Module 2 Cllrs Bugler and Pritchard Health & Safety – Module 7 Cllrs Jones and Day Charing Skills – Module 10 Cllr Day and Lloyd Effective Staff Management – Module 18 Cllrs Pritchard and Jones Biodiversity Part 1 – Module 25 Cllrs Day and Lloyd Biodiversity Part 2 – Module 26 Cllrs Day and Lloyd Clerk to propose dates for these courses as part of the Training Plan AC0168</p>
26-27-00033	<p>Budget Checklist. This is on each Agenda to track compliance with the Audit Requirements</p>
26-27-00034	<p>Councillor Vacancies</p> <p>AC0146 - 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 take part. 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.</p> <p>Cllr Pritchard has prepared a paper for this (Attached as Annex) Options to consider include 'Friends of Gwernyfed' volunteers who help but do not wish to be councillors, Action - check the legality of using volunteers in this way.</p> <p>More ideas include visiting local schools, sponsoring an event, holding a GCC event, and attending local shows etc. and having a GCC Mascot. Action Councillors are asked to review the prepared paper and by 8th June AC0169</p>
26-27-00035	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Webinar on the 5 Pillars of Nature Recovery •Glasbury Arts notice of thanks •Talgarth Library note of thanks •Bringing Cinema to the community •One Voice Wales •Not the Hay Festival - Talgarth <p>Correspondence was noted</p>

26-27-00036	Feedback from Regional Committee Cllr Pritchard attended the last meeting Kinnerton. The Chief Executive of PAVO, Claire Swales, spoke to members around recent engagement with volunteers across Powys which is now leading to further action. In the main meeting a key takeaway was how GCC were congratulated for the Community Skills for Life training in 2025/26. Cllr Pritchard, on behalf of the council, has agreed to host the next Regional Meeting on 1st July 2026 at Felindre Village Hall. All councillors were invited if available.
26-27-00037	Meeting Date Reminders Review Standing Orders, Financial Toolkit and GCC Aims - 18th June 2026 Review Assets and Policies - Cllr Day is not available of 16th July can this meeting now be held on 23rd July Review Risks and Governance - TBA Digital and IT Support session for Councillors - 11th June 2026 6.30pm ACTION - Request the Chair, Cllr Pritchard, to determine the availability of Felindre Hall or St Peter's Church Hall for these events AC0170
26-27-00038	Planning Applications - None
26-27-00039	Green Spaces - CAT Cllr Bugler updated the council that the next action lies with the Powys CC's solicitor. Liz Jones is the new Head of Service at PCC – Cllrs Pritchard, Lloyd, and Bugler to get a meeting at the site with the Chief Executive of PCC, John Forsey, Liz Jones, Mr Harris, and Joe Corrick. Nick has meeting with OVV 21/5 about the keeping Wales Tidy initiative, OVV and local partnership teams to discuss support for biodiversity and community projects. The lease is now critical to enable these initiatives to progress,
26-27-00040	Communications and Publications – Website and Social Media Article Submission will need to be re-designed with the resignation of Cllrs Varcoe and Doell. Explicitly on the Agenda for next meeting about improvements on the website - Clerk
26-27-00041	County Councillor's Report – Cllr Lloyd will open a channel to report the excellent work that GCC is doing back to PCC as well as reporting from PCC to GCC ACTION Clerk to seek three quotes from – Gary Bowen, Jeff Paulton, Alvin Powell, Clyro. Regarding the footpath at Glasbury bus stop AC0171
26-27-00042	Forward Look <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the Cuddly Toy as a Mascot • By the next meeting have made a decision on how to get new councillors • RAIDD Log – Cllr Pritchard to work with Clerk to get the Actions progressed • Sub Committees to be scheduled and approved • Plan to attend local events as a council
26-27-00043	Meeting Closed - 9.42pm

Signed on behalf of Gwernyfed Community Council

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

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