



Gwernyfed Community Council Minutes of Full Council Meeting

Held at Felindre Village Hall and as a hybrid meeting over Teams

Meeting Date & Time: 10th September 2026, 7.30pm

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

Item of Business	
26-27-00118	Apologies for Absence Cllr Will Lloyd submitted his apologies for absence. Decision Request to accept the apology #DE092 Proposed Cllr Day, Seconded Cllr Bugler Resolved
26-27-00119	Declarations of Interest None.
26-27-00120	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 24th August 2026 were proposed as a true and correct record of the proceedings. Decision Request #DE093 Proposed Cllr Day, Seconded Cllr Jones Resolved
26-27-00121	Matters Arising All actions from the previous meeting were reviewed. • AC0180 Clerk employment contract – Payroll has been advised of the increase in contracted hours from 28 to 32 hours per month. The revised contract is being prepared and will be provided for signature. • AC0181 Hay Dial-a-Ride donation request – In progress. • AC0182 Councillor application form – Completed and circulated. • AC0183 Meeting with councillor candidate – In progress. Mark Tomlinson was away at the time of the meeting. • AC0184 Glasbury-on-Wye Bus Stop footpath – In progress. • AC0185 New website template – In progress. Members also noted new training course dates circulated in the Members Pack.

26-27-00122	Clerk's Report • All invoices approved on 24th August 2026 have been paid. • Bank Balances – Current: £13,014.87; Reserve: £20,063.44 (including interest of £13.07). • Invoices and payments presented for approval included Cllr Pritchard Microsoft £52.16; Vodafone £31.50; HMRC Employer NI £161.11; Clerk's Salary; and Clerk's Expenses £274.86. Decision Request to approve invoices to be paid #DE094 Proposed Cllr Jones, Seconded Cllr Bugler Resolved Decision Request approving the Cashbook #DE095 Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Jones Resolved • Councillor Allowances – Members were reminded that the annual allowance is £156 per councillor, with a further £52 available towards home office expenses. Any councillor wishing to opt out is to notify the Clerk by 21st September so that the statutory statement can be published by the end of September.
26-27-00123	Correspondence • Felindre Village Hall – Glenn Smith confirmed availability for the Council's scheduled meetings at £20 per meeting and advised that previous hall hire remained outstanding. The Clerk had identified 17 earlier meetings, totalling £340. Decision Request to pay £340 for the 17 outstanding meetings, £20 for the current meeting and £20 per meeting going forward #DE096 Proposed Cllr Bugler, Seconded Cllr Jones Resolved • Powys Teaching Health Board – Members noted that the Better Together Pre-Consultation Business Case would be considered by the Health Board on 16th September 2026. This was discussed further under Item 9. • Former Glasbury Church in Wales School – Police concerns following a fire-related incident and unrestricted access to the abandoned building were noted. Powys County Council had provided contact details for the Diocese in Swansea. ACTION AC0186: Clerk to contact the Diocese to establish ownership/responsibility for the former school site and seek information on plans for the property and its security. • Community Boundary Reviews Update: Members are advised that the Welsh Government has confirmed that completed Community Boundary Reviews, including the Ceredigion review, will not be reopened or postponed. One Voice Wales had raised concerns about inconsistencies in the review process and its impact on community councils, but the Cabinet Minister has decided that the reviews were conducted lawfully and that existing decisions will stand. One Voice Wales has expressed disappointment but accepts the outcome and will provide further support to affected councils through advisory webinars ahead of the 2027 elections. • Updated Model Standing Orders 2026 were noted, including changes relating to financial controls and procurement. • ACTION AC0188: Clerk to prepare the updated Model Standing Orders for Gwernyfed Community Council for future consideration. • One Voice Wales and other correspondence – The Council noted the consultations, newsletters, sector updates and training opportunities contained in the Members Pack. ACTION AC0187: Clerk to advise Cllr Pritchard of the Brecon & Radnor Area Committee meeting on 21st September and book him onto the One Voice Wales Innovative Practice Conference on 30th September 2026. • PCC. Visitor Levy Initial Engagement (Powys County Council). Powys County Council is consulting residents, businesses and visitors on whether a Visitor Levy should be considered in the future. No decision has been made and the Council is not proposing to introduce a levy at present. The survey remains open until 30 September 2026, and community councils are encouraged to promote participation to ensure local views are represented
26-27-00124	Planning Applications and Notices None.

26-27-00125	Green Spaces – CAT • Cllr Bugler reported that there was no substantive update. The solicitor was now back from leave and would be followed up regarding the draft lease and proposed amendments. ACTION AC0189: Cllr Bugler to follow up with the solicitor on the draft lease. ACTION AC0190: Clerk to request an update from the solicitor approximately two weeks before each Full Council meeting.
26-27-00126	Health Services Discussion • Members discussed concerns about access to local health services, including hospital beds, nursing provision and minor injuries services in Powys, Brecon and Hay. Concerns were also raised about patients being directed to services outside Powys and the effect of longer journeys on local residents. The Council agreed that accessible services at Bronllys and Brecon should be supported and that there was a need for a clear long-term vision for health provision in the area. Members also noted concerns that consultation processes can appear to take place after key decisions have effectively been shaped. It was agreed that the Council should formally express its concerns and support neighbouring communities raising similar issues. ACTION AC0191: Clerk to prepare correspondence to Powys Teaching Health Board setting out the Council's concerns and support for retaining accessible local health services, copying relevant elected representatives. ACTION AC0192: Clerk to explore a joint/open letter with neighbouring councils, including Glasbury, Hay, Talgarth and Llanigon, and the possibility of publication in the local press.
26-27-00127	Communications and Publications • No additional matters were raised.
26-27-00128	Footpath at Glasbury-on-Wye Bus Stop • The matter remains in progress. A response from Powys County Council is awaited.
26-27-00129	Councillor Vacancies • The Council reviewed the applications and expressions of interest received for the current vacancies. • Mark Tomlinson's application and CV were discussed. Members agreed that he should be invited to the next Full Council meeting before any decision is made on co-option, so that councillors can discuss his interest in the role and confirm the information supplied in his application. • Other expressions of interest were noted. Lauren Lewis had indicated that she did not wish to pursue a councillor vacancy. ACTION AC0193: Clerk to invite Mark Tomlinson to the next Full Council meeting and confirm his application details.
26-27-00130	Forward Look • Members noted forthcoming Council meetings, consultations and training opportunities in the Members Pack.
26-27-00131	Close of Meeting Close of meeting: 21:10.

Next Full Council Meeting 8th October 2026 at 7.30 pm at St Peter's Church Hall and over Teams

Signed on behalf of Gwernyfed Community Council

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