

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 19 June 2025 - Lee Hall – 6.30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Register of Members present

Present:

Cllr J Cowpe (Chair)
Cllr M Cowpe
Cllr M Phillips
Cllr C Franks
Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr L Stevens

Cllr D Evans (Vice Chair)
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr C Asbrey
Cllr C Mirza Davies
Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr S Griffiths

Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, K Shaw & K Hatton

12. **To consider granting Councillor Kay Shaw 6 months dispensation as of this meeting, from attending council meetings in view of the sad loss of a relative and her additional caring responsibilities. To also consider extending dispensation for Cllr Mike Hartrey for an additional six months from the date of expiry of the previous request for dispensation.**

Cllr R Grigg proposed, seconded by Cllr C Franks and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by Members that Councillor K Shaw is granted dispensation to be absent from Council meetings for six months as of this meeting, and Cllr M Hartrey is granted an additional six months from the date of expiry of the previous request for dispensation - pursuant to Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972.

13. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllrs J Fanshaw and Cllrs C Franks declared an interest in item number 19a

Before proceeding with confirming the minutes of the Annual Meeting, the Chair invited DPCC's Footpath Warden to speak. A Bassett-Evans reported issues of overgrowth of a footpath and evidence of fly-tipping. Cllr A Asbrey agreed to take this matter up at the COSAC meeting.

14. **To confirm Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 22 May 2025**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on Thursday; 22 May 2025 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr M Cowpe proposed, Cllr M Phillips seconded and it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

15. **Matters Arising from Minutes of the Annual Meeting**

Item 5b To Appoint representative to Outside Bodies

Cllr R Grigg advised members that his term on the Board of Governors at Ysgol Pen-y-Garth is coming to an end, but he would be happy to carry on if required. Cllr R Grigg agreed to contact the school.

16. **To confirm Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 22 May 2025**

The Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday; 22 May 2025 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr D Evans proposed, Cllr C Mirza-Davies seconded and it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

17. **Matters arising from Minutes of Full Council**

Item 7 – To consider the transfer of Seel Park to Dinas Powys Community Council

Cllr C Asbrey advised members that VoG Council agreed to undertake a Tree Survey of Park David Knevett will forward the survey as soon as possible.

18. **Authorise and confirm**

a. Payment of Accounts as at 30 May 2025

Cllr R Grigg proposed, Cllr C Mirza Davies seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Payments of Accounts for May 2025.

Note: Cllr V Driscoll queried the payment of £600 to remove the fallen poplar tree from Bryn y Don Playing Field. Clerk advised the Vale Arboriculturalist had contacted the office to advise that the matter was for the community council to sort out. The fallen tree presented a danger to visitors to the park.

a. Financial Position as at 30 May 2025

The Financial Position was **NOTED**.

19. **To receive Committees and other Reports**

a. Finance & GP Committee on 9 June 2025

Cllr V Driscoll provided a brief outline of the Minutes.

It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts the report and **APPROVES** the actions and recommendations contained therein. (Other than the matter of transferring £35k from Monmouthshire Building society to another account which is to be considered at the next Finance & GP meeting).

[18.55 - Cllr L Stevens joined the meeting]

b. Halls Committee – 10 June 2025

Cllr J Fanshaw provided a brief outline of the Minutes.

Cllr J Fanshaw advised members that the Council had been successful in its grant application for new replacement chairs for both halls. There was a slight change to the match funding. To keep the project cost at £18,080.30 would mean amending the match funding to 20% which amounts to £3,616.06. Grant Procurement rules for values between £2500 and under £25K require 3 written quotes or process sought from relevant suppliers of goods. Receipt /invoice and evidence quotes are needed before the money is awarded. It was proposed by Cllr C Franks seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts the report and **APPROVES** the actions contained therein.

c. Playscheme Sub-Committee

Cllr J Fanshaw provided a brief outline of the Minutes

Cllr D Evans queried whether the money to cover the costs for the event will be acknowledged on any publicity material. Cllr J Fanshaw confirmed this to be the case. Clerk will also contact the Play Development Team for further information on this matter.

It was proposed by Cllr C Franks seconded by Cllr A Asbrey and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts the report and **APPROVES** the actions contained therein.

d. Planning Committee

Cllr M Cowpe provided a brief outline of the Minutes

The Minutes and decisions were **NOTED**.

Cllr M Cowpe advised Members that as Cllr K Shaw had been granted dispensation, she would continue to act as Chair of Planning Committee.

e. Report from Councillors on meetings/training attended

- Cllr M Cowpe attended a GIS (Geographic Information System) training course held by Vale Council.

Action: Clerk to forward the relevant link on the Vale web site to all members

- Cllrs V Driscoll and C Franks were invited to view the work underway to refresh community areas in Camms Corner and Fair Oaks. The areas are being redecorated and asbestos removed. Electrics are being modernised with security being improved.

f. County Councillors Report

Cllr C Franks provided an update on the issues relevant to Dinas Powys.

i. Aqua Park – Cosmeston Country Park

There continues to be major public concern regarding the plans to establish Aqua Sport at Cosmeston. Many feel that the decision was rushed by the Vale's cabinet and that there has been inadequate public consultation. Protests have been held and further are planned.

ii. Refurbished community areas

There is a substantial investment in access and stairwells in the flats at Camms Corner and Fair Oaks. The areas are being redecorated and asbestos removed. Electrics are being modernised with security being improved. The work is funded from Council House rents and not the council taxpayer. Cllrs C Franks and V Driscoll were invited to the works.

iii. Replacement Local Development Plan

Having been substantially amended will be subject to what is claimed to be a public consultation including an open event at Millwood Bowling Club, Pontypridd Road, Barry CF62 7LX Tuesday, 24 June, 3-7pm

The three alternative sites:

- North West Barry (Weycock Cross) – up to 376 homes
- Hayes Lane, The Bendricks – 70 homes
- Neptune Road, Barry Waterfront – 40 homes

Stubbornly the Vale is continuing with plans for 250 houses at a totally unsuitable site at Eastbrook.

Cllr D Evans raised concerns over the RLDP. Where is the evidence base for the proposed additional homes in Dinas Powys? Has the land been bought yet? And how far has this development gone? The impression from the Plan, is that Dinas Powys appears to be facilitating houses to support Barry. Cllr D Evans aims to attend the above meeting.

Action: Cllrs D Evans and C Franks to liaise with the Clerk regarding the above queries.

iv Grant for visitor facilities

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has been awarded more than £530,000 in Welsh Government Brilliant Basics funding, enabling major improvements to visitor facilities at key destinations across the county. Two successful project bids will benefit from this latest round of funding - the Barry Island Visitor Experience Improvement Project has secured £233,813.62 to support a range of new facilities, including changing rooms, beach wheelchairs, and digital water quality displays. A second award of £300,000 has been granted to Countryside Services for the refurbishment of toilet facilities at both Porthkerry and Cosmeston Country Parks, enhancing comfort and accessibility for park users.

Anne Asbrey, Marianne Cowpe, Chris Franks

20. **Annual Return**

a) To inform Members of the Internal Auditors Visit and findings

The Internal Auditor's visit and recommendations were noted. Clerk to action them as and when appropriated and when appropriate.

b) Approve the Annual Return for the financial year 2024-25

It was proposed by R Grigg seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts and **APPROVES** the Annual Return for the financial year 2025-25.

c) To accept the advice of a local accountant to address a minor accounting adjustment required to reconcile the accounts balance in accordance with the end of year bank statements.

It was proposed by J Fanshaw seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts and **APPROVES** the advice from of a local accountant in order to reconcile the accounts balance in accordance with the end of year bank statements for the financial year 2023-24.

21. **To approve the Training Plan**

Having previously circulated a copy of the Training Plan Cllr J Fanshaw, seconded by Cllr M Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the council accepts and approves the Training Plan.

Cllr L Stevens wished to include some additional details into the 'who' and 'when' columns on the training plan. Cllr L Stevens also recommended that Councillors undertake refresher courses every two years.

22. **To approve the Future Generations and Wellbeing Report and Plan**

Having previously circulated a draft copy of the Report Cllr R Grigg proposed, seconded by Cllr C Mirza Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Council approve the Report and Plan. It was suggested by Cllr S Griffiths and R Grigg the report be made available in Welsh to anyone who requests a copy.

23. **To Approve the Annual Report**

Having previously circulated a draft copy of the Report Cllr R Grigg proposed, seconded by Cllr C Mirza Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Council approve the Report and Plan. It was suggested by Cllr S Griffiths and R Grigg the report be made available in Welsh to anyone who requests a copy

24. **Replacement Local Development Plan – update**

See item 19f iii

25. **Dickensian Fayre - update**

An email from the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys was circulated to all members advising they are no longer in a position to plan and run the Dickensian Fayre on the Twyn. But they are prepared to hold it in the Parish Hall. Anyone wishing to help is more than welcome.

Councillors acknowledged this decision but think there may well be scope for the event to continue to be held on the Twyn as there remains a strong interest from the community for this to happen. Planning logistics and time and effort, commitment and 'man power' are not to be underestimated in putting the event together.

Action: Clerk to write to Rotary Club advising they support their proposal. Cllrs C Franks and V Driscoll also to meet with Andy Perry from Dinas Powys Football Club to discuss this matter further.

26. **To consider items which the Chairman has decided are urgent**

The Chair reported that he has emailed Inspector Gareth Childs at South Wales Police, twice and is waiting for a response. He also mentioned speaking with our local PCSO at the recent football festival on the Common

27. **Matters which the Chairman and other Members may wish to bring before Council**

Members discussed at length the escalation of violence in different areas of Dinas Powys. It is hoped that Inspector Gareth Childs will be able to attend a future meeting of the Full Council, to discuss these occurrences, in the near future.

28. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 17 July 2025**

Signature:

Date: