

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 18 September 2025 - Lee Hall – 6.30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Register of Members present

Present:

Cllr J Cowpe (Chair)
Cllr S Griffiths
Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr C Franks

Cllr D Evans (Vice Chair)
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr V Driscoll

Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, K Hatton, L Stevens, K Shaw, M Phillips, C Mirza Davies, C Asbrey, M Cowpe

36. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr J Cowpe, D Evans and C Franks declared an interest in Item 40d
Cllr J Fanshaw declared an interest in Item 42

37. **To confirm Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 17 July 2025**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on Thursday; 19 June 2025 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr D Evans proposed, and seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

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

Item 30d

Clerk had spoken to Senior Planning Officer but at that time the Officer was to able to provide any information due to work commitments.

Action: Clerk to pursue

Item 34 – Empty Houses in Dinas Powys

Clerk had contacted Exchequer Manager, Financial Services at VOG but as yet to receive a reply.

Action: Clerk to pursue

39. **Authorise and confirm**

a) Payment of Accounts as at 31 July 2025

It was **RESOLVED** the Payments of Accounts for July 2025 be **APPROVED**

b) Financial Position as at 31 July 2025

The Financial Position was **NOTED**.

c) Payment of Accounts as at 31 August 2025

It was **RESOLVED** the Payments of Accounts for August 2025 be **APPROVED**

d) Financial Position as at 31 August 2025

The Financial Position was **NOTED**.

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

- a. Planning Committee – 3 September 2025
Cllr D Evans provided a brief outline of the Minutes which had previously been circulated to all Members. The main points of discussion were planning application 2025/00539/FUL and 2025/00740/FUL.
- b. Finance & GP Committee – 15 September 2025
Cllr V Driscoll provided a brief outline of the Minutes which had previously been circulated to all Members. It was proposed by Cllr A Asbrey seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the Council accepts the report and **APPROVES** the actions and recommendations, including the trial office opening hours, contained therein.
- c. Halls Committee 16 September 2025
Cllr J Fanshaw provided a brief outline of the Minutes which had previously been circulated to all Members. Cllr D Evans proposed, and seconded by Cllr S Griffiths it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**
- d. COSAC Committee – 16 September 2025
Cllr A Asbrey provided a brief outline of the Minutes. Cllr A Asbrey asked Cllr D Evans to run through the Minutes relating to item 25d, to explain the outcome of conversations with the Senior Planner, Regeneration and Planning at VoG regarding available funding.

[1915 hrs Cllr R Grigg joined the meeting]

The Chair advised Members that the Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre's £11k funding was in fact part of the original funding allocated to the Centre to be used as and when required and was not an additional request. Cllr D Evans proposed, and seconded by Cllr R Grigg, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes and actions contained therein be **APPROVED**.

- e. Details from Councillors on meetings/training attended
- The Chair completed One Voice Wales – Module 6 Finance & Governance Training
 - Cllr S Griffiths attended the recent One Voice Wales meeting. He highlighted two main issues; a presentation regarding future bus reforms and the Community Liaison Committee. Those at the meeting were of the opinion that the Community Liaison Committee meetings were ineffective. Cllr A Asbrey suggested this may have something to do with the fact that certain organisations do not turn up which is frustrating. Cllr M Phillips concurred with this view. Cllr A Asbrey advised Members that this is the only meeting where you can hold certain organisations to account. The Chair also advised Members that Inspector Gareth Childs, of South Wales Police, has replied to a recent email and will arrange for one of his officers to contact him.
- f. County Councillors Report
Cllr C Franks provided an update on the issues relevant to Dinas Powys.
- i) Resurfacing
Substantial resurfacing is proposed at Southra Park and Sir Ivor Place. Residents at Southra Park have been inconvenienced for some time due to delays in contractors excavating footways. We have requested that the County Council ensures that disruption is kept to a minimum
- ii) St Andrews Road
The junction with Port Road will be closed to allow gas pipes to be upgraded. This will involve a substantial diversion.

iii) Public Service Board

The annual report from the Public Service Board is now available. This is a link to further information.

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Scrutiny-New-2025/Scrutiny-Resources/2025/25-09-17/PSB-Annual-Report.pdf

iv) Budget 2026 /27

Next year's budget is under preparation. Some key points include;
The standard warning of inadequate funding is an issue. However, it will be interesting to see if the Vale really has any influence over the Government. The late publication of the Westminster budget will hinder preparation of the Vale's budget. The financial pressures caused by increasing social care demands and the historic underfunding of schools are major factors to be addressed.

v) Parking charges

The imposed parking charges are now in force at a number of car parks in Penarth and Barry Island. To add insult to injury not all the ticket machines are fully functioning. This has been reported to the Vale.

County Councilors: Anne Asbrey, Marianne Cowpe and Chris Franks

41. **Policies & Guidance**

a) To consider adopting the Social Media Guidance

Having previously circulated a draft copy of the Guidance, Cllr R Grigg proposed and seconded by Cllr A Asbrey, it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Social Media Guidance subject to minor amendments. It was **AGREED** to review the Guidance in three months' time. It was **NOTED** the Guidance is not Mandatory.

b) To consider adopting a Lone Working Policy

Having previously circulated a draft copy of the Policy, Cllr R Grigg proposed and seconded by Cllr A Asbrey, it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Lone Working Policy subject to minor amendments

c) To consider adopting a Health and Safety Policy

Cllr R Grigg proposed and seconded by Cllr A Asbrey, it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Health and Safety Policy

42. **To consider removal/disposal of Halls furniture to make space for new furniture**

The clerk advised members that as replacement new furniture for the Halls is due to arrive over the next few weeks, it will be necessary to remove/dispose of the current furniture Assets. St Peters Church has expressed an interest in the plastic chairs. Hebron Hall, a charity conference centre in Dinas Powys, has also expressed an interest in some of the plastic and upholstered chairs. They have also offered to remove all the chairs and dispose of and recycle all those that are not fit for purpose. Members **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** this was a good solution.

Action: Clerk to notify the organisations to arrange times to collect the furniture.

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

The Chairman had no urgent matters to report

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

- a) Remembrance Sunday – 9th November – Service to be held on the Twyn. Members of the Baptist Church have agreed to serve refreshments after the service
- b) Armistice Day – Tuesday, 11th November – Short service to be held on the Twyn – Pupils from the local Primary Schools are to be invited.
- c) Dickensian Fayre – Friday, 5th December – Agreed to be held in the Parish Halls (not the Twyn. Clerk advised members that one of the theatrical companies who hire the Parish Hall would like to sing Carols at the event. Cllr J Fanshaw asked the Clerk to find out if they would also be interested in being involved with Carols Around the Christmas Tree.
Action: Clerk to arrange meeting between members of DPCC and the Rotary Club.
Clerk to put theatrical group in touch with the Rotary Club.
- d) Cover for Assistant Clerk's Maternity Leave. The Clerk advised members the post will be covered by two people working on a part time basis. They will commence work the week commencing Monday, 6th October 2025.
- e) Cllr Val Hartrey memorial bench. The Chair reported that further details regarding replacement of the bench at the Community Centre were not available in time for the recent Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting. The matter will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.

45. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 16 October 2025**

Signature:

Date: