

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 16 October 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 K Hatton
Cllr C Mirza-Davies

Cllr D Evans (Vice Chair)
Cllr C Asbrey
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr M Cowpe
Cllr L Stevens

Mr G Olphert, Vale of Glamorgan Standards Committee (Independent Member)

19 Members of the public

Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, K Shaw,

Cllr A Asbrey (unable to attend as present at VOG Community Liaison Committee Mtg)

Cllr M Phillips (unable to attend as present at VOG Community Liaison Committee Mtg)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including members of the public and Mr G Olphert from the Vale of Glamorgan Standards Committee.

46. Declaration of Interests

Cllr M Cowpe advised Members that before discussing Item 51 she would like to make a declaration for the record having spoken about the 'lane' both at Full Council and at Dinas Powys CC and VOG Council Planning Committees. She stated she has no personal, prejudicial or pecuniary interests in this matter; and has not made any pre-determinations and intends to take part in discussions and any votes that follow.

The Chair advised Members that before discussing Item 51 he would like to make a declaration for the record. He wished to make it clear that he has no predetermined view on the matter and had no personal or prejudicial interests. In accordance with good practice, the Chair indicated that he will temporarily vacate the chair to the Vice Chair for this agenda item.

Vice Chair, Cllr D Evans took the Chair

Note: *As members of the public were in attendance at the meeting regarding Item 51, The Chair proposed moving this item to the top of the Agenda – after Item 46. Cllr K Hatton seconded the motion'*

51 To consider the Proposed Creation of Public Footpath No. 48 St Andrews Major

Cllr D Evans began by advising members of the public, wishing to speak on the proposed creation of public footpath 48 at St Andrews Major, that they will be given a maximum of three minutes each to express their views. After this Council will resume to discuss the item. Before moving to the motion, Cllr D Evans read out two letters from members of the public who had requested their correspondence be read out at the meeting. Cllr D Evans stated that members of the public are welcome to stay for the whole meeting if they wish.

Cllr C Franks thanked the members of the public present for their comments and followed by saying that in his view land ownership is not an issue for the Community Council. It has no such powers. It is a matter for the Vale of Glamorgan Council. He stated that it is worth noting that the Community Council is one of a number of consultees that has been approached for their views on this pre-order consultation. The Vale of Glamorgan Council has invited responses from members of the public.

Cllr C Franks proposed that Members support the proposal to create PROW 48 as described from point A to C as outlined on the Order Plan – draft, provided from Public Rights of Way at Vale of Glamorgan Council. He is also aware that Vale of Glamorgan Council welcomes any further suggestions regarding the proposal. Cllr C Franks also proposed that the large metal gate erected across the lane is removed forthwith. He also proposed the kissing gate, if required, should be placed adjacent to an existing gate that has been present for many years further down the lane and that these gates should not be locked. Cllr K Hatton seconded the proposals. All Members present at the meeting **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to the proposals by a show of hands.

Action: Clerk to respond to PROW at Vale of Glamorgan Council.

The Chair thanked Vice Chair, Cllr D Evans and resumed as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

47. **To confirm Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 18 September 2025**

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Council held on Thursday; 18 September 2025 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr J Fanshaw proposed, and seconded by Cllr R Grigg it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

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

Item 38 Matters Arising from Minutes of Full Council

Item 30d – S106 contributions by Developers

A response from a Vale Planning Officer was circulated to all members.

Item 34 – Empty Houses in Dinas Powys

The Clerk advised they have written to the Exchequer Manager at VOG. The department has been experiencing problems with their invoicing software which has monopolised much of the working day for months now.

Action: Clerk to pursue

Item 40 e Details from Councillors on meetings/training attended

Cllr S Griffiths asked the Chair if he has managed to make contact with Inspector Gareth Childs at South Wales Police. The Chair advised he is still pursuing this.

Item 44c – Dickensian Fayre – Friday, 5 December

As the event is being run by the Rotary Club of Dinas Powys, The Chair suggested the Rotary Club arrange a meeting, that Councillors may attend.

49. **Authorise and confirm**

a) Payment of Accounts as at 30 September 2025

Cllr C Franks proposed, Cllr C Mirza-Davies seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedules as at 30 September 2025.

b) Financial Position as at 30 September 2025

The Financial Position as at 20 September 2025 was **NOTED**.

50. To receive Committees and other Reports

a. Playscheme Meetings 22 July & 5 August 2025

Cllr J Fanshaw provided a brief outline of the Minutes of Meetings for: 22 July and 5 August. Minutes for 22 July were prior to the Playscheme and the Minutes for 5 August were after the Event. The Vale of Glamorgan Play Development team were very pleased with the Event and hope it can continue next Summer. It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

b. Management Committee 12 August 2025 – **SEE PART 2 CONFIDENTIAL**

c. Planning Committee – 8 October 2025

Cllr M Cowpe provided a brief outline of the Minutes which had been previously circulated to all members. The Minutes and decisions were **NOTED**.

d. Details from Councillors on meetings/training attended

Cllr M Cowpe paid a visit to Contact One Vale (C1V) centre in Barry, a single point of contact for residents in the Vale of Glamorgan, who deal with requests for information and advice about Council issues and Adult Social Care Services. The visit was insightful. Cllr M Cowpe advised Members a Planning Training opportunity for Vale Officers is due shortly. Cllr Mirza-Davies asked if DPCC Planning Committee members could attend. Cllr M Cowpe said she would enquire.

e. County Councillors Report

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

i) Budget Process

The Vale budget preparations are now in full swing. The Westminster Government is announcing its budget in November. The Senedd will receive its allocation much later. There is no indication of the Council Tax rise or what cuts are proposed.

ii) Schools

A number of schools are facing serious financial difficulties with their budgets. Uncertainty about the Vale's financial settlement does not help.

iii) Water supplies

As we all know there has been serious problems with water supply across Dinas Powys. Our thanks go to Cllr M Phillips who is working with Welsh Water to resolve matters.

iv) Merrie Harrier Lights

Planned alterations to the lights have been delayed. Some motorists have been confused by the existing system.

v) Natural Resources Wales

NRW are due to carry out limited maintenance of the River Cadoxton this month then again in March 2026.

vi) Mill Road lights

A row of street lights along Mill Road, have been defective for some time. The fault is due to a cable fault. Cllr S Griffiths has been especially active in trying to resolve this problem as have other Councillors.

vii) Task and Finish Team

Cllr Anne Asbrey has been appointed to the Addition Learning Needs Task Group to investigate issues surrounding the provision of ALN.

County Councilors: Anne Asbrey, Marianne Cowpe and Chris Franks

51. **To consider the Proposed Creation of Public Footpath No. 48 St Andrews Major**
(See above. After Item_46)

52. **To consider Tender Documents for Parish Hall roof repairs**

Having previously circulated the Tender documents relating to the roof repairs, the Chair proposed setting up a working group to discuss the Tender process in more detail. Ideally the group should include the Chairs of Halls and Finance & GP Committee and any other Members who are interested. Members agreed that it would be very helpful for Nathan Goss, given his expertise, to be involved with the group.

Action: Clerk to arrange a meeting between Nathan Goss and Councillors

53. **To consider right of access to land via Cross Common land**

Cllr C Asbrey advised Members the Council have received documents from the previous landowner which do not provide any clarity on the matter. The only way to resolve this is to look into the Archives.

Action: Cllr C Asbrey to investigate

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

The Chairman had no urgent matters to report

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

a) And update from Natural Resources Wales recently presented to the Flood Action Group was circulated to all Members. NRW have requested these notes are **not** to be uploaded directly onto any social media platforms.

b) Litter Pick – Ash Path - Sunday, 19 October
Co-ordinated by WANDP – meet at Tesco Car Park at 2pm.

c) WANDP – AGM Wildlife Gardening Talks – Monday 20 October - 7pm
Location: Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre

d) Halloween – 31 October - Dinas Powys Library & Activity Centre – 7pm

e) Remembrance Sunday – 9 November – Service to be held on the Twyn. Members of the Baptist Church have agreed to serve refreshments after the service Armistice Day – Tuesday, 11 November – Short service to be held on the Twyn – Pupils from the local Primary Schools are invited.

f) Christmas Fayre – 15 November – Dinas Powys Library & Activity and Centre - 1-4pm

g) Carols Around the Christmas Tree – on the Twyn – 12 December – 6pm

56. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 20 November 2025**

Signature:

Date: