

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 20 November 2025 - Lee Hall – 6.30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Register of Members present

Present:

Cllr J Cowpe (Chair)
Cllr M Cowpe
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr J Fanshaw
Cllr C Franks
Cllr K Hatton

Cllr D Evans (Vice Chair)
Cllr C Asbrey
Cllr M Phillips
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr C Mirza-Davies

Also Present

2 members of the public

Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, L Stevens, K Shaw and S Griffiths

57. Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests

58. To confirm Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 16 October 2025

The Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on Thursday; 16 October 2025 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr J Fanshaw proposed, and seconded by Cllr K Hatton, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

59. Matters arising from Minutes of Full Council

Visit by Vale of Glamorgan Standards Committee

Cllr C Franks advised members that the feedback from the Standards Committee representative was very positive. The main issue was the acoustics of the room which is probably down to the high roof and hard flooring. Cllr M Phillips added that it is very difficult to hear when attending virtually via Zoom conferencing via the Owl. It was suggested that this matter is added to the next meeting of Halls Committee for consideration.

Item 48 Matters Arising from Minutes of Full Council

Item 34 – Empty Houses in Dinas Powys.

Still no answer from Vale of Glamorgan Council

Action: Clerk to continue to pursue.

Item 51 To consider the proposed creation of Public Footpath Nol 48 at St Andrews Major

Clerk confirmed the Council's response to the pre-order consultation has been submitted to Public Rights Of Way at Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Item 53 – To consider right of access to land via Cross Common Land

Cllr C Asbrey advised Members the best plan of action is to send an instruction to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Legal Department to draft a deed as it appears there is a prescriptive right to access, which would help to 'tidy' the situation up.

Action: Cllr C Asbrey to liaise with the Clerk

60. **Authorise and confirm**

a) Payment of Accounts as at 31 October 2025

Cllr K Hatton proposed, Cllr J Fanshaw seconded and Council **APPROVED** the Income and Expenditure Schedule as at 31 October 2025.

b) Financial Position as at 31 October 2025

The Financial Position was **NOTED**.

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

a. Halls Committee – 4 November 2025

Cllr J Fanshaw provided a brief outline of the Minutes of Meeting. Cllr K Hatton proposed, seconded by Cllr R Grigg that the Minutes be **APPROVED** and to **ACCEPT** all the recommendations made by Halls Committee.

b. COSAC Committee – 12 November 2025

Cllr A Asbrey provided a brief overview of the Minutes of the Meeting. Since the last COSAC Committee meeting, Cllrs A Asbrey and C Asbrey met with a member of public (which all COSAC Members were invited to) at Cross Common to discuss matters raised in the meeting and there are plans to meet another member of the Public there on Friday 21 November to discuss the removal of 'No Horse Riding' signs on Cross Common land. Cllr R Grigg advised that any signs erected should be bilingual.

For clarity, Cllr V Driscoll wished to make it clear that his objection to the ecology survey for Cross Common referenced in Item 34a is because he does not want to see the Council spend money on Cross Common as he considers it to be wasteful.

Cllr C Mirza-Davies proposed, seconded by Cllr D Evans, and the proposals within were **APPROVED**, on the proviso the above amendment is made to the Draft Minutes. .

Action: Clerk to amend the Minutes in advance of the next meeting.

c. Finance and GP Committee – 17 November 2025

Cllr K Hatton provided a brief outline of the Minutes of the Meeting. He and the Clerk plan to meet in December to run through the draft budget in advance of the next Finance & GP Meeting in January 2026. Cllr R Grigg proposed, seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Minutes and **RECOMMENDATIONS** contained therein be **ACCEPTED**.

Cllr V Driscoll advised members that as of 1 December 2025 the standard safe savings limit will rise to £120k from £85K. This will make it possible to transfer funds into one of the Council's existing savings accounts.

NB: PART 2– CONFIDENTIAL Items 54a, 54b and 54c of the Finance & GP Minutes were considered after Item 65 on the Full Council Agenda.

The Public and Press were excluded from the meeting in order to consider personal data.

d. 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 observations were **NOTED**.

e. Details from Councillors on meetings/training attended

- Cllr A Asbrey attended a Section 6 Biodiversity workshop on 13 November with the Clerk.
- Cllrs C Franks and J Fanshaw attended the Glamorgan Voluntary Services AGM

- The Chair attended the recent One Voice Wales meeting and reported on two presentations:
- Climate Risk Assessment – information on how recent weather and climate have affected services and communities in the VoG. Workshops to be held in early December. Examples included flooding problems in Dinas Powys.
- Tom Bowring - Director of Corporate Resources at VoG. The main theme was 'working together' for the benefit of communities and their residents. Towns in VoG have produced 'Placemaking Plans' with support from VoG.

After a discussion as to whether Dinas Powys Community Council should consider becoming a Town Council or not, the Chair suggested the matter is added to a future Full Council Ageda.

f. County Councillors Report

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

i) Storm Claudia

Cllr C Franks praised members of the public and community councillors who walked the streets on Friday checking on residents during the heavy rain. We do not think any houses were flooded internally. Cllr C Franks suggested the Council write to the Vale Council asking what help they can issue in the event of future events.

ii) Murch Play Area

The Vale has promised to clean up the state of the popular play area. The surface has been holding water and there is a great deal of slime gathering.

iii) Puffin Crossing

The Vale is installing a Puffin Crossing along the A4055, Barry Road at the entrance to Parc Bryn y Don.

iv) Water Mains Problems

The substantial disruption caused by the burst water main on Millbrook Heights appears to have abated. Work is continuing to reconstruct the steps at St Davids Avenue. Apparently the mains serves a substantial number of properties and the repair work was an expensive operation for Dwr Cymru.

County Councilors: Anne Asbrey, Marianne Cowpe and Chris Franks

v) MUGA Area and Surrounds

Cllr J Fanshaw thanked Cllr C Franks for contacting the Vale of Glamorgan Council about the state of the MUGA area next to Murchfield Community Centre that was in a very poor state. Vale staff were very prompt in cleaning up the area.

vi) Heavy Rainfall Friday 21 November 21

There was a discussion about the heavy rainfall last weekend. Cllr V Driscoll queried whether the Flood Action Group or members of the public had any plans in place in the event of a flood. Cllr M Phillips advised that much of the communication was via a WhatsApp Group on which there were regular updates on the height of the River Cadoxton. Cllr C Mirza-Davies advised that there were a lot of people around that evening. Some of the older residents were concerned. Cllr D Evans went out to buy sand bags for a resident. Many of the properties at risk of flooding in Dinas Powys are in possession of flood defense gates but in some cases they are yet to be installed. The process has been very slow.

As the community Council are not invited to any Flood Action Group meetings which involves Vale Officers and Natural Resources Wales, it was suggested the Council

write to them to remind them the Community Council is there to help in the event of flooding.

Action: Clerk to follow up with letters

62. **To consider office hours over Christmas and New Year**

It was **RESOLVED** to close the office between Wednesday, 24 December until Friday 2 January 2026.

63. **To consider disposal of the old flail mower (as replaced with new)**

It was **RESOLVED** to dispose of the old flail mower and remove it from the Council's Assets.

Action: Clerk to arrange

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

The Chairman had no urgent matters to report

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

a) Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day Services

Cllr J Fanshaw expressed his gratitude to all the volunteers who helped with Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. Both events, especially Remembrance Sunday were very well attended.

b) Carols Around the Christmas Tree

Friday 12th December. Everyone is welcome

66. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next Full Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday, 18 December 2025**

Signature:

Date: