

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 15 January 2026 - 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 C Mirza-Davies
Cllr S Griffiths

Cllr D Evans (Vice Chair)
Cllr C Asbrey
Cllr M Phillips
Cllr R Grigg
Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr K Hatton

Also Present

PCSO Sean Byrne and 2 members of the public

81. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, L Stevens, K Shaw

82. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs K Hatton and J Fanshaw declared an interest in 87b
Cllrs D Evans declared an interest in Item 92
C Franks declared an interest in items 92 and 87b

It was **RESOLVED** to move **Item 83 to follow after Item 85** to accommodate the late arrival of PCSO Sean Byrne.

83. South Wales Police – PCSO Sean Byrne

84. To confirm Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 18 December 2025

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

85. Matters arising from Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 18 December 2025

There were no matters arising.

83. South Wales Police – PCSO Sean Byrne

The Chair welcomed PCSO Byrne to the meeting inviting him to speak. PCSO Byrne is an Officer of the Cardiff, Penarth and Vale Basic Command Unit (BCU). He has recently moved over from Barry and is one of 5 PCSO's in the area covering Penarth, Sully, Llandough and Dinas Powys. Dinas Powys will be his main area of concern in the foreseeable future. The Cardiff, Penarth and Vale BCU has been short staffed for some time, but following a restructure they now seem to be back on track. Going forward, South Wales Police want Officers to focus on certain areas. Councillors asked a number of questions relating to Parking issues, anti-social behaviour and spikes and crime. He was also asked about accessing CCTV camera footage specifically located in Dinas Powys. In order for him or any other officer to gain access to footage, they will need an **occurrence number** to justify the reason for requesting to view the material.

PCSO Byrne emphasised the importance of reporting all incidents via 101 including parking issues, criminal and antisocial behaviour. Repetition can then be best followed up as a result of an occurrence number record

Crime figures can be found via South Wales Police website

South Wales Police do not have a Newsletter as such. The best method to keep up to date is via the weblink 'South Wales Listens'. For those who do not have access to computers, PCSO Byrne has agreed to put up a notice on the Community Council's boards in Dinas Powys.

Cllr K Hatton asked PCSO Byrne whether there was scope to re-establish links with Dinas Powys Library and Activity (Cuppa with a Copper). They will liaise about re-introducing this initiative.

Members asked whether it would be possible for an officer to regularly attend Council meetings in the future – possibly every quarter. PCSO Byrne thinks this may be possible and will convey this request to his fellow colleagues who may also be able to attend in his absence.

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

a. Finance and GP Committee – 14 January 2026

Cllr K Hatton provided a detailed outline of the Minutes of the Finance and GP Committee meeting, paying specific attention to the 2026-27 budget and precept. Regarding the budget allocated to Dinas Powys Play Scheme, he plans to speak to United Welsh to see if they will contribute to the Scheme. Cllr C Franks wanted it **NOTED** that that he, including and Cllrs K Hatton, J Fanshaw and himself declared an interest in Item 61d relating to the proposed budget/Highways Unit and Cllr J Cowpe had declared an interest in Item 64a at the Finance and GP Committee Meeting.

Cllr R Grigg proposed, seconded by Cllr C Asbrey and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Minutes and **RECOMMENDATIONS** contained therein be **ACCEPTED**.

b. Details from Councillors on meetings/training attended

Cllr D Evans and the Clerk will be attending a Heritage Lottery Fund Webinar next Tuesday, 20 January 2026

c. County Councillors Report

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

i) School Budget

Many schools are in great financial difficulties. 7 schools have received formal notices from the Vale to the schools instructing them to cut their spending.

Cllr A Asbrey advised Members there will be a 'Task and Finish' group set up to discuss issues that have been raised with school budgets.

ii) Council Rents

The Vale Ruling Cabinet have imposed the maximum rent rises allowed of 4.3%.

iii) Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP)

The RLDP reached another mile stone this week. The plan was agreed to go to public consultation. We voted against the plan on the grounds that we opposed a number of sites being included for instance the 250 houses in Eastbrook.

- iv) Roads
The highways are continuing to deteriorate. The Vale really must give maintenance a higher priority

87. **Finance**

- a) To authorise and confirm
 - i) Payment of Accounts as at 31 December 2025
It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Income and Expenditure Schedule as at 31 December 2025.
 - ii) Financial Position as at 31 December 2025
The Financial Position was **NOTED**.
- b) To consider the recommendations for the 2026-27 budget made by the Finance and GP Committee
Cllr C Mirza-Davies proposed, seconded by Cllr C Franks and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** the proposed budget be accepted
- c) To consider the recommendations for the 2026-27 precept made by the Finance & GP Committee
It was proposed by Cllr C Franks, seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the proposed budget be accepted at a precept of £161675.45, being an increase of £1.89 per household for the year. This will result in a total levy for a band D equivalent of £39.75 per household per year.
- d) To consider the recommendations to set aside earmarked reserves specifically towards future works to replace the Parish Hall roof, made by the Finance and GP Committee
It was proposed by C Franks, seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that £100,000 of the Earmarked Reserves are to be held towards future works on replacing the Parish Hall roof. The remainder is to be held for contingencies such as replacing the parish hall boiler and unexpected costs/events.
- e) Annual Return – Audit Opinion
The Audit opinion: **Unqualified**. Other matters and recommendations which do not affect the Auditor General's audit opinion that should be addressed by the Council:

Re-statement of prior year figures. The Council must make a disclosure when re-stating figures, outlining the reasons for doing so

Annual Governance Statement (AGS) - The Council answered 'No' to questions 1 and 8. Wales Audit recommend the Council implement the required changes to achieve 'Yes' answers on future Annual Governance Statements.
- f) To Agree the appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2025-26 accounts
Cllr K Hatton proposed, seconded by Cllr J Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that Paul Egan be appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2025-26 accounts
- g) Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2026-27
The appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (1972 Act) for Community and town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2026-27 is £11.60. The information was **NOTED**.

88. **To receive Committees and other reports**
(See item 86 above)

89. **To consider Members temporarily standing in on Standing Committees**
Cllr D Evans expressed an interest in temporarily joining Halls Committee. The Chair proposed, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to the motion.
90. **Review of Social Media Guidelines**
Cllr S Griffiths proposed, Cllr M Cowpe seconded and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to accept the Social Media Guidelines.
91. **Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) – correspondence & verbal update**
Having previously circulated a letter from Regeneration Planning Department at the Vale, there has since been a few developments. Cllr D Evans who has spent some time researching the proposed development at Eastbrook, advised Members that there are still many questions unanswered. Members **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to the Council submitting a letter to outline its objections.
- It was also suggested the Council arrange a couple of Public Meetings, one during the day time and another in the evening, in order to bring residents up to date with the proposed plans and to emphasise the importance of their need to write into the Vale Council with their observations, as it is a part of Councillors duty to encourage residents to write in.
Action: Cllr D Evans to liaise with the Clerk, regarding the letter. Clerk to check diary for availability of the Halls and provide details to Councillors.
92. **Seel Park**
Cllr C Asbrey advised Members that very little progress has been made over Seel Park since he and Cllr D Evans met with Vale Officers last Autumn. Cllr C Asbrey provided a draft copy of a letter suggesting the Community Council send it to the Vale Officers, including the Chief Executive, Rob Thomas. The draft letter outlines the conditions of any proposed transfer of the Park, which includes a quote for the necessary works to the play area.
Action: Cllr C Asbrey to Liaise with the Clerk
93. **To consider any items which the Chairman has decided are urgent**
There were no items the Chair decided were urgent.
94. **Matters which the Chairman and other Members may wish to bring before Council**
There were no matters the Chair or other Members wished to bring before Council.
- Cllr C Franks proposed, seconded by Cllr J Fanshaw that the Meeting move to Part 2 – Confidential. The public and press (if any) are to be excluded from the meeting in order to consider personal data.
95. **Staff Matters – See confidential – Part 2**
Action: Clerk to seek advice on the matters discussed.
96. **Date of next Meeting – Thursday 19 February 2026**

Signature:

Date: