

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting

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Wednesday, 14 January 2026 at 6.30pm

Register of Members Present:

Cllr K Hatton (Chair)

Cllr J Cowpe

Cllr J Fanshaw

Cllr C Franks

Cllr V Driscoll (Vice Chair)

Cllr M Cowpe

C Mirza-Davies

Not Present

Cllr R Grigg

55. Apologies for Absence:

There were no apologies for absence

56. Declaration of Interests:

Cllr J Cowpe declared an interest in Item 64b

Cllrs J Fanshaw, C Franks and C Hatton declared an interest in Item 61d

57. To Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 17 November 2025

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 November 2025 were taken as read, and on the motion of Cllr J Fanshaw seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies, it was resolved that the Minutes be **APPROVED** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

58. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 43. Matters Arising from Minutes

Item 33f – To consider transferring funds to a higher interest rate savings account

Clerk advised this has not been pursued due to the threshold in Savings Accounts increased to £120k plus there are currently insufficient funds in the General Reserves to move.

Item 34 – to consider submitting an application to Welsh Water to install a stand pipe on the Twyn) near the bus shelter)

Clerk advised this is still work in progress

Item 35 – To consider applying for a monthly mobile phone service for office staff

This has not been pursued

Item 45c. Parish Hall Roof – to consider contracting a Quantity Surveyor

Details for the Quantity Surveyor (Bill of Quantities) has been received.

Action: Clerk to circulate

59. To Confirm Minutes of meeting held on 17 December 2025

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 17 December 2025 were taken as read, and on the motion of Cllr J Cowpe seconded by Cllr C M Cowpe, it was resolved that the Minutes be **APPROVED** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

60. Matters Arising from Minutes

There were no Matters arising from the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting.

61. Finances

- a) To Approve Cashflow and Forecast as 31 December 2025
Having previously circulated the Cashflow at 31 December 2025, Cllr J Cowpe proposed, seconded by Cllr M Cowpe it was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Cashflow and forecast.
- b) Schedule of Accounts for December 2025
The information was **NOTED**.
- c) To consider the Council's current financial position
The Financial position of the Council as at 31 December was **NOTED**.
- d) To consider and finalise budget allocations and precept requirements for 2026-27
It was proposed by Cllr K Hatton, seconded by Cllr J Cowpe and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Full Council 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.

Members also **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to RECOMMEND** to Full Council;

- Highways Unit rental fees to increase by 20% in the next financial year and an additional 20% in 2027-28.
- Halls Committee to consider reviewing Halls fees
- COSAC Committee to consider reviewing the Burial Board fees

- e) To consider and finalise the precept requirements for 2026-27
See Item d above
- f) To consider the value of Earmarked Reserves to be held towards future works to replace the Parish Hall roof.
It was **RESOLVED to AGREE to RECOMMEND** to Full Council 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 events.

62. Annual Return 2024-25 – Audit Opinion

The Auditor General's report and audit opinion was circulated to all Members.

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.

63.To inform Members of the 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**.

64.To consider requests for financial support

Members unanimously **AGREED** to **RECOMMENDED** that Council **APPROVES** the request in pursuance of the power conferred by Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, and donations are awarded to:

- a) Dinas Powys Music Festival - £500
- b) Rotary Club of Dinas Powys - £426.34

65.To receive thanks for previous donations

Expressions of thanks were received from:
Curtains Up theatre, Welsh Air Ambulance, Royal British Legion and Urdd National Eisteddfod, Ynys Mon 2026.

66.Any Items which the Chairman has decided are urgent

There were no items the Chairman decided were urgent

67.Other Items Members would like to bring to the attention of Committee

There were no other items to bring to the attention of Committee

Date of Next Meeting – 16 March 2026 - 6.30pm

Signature Date