

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council
Thursday, 19 February 2026 - Lee Hall – 6.30pm
Minutes of Meeting

Register of Members present

Present:

Cllr J Cowpe (Chair)	Cllr D Evans (Vice Chair)
Cllr M Cowpe	Cllr C Asbrey
Cllr A Asbrey	Cllr M Phillips (virtual attendance)
Cllr J Fanshaw	Cllr R Grigg
Cllr C Franks	Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr C Mirza-Davies	Cllr S Griffiths

97. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, L Stevens, K Shaw & K Hatton

98. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs D Evans and C Franks declared an interest in Item 103

99. To confirm Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 15 January 2025

The Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on Thursday; 15 January 2025 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr J Fanshaw proposed, and seconded by Cllr M Cowpe, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.

100. Matters arising from Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 15 January 2026

There were no matters arising.

101. To authorise and confirm

a. Payment of Accounts as at 31 January 2026

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Income and Expenditure Schedules for 31 January 2026

b. Financial Position as at 31 January 2026

The Financial Position as at 31 January 2026 was **NOTED**.

102. To receive Committees and other reports

a. COSAC Committee – 17 January 2026

Cllr A Asbrey provided a brief summary of the Minutes. Members attention was drawn to Item 55 – the CRUZ site. Cllr A Asbrey read out an email (which had previously been circulated to all Members) from a Vale Officer, with an update on developments. Cllr R Grigg proposed, seconded by Cllr D Evans, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**

Some Members queried whether there is any opportunity to open a section of the site to residents. Other Members queried concerns over liability.

Action: Cllr A Asbrey will make further enquiries

b. Planning Committee – 27 January 2026

Cllr M Cowpe provided a brief summary of the Minutes. Committee decisions were **NOTED**.

- c. Halls Committee – 4 February 2026
Cllr J Fanshaw provided a brief summary of the Minutes. Cllr C Franks proposed, and seconded by Cllr R Grigg, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.
- d. Management Committee – 4 February 2026 – see CONFIDENTIAL – PART 2
The Chair provided a brief summary of the Minutes. Cllr J Fanshaw proposed, Cllr M Cowpe seconded and Council supported the recommendations made by Management Committee. It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.
- e. Extraordinary Meeting of COSAC Committee – 17 February 2026
Cllr C Asbrey provided a brief summary of the Minutes. Members attention was drawn to item 3 – to review the Burial Board fees. Cllr J Fanshaw proposed, Cllr M Cowpe seconded and Council fully supported the recommendations made by COSAC Committee. It was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**.
- f. Extraordinary Meeting of Halls Committee – 17 February 2026
Cllr J Fanshaw provided a brief summary of the Minutes. Members attention was drawn to Item 3 – to consider reviewing the Hall Hire fees. Cllr C Franks proposed, Cllr R Grigg seconded and Council fully supported the recommendations made by Halls Committee.
- g. Planning Committee – 18 February
The meeting was cancelled
- h. County Councillors Report
Cllr C Franks provided an update on the issues relevant to Dinas Powys
- i. Education
The financial position of many schools continues to be very difficult. Unfortunately the response by the Vale Council continues to be clothed in mystery. A recent scrutiny meeting failed to clarify how this funding crisis is to be resolved.
- ii. Road Maintenance
We continue to report defective roads throughout Dinas Powys. The simple story is that there is inadequate funding available. The Vale has not allocated sufficient resources.
- iii. Budget
The Vale has benefited from an additional £4 million in grant as a result of budget negotiations between Plaid Cymru and the Government. Further the financial situation concerning the pensions fund has improved resulting in £3 million in reduced costs, leaving an extra £7 million available.
- iv. Replacement Local Development Plan
The public meetings organised by the community council were well attended. The single drop-in session organised by the Vale had mixed reviews. There was no opportunity to submit comments at the event and attendees were not registered.
- v. Reservoir Wood off Pen-y-Turnpike Road
The March Planning Committee is set to discuss the bid to create a Tree Preservation Order for the wood.

County Councillors C Franks, A Asbrey and M Cowpe

103. To proceed with the Transfer of Seel Park on a 99 year lease from Vale of Glamorgan Council depending on the conditions of their proposal received on 12 February 2026

Having previously circulated the proposal to Members, Cllr C A Asbrey proposed, seconded by Cllr R Grigg and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by Members that Dinas Powys Community Council accept the conditions of the Vale's proposal and proceed with the Transfer of Seel Park. Cllr V Driscoll requested his opposition to the transfer of Seel Park is **NOTED**.

The Chair thanked Cllrs C Asbrey and D Evans for all their hard work over the past few years in reaching this point.

Action: Clerk to Liaise with the Vale Council representatives to progress the asset transfer of Seel Park to Dinas Powys Community Council.

104. Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) & DPCC's public meetings – regarding the proposed development in Eastbrook – verbal update

Cllr D Evans provided a brief update on developments. An initial letter outlining the Council's objections to the proposed Eastbrook development was sent to Vale Planning Department and copied to the RDLP team and the Vale's CEO, before the VOG consultation process commenced.

81 people attended the four Community Council's public meetings held before and after the Vale Council's drop-in session (6th February). The purpose of these meetings was to share the Council's views and to listen to residents' views, for and against the RDLP, in particular in relation to the Eastbrook development proposal. Cllrs D Evans, C Mirza-Davies and the Chair are currently working on the second formal response to the consultation, which needs to be submitted by 11 March 2026. As the next meeting of Full Council falls after the deadline date, a final draft of this response will be circulated to all Members before being submitted to the RDLP Team.

The Chair thanked Members for giving up their time over the past few weeks.

105. Local Hero Award

The Chair reminded Members the deadline for submitting names for Local Hero Award is nearing.

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

A letter from Stephen Doughty MP for Cardiff South and Penarth was circulated to all Members, thanking the Community Council alongside other local businesses for their commitment to Fair Trade. Cllr S Griffiths asked if Council could invite Stephen Doughty back to Full Council. The Chair agreed, suggesting that any questions Members may have are forwarded to him in advance of a meeting to facilitate discussions

Action: Clerk to arrange

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

Cllr M Phillips asked if the Council could send an update to residents regarding the CRUZ site. It was suggested the matter is considered at the next COSAC meeting.

Cllr D Evans proposed, seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies 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.

108. Date of next Meeting – Thursday 19 March 2026

Signature:

Date: