

CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council
Thursday, 19 March 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 V Driscoll
Cllr R Grigg	Cllr K Hatton
Cllr C Franks	Cllr S Griffiths
Cllr C Mirza-Davies	Cllr K Shaw
Cllr M Phillips (virtual attendance)	

109. Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, L Stevens & J Fanshaw

110. Declaration of Interests

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

111. To confirm Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 19 February 2026

The Minutes of the Meeting of Full Council held on Thursday; 19 February 2026 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr R Grigg proposed, and seconded by Cllr M Cowpe, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED** (on the proviso, for accuracy, the statement 'UNANIMOUSLY AGREED' is changed to 'AGREED' in Item 103

Cllr D Evans proposed, seconded by Cllr V Driscoll 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.

Item 99 - To confirm Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 15 January 2026

Item 95 - Staff matters

Item 102d – Management Committee – 4 February 2026

Cllr R Grigg proposed, and seconded by Cllr M Cowpe, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED**

[The meeting resumed]

112. Matters arising from Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on Thursday, 19 February 2026

Item 106 – To consider any items which the Chairman has decided are urgent
Stephen Doughty MP - Invitation to Full Council - It was suggested to invite Stephen Doughty to a Full Council Meeting later in the year.

113. To authorise and confirm

a. Payment of Accounts as at 28 February 2026

Cllr C Mirza-Davies proposed, and seconded by Cllr M Cowpe, and Council **APPROVED** the Payments of Accounts for February 2026.

- b. Financial Position as at 28 February 2026
The Financial Position was **NOTED**.

114. To receive Committees and other reports

- c. COSAC Committee – 10 March 2026

Cllr C Asbrey provided a brief overview of the meeting. The talk by Simon Morgan from Wilson Morgan Memorials was most informative. It was proposed by Cllr R Grigg proposed, and seconded by Cllr K Hatton, and **AGREED** that the minutes and the recommendations contained therein be **ACCEPTED**.

An update on the CRUZ site, received after the recent **COSAC** Committee meeting, was circulated to all members.

- d. Planning Committee – 11 March 2026

Cllr K Shaw provided a brief overview of the meeting. Committee decisions were **NOTED**.

- e. County Councillors Report

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

- i. Record Tax Rise

At 6.5% rise the Vales Council Tax increase is the highest in Wales. It is quite staggering to consider that the Senedd had allocated an extra £4 million to the council. We are not convinced that the budget will address the crisis that hit schools' budgets. The budget will provide £535,000 of extra funding for rural public transport.

- ii. Leckwith Road – Road Closure

Leckwith Road will close from 6 pm to midnight on Thursday 19 March to allow resurfacing. This will continue each evening until next week.

- iii. St Richard Gwyn School

The School is undergoing substantial improvements carried out by contractor Morgan Sindall. The old buildings will be replaced with new classrooms and ancillary spaces. Over 1000 pupils will attend the school. Work on the new school building is expected to be completed by the end of next year, with the old one completely demolished by December 2028.

- iv. Aqua Park, Cosmeston

The Cabinet has authorised the undertaking of a comprehensive review of options and opportunities for activities that exist at Cosmeston Country Park.

As part of a review of options, the Council says it would undertake a further full year of breeding bird surveys in 2026, and an enhancement strategy well in advance of any future leisure installation and operation at the Park.

The Council also undertakes a further full 12 months of water quality testing, in the specific area identified for leisure uses during the aqua park trial. The testing be undertaken weekly during June, July, August and September. A further report should be presented to Cabinet in late 2026.

This issue has been very badly handled by the Cabinet and has caused a great deal of upset. We will carefully scrutinise the forthcoming investigations.

Vale Cllr A Asbrey – attended a 'Task and Finish' Group with the Vale of Glamorgan's Learning and Culture Scrutiny Committee to look at Learning Resources Bases

Anne Asbrey, Marianne Cowpe, Chris Franks

115. Parish Hall Roof – Proposal to proceed with obtaining quotes for the works

Cllr D Evans proposed, seconded by Cllr K Hatton and **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** by Council put out to Tender quotes for the Parish Hall Roof only. It was also suggested the Council start to publicise the need to replace the roof.

Cllr C Franks asked if the Clerk could explore VAT reclaim principles for public bodies and there is a cap on the amount that can be reclaimed.

Action: Clerk to investigate

116. Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) proposed development in Eastbrook – verbal update

Cllr D Evans provided a brief update on developments. A number of residents set up an opposition group to the RLDP and took the lead on publicising their concerns over the proposed development in Eastbrook. About 20 residents handed over residents' objection forms and a petition to the Vale of Glamorgan Council on 11th March.

Cllr C Franks congratulated the residents' efforts which made an impact.

The Chair thanked Members for giving up their time over the past few weeks for attending the public meetings and for drafting a substantial report outlining its objections to the proposed development

Action: Clerk to upload the Council's response to the RLDP onto the Council's website

117. Seel Park – verbal update

Cllr C Asbrey provided a brief update on developments. He and Cllr D Evans met with VOG staff on 12 March. It has been agreed that VOG will run the project. DPCC will be informed of the final specification of works before it goes out to tender and will also be involved with the scoring process. As and when the job is secured, it was suggested a Vale Playground and Landscaping Officer acts as Project Manager.

Action: Clerk to forward notes taken at the meeting

118. Local Hero Award

The Chair reminded Members the deadline for submitting names for Local Hero Award is nearing. He and Cllr D Evans will adjudicate the nominations and the result will be formally announced at the Annual Meeting in May.

119. Office opening hours – Review

Cllr K Hatton proposed, seconded by Cllr M Cowpe, the office opening hours to residents remain as they are.

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

There were no matters the Chairman decided were urgent.

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

- a) Wild About Nature Dinas Powys (WANDP) – Nature on Your Doorstep – Murchfield Community Centre, Sunday 22 March – 1pm – 3pm

Cllr A Asbrey will be helping out at the above event, serving refreshments as the Fair Trade Representative for Dinas Powys CC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

b) Street Scene Initiative

The Vale is launching a 'street scene' initiative in 2026. There will be 5 'place teams' across the Vale managing environmental maintenance. This includes dealing with fly tipping, litter, gully clearing and weeding.

Residents are encouraged to report any items that need attention to Contact 1 Vale (C1V) c1v@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk and copy in mcowpe@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
This is to ensure that place teams know which areas need attention.

122. Date of next Meeting – Thursday 16 April 2026

Signature:

Date:

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