CYNGOR CYMUNED DINAS POWYS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting of Full Council

Thursday, 15 October 2026 - Lee Hall – 6.30pm

Minutes of Meeting

Register of Members present

Present:

Cllr D Evans (Chair)
Cllr J Cowpe
Cllr M Cowpe
Cllr A Asbrey
Cllr C Mirza-Davies
Cllr C Franks (via Zoom Conferencing)
Cllr C Asbrey (Vice Chair)
Cllr K Hatton
Cllr C Asbrey
Cllr V Driscoll
Cllr M Phillips
Cllr S Griffiths

Also Present

53. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs M Hartrey, K Shaw, L Stevens, J Fanshaw
2 Members of the Public

54. Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

55. To confirm Minutes of the Full Council held on Thursday, 17 September 2026

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday; 17 September 2026 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr R Grigg proposed, and seconded by Cllr K Hatton it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED.**

56. Matters arising from the Minutes of Full Council held on 17 September 2026

Item 44: Matters arising the Minutes of Full Council 16 July 2026

The Chair advised members that PC D Tunnicliffe is able to attend Full Council on 19th November

Item 46c – COSAC Committee – 15 September 2026

The Chair has purchased winter pansies and compost to plant beneath the notice boards in Vale View, Southra Park and Longmeadow. The plants will be fine over the winter months, but Council will need to consider what to plant next summer. In the meantime, Cllr A Asbrey has agreed to water the plants under the Vale View notice board and maintain it. Cllr C Mirza-Davies has agreed to look after the notice board in Longmeadow Drive and Cllr M Phillips, to look after the board in Southra Park.

57. Finance

a. **To authorise and confirm**

i Payment of Accounts as at 30 September 2026

Cllr R Grigg proposed, seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and Council **APPROVED** the Payments of Accounts for September 2026.

Cllr V Driscoll queried invoice for the recent tree works on Dinas Powys Common Clerk advised the work was in relation to the recommendations contained in the recent Tree Survey

Action: Clerk to present recent Tree Survey alongside related invoices at the next Finance & GP Committee.

ii Financial Position as at 30 September 2026
The Financial Position was **NOTED.**

b. **Annual Return – 2025-26 – Audit Opinion**
The Audit opinion for 2025-26 was Unqualified. Now the Council has received two Unqualified Opinions in two consecutive years it can now resolve to adopt the General Power of Competence. Cllr K Haton queried the reason for submitting two different versions of the Bank Reconciliation. Clerk advised one version is from Scribe, the accounting software and the other an excel document. Cllr K Hatton thanked the clerk for their work.

58. To receive Committees and other reports

a. Halls Committee – 29 September 2026
It was proposed by Cllr K Hatton seconded by Cllr C Mirza-Davies and **AGREED** by Council that the minutes and the recommendations contained therein be **ACCEPTED.**

b. COSAC Committee – Extraorindary Meeting – 13 October 2026
Cllr A Asbrey provided a brief overview of the Minutes including the Notes of the Cross Common Working Group meeting held on29 September 2026. Cllr K Hatton proposed, and seconded by Cllr J Cowpe, it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED** and the recommendations contained therein be **ACCEPTED**

c. Report from Councillors on meetings/training attended
County Councillors V Driscoll, A Asbrey and M Cowpe attended a Scrutiny Workshop Session

The Chair met with the Clerk of Cowbridge Town Council to discuss grant funding applications.

d. County Councillors Report
Cllr C Franks provided an update on the issues relevant to Dinas Powys.

i Brookside Cross motion
We are pleased to report that the motion calling on the Vale Council to support the reopening of the Brookside crossing was passed despite the opposition of the council leadership. This is a significant move.
Cllr V Driscoll asked what is happening next regarding the crossing? A brief discussion took place; it was suggested the Clerk writes to Lis Burnett and to ask for a time frame. The Chair suggested DPCC are copied into the letter she sends to Network Rail.
Action: Cllr M Cowpe to provide a copy of the motion to the Clerk

ii Hedge alongside Murch Bowls Club
Following a presentation to the vale a hedge that was starting to obstruct the path along side the Murch bowling club has been cut back. The gas works along Cardiff Road should be ended this month. However, work on side streets will continue in November.

iii Well wood Drive
A Highway Inspector to visit the location and assess both the reported vegetation overgrowth and the construction material at the bottom of the road.

Where vegetation is found to be affecting the operation of the street lighting, the appropriate action will be identified and progressed. Likewise, the reported construction material will be investigated to determine its origin and whether any further action is required.

v Ysgol Llyn Derw
The new school for pupils with Additional learning Needs was opened by the Welsh Government Cabinet Minister for Education and the Welsh Language, Anna Brychan said: "It was a pleasure to visit Ysgol Llyn Derw and see this fantastic example of inclusive school design giving pupils the state-of-the-art facilities and supportive environment they deserve. This £22 million investment, with its commitment to Net Zero Carbon, reflects our Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme and our determination to ensure every learner can thrive.

County Councillors Anne Asbrey, Marianne Cowpe, Chris Franks

59. To consider and approve planting a fresh Christmas tree in the large planter, stated on the corner of Cardiff Road and Mill Brook Road
Following a discussion Cllr K Hatton proposed, seconded by Cllr A Asbrey it was **RESOLVED** to proceed with purchasing a fresh Christmas Tree. Cllr V Driscoll expressed his concerns over the expense and maintenance, but the majority thought it good to give it another go as it gave a lot of pleasure to passers by and the school children

60. Remembrance Sunday – Road Closure Update
The Chair thanked Cllr V Driscoll for securing an accredited Traffic Management company to manage the road closure for Remembrance Sunday.

61. Correspondence

a. VoG Replacement Local Development Plan
The Chair asked if any individual members of Council would like to register their interest in speaking at the Public Examination. Cllr A Asbrey suggested the Chair of Full Council should register their interests on behalf of the Community Councill. Cllrs M Cowpe, C Franks and A Asbrey will be speaking as Vale councillors. Responses must be received by Close of Play (5pm) on Friday, 30th October 2026. The date for the Public Examination is yet to be scheduled.

b. Highlight Planning – Cricket Wicket
The matter is to be discussed at the next Planning Committee meeting

PART 2 CONFIDENTIAL

Cllr K Hatton proposed, seconded by Cllr A Asbrey 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 confidential data in Items 49a – 49g.

62. PART 2 CONFIDENTIAL

Item 56 – To confirm the Minutes of Full Council held on Thursday 17 September 2026
The Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday; 17 September 2026 having been previously circulated were taken as read. Cllr R Grigg proposed, and seconded by Cllr K Hatton it was **RESOLVED** the Minutes be **APPROVED.**

Item 57 – Matters Arising from the Minutes of Full Council held on 17 September 2026

Item 49 – Parish Hall Roof

The matter is still on going. The Clerk is currently in the process of seeking quotes for a Project Manager. Cllr K Hatton proposed holding a Finance & GP Committee on Monday 2nd November at 6.30pm to consider any quotes received.

The Chair also advised that the Council were not successful in their grant application For the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme which is a great disappointment. This funding round was highly oversubscribed, with over £3.5 million requested in grants, and the overall standard of applications was very high. The success rate for this round was 10% with a total of 9 awards made.

[The meeting resumed as normal]

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

There were no items which the Chairman decided were urgent.

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

a. Defibrillator Access in Dinas Powys

Cllr M Cowpe shared the contents of an email received from a resident regarding defibrillator access in Dinas Powys.

Action: Clerk to make enquires

b. Fly Tipping off Beauville Lane

Cllr D Evans invited a member of the public to speak regarding a recent incident of fly tipping on private land off Beauville Lane. (Marijuana plants, insulation panels and other material were dumped). The police examined the site and concluded that it was a fly tipping issue as the marijuana has been harvested they would not be able to remove it, even though there was strong evidence of criminal activity.

Sully Recycling centre is for household waste only, which means the resident is left with the cost of removing it themselves at great cost and inconvenience. A discussion too place It was suggested the Clerk write to the Chief Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council asking for advice and support for this type of incident.

The Chair suggested the member of public and or landowner attend the next Full Council as a member of South Wales Police will be in attendance.

Action: Clerk to write to the Chief Officer at the Vale of Glamorgan Council

65. Date of next meeting – Thursday 19 November 2026

Signature: …… Date: …….

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