

**Cyngor Cymuned Cegidfa  
Guilsfield Community Council**

**MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of Guilsfield Community Council  
held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in the Old School Guilsfield at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Cllr Martin Dyer  
Cllr Phylis Edwards  
Cllr Christine Jones  
Cllr Ian Harrison  
Cllr Amy Williams – via Zoom  
Cllr Trevor Trevor – Via Zoom

**Also present:** Kimberly Wright – Community Council Clerk

**Welcome from the Chairman**

The chairman will welcome councillors and residents to the meeting.

**1. Apologies for absence.**

**RESOLVED** – Apologies received from Cllr Sam Dyer

**2. Declarations of Interest**

**RESOLVED** – No declarations of interest were made.

**3. Public Question Time and Participation.**

No members of the public were present

**4. Minutes**

Cllr Ian Harrison highlighted a typo under planning applications received.

**RESOLVED** – Members approved the minutes as an accurate recording of the meeting, subject to the typo being amended.

**5. Financial report**

Councillors received the Council's financial report.

**A. To note the financial statement.**

Councillors noted that the bank balance on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August stood at: £45,428.37.

**B. Note and approve payments due, including any received after this agenda.**

**RESOLVED** – Councillors approved the following payments;

- I. Invoice 2511 – £272.80 Clerk salary for September
- II. Invoice 2512 - £68.20 HMRC Tax payment September
- III. Website hosting fee - £30.00 August

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IV. Website hosting fee - £30.00 September

**6. Budget/Actual comparison**

Councillors received the budget/actual comparison but had no comments.

**7. Grant update**

Councillors discussed any grant updates/availability.

- As a recipient of funding through the Anti-Poverty Locality Fund, you are required to complete a Closure Form to confirm how the grant was used and to meet reporting requirements. The form must be submitted by 31st January 2026. Please ensure that all sections are completed in full and that you retain supporting evidence.

**RESOLVED** - Cllr Martin Dyer to get three quotations for the work on the benches.

- Fundraising clothes swap event at the Old School for volunteer placement in Austria. Looking to cover the room hire cost of £55

**RESOLVED** – Clerk to see if the Old School could be used free of charge on this occasion, due to it being in aid of charity.

**8. Repair works to the village benches.**

**RESOLVED** - Cllr Martin Dyer to get three quotations for the work on the benches. To add to next month's agenda for an update.

**9. Memorial bench**

The family is yet to be approached. Add as an ongoing agenda item until an update has been received and Councillors can decide a way forward.

**10. bench by the bus stop in the Groes**

Councillors discussed the possibility of adopting a new bench by the bus stop in the Groes and Old Castle Ave, as many residents have requested this.

This is to be factored into the quotations for bench repairs, out of the grant obtained.

**11. Grass cutting tender.**

**RESOLVED** – Councillors agreed to publish the grass cutting tender for 2025-2027 on the Council's website, Facebook page and other local means (free of charge), as well as asking My Welshpool for a quote to publish it on their page.

**12. Awards**

Councillor Trevor has requested this as an agenda item at the next Community Centre meeting later on this month. An update will be given at the next meeting.

### **13. Winter Fayre correspondence**

Councillors discussed the letter drafted by Councillor Amy Williams.

**RESOLVED** – Councillors agreed to circulate the letter to Councillors again, but not to send it to the intended recipient.

### **14. Playgrounds/ROSPA inspection**

The Clerk produced Councillors with a breakdown of the more immediate works needing to take place soon. The Clerk also informed Councillors that the 2025 ROSPA inspection is scheduled to take place in the next couple of months.

Quotes are being obtained for the immediate works.

Councillor Ian Harrison met the Pickstock's developer managing director at Park Road, who has advised that the Community Council write to Powys County Council, urging them to amend the requirement for the Pickstock development to build a playpark, so funds can be transferred straight to the Community Council for our existing parks. CADD drawings have been drawn up by Pickstocks, which can be used for grant funding.

Councillor Martin Dyer has seen a letter to Pickstocks from Powys County Council stating that if they do not wish to build a park within the new development, then the funds can go to Guilsfield Community Council. Councillor Martin Dyer will try to find the letter ahead of the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** – Clerk to approach the National Lottery regarding a business case for a grant for new play equipment for approximately £120,000 with a £30,000 – £40,000 contribution.

### **15. Bus stop and signs**

Cllr Phyl Edwards informed the Council that the bus stop at the bottom shop has moved the bus stop sign is often blocked by people parking in front of the shop.

**RESOLVED** - Councillor Ian Harrison will speak to Powys County Council/Highways, to look to putting the bus stop sign back and to re-lay a bus stop sign on the floor.

### **16. Christmas Tree Winter Fayre**

**RESOLVED** – Councillor Martin Dyer will arrange for a PAT tester to test the lighting board and see if any additional lights need to be purchased. Councillor Martin Dyer agreed to liaise directly with the member of the public who raised this with the Community Council.

### **17. Spotlight**

**RESOLVED** – Councillor Amy Williams agreed to continue writing the Spotlight article on behalf of the Community Council, but with the Councillors' input. Therefore, the Spotlight agenda item will remain on the agenda for discussion at every monthly meeting.

### **18. Highway/footpaths/lighting/biodiversity and environmental matters in the community.**



a) Highways

- Pot hole repairs have taken place, but are inadequate. Councillor Ian Harrison, Councillor Martin Dyer and Councillor Amy Williams agreed to have a walkabout around the village to report back to Highways.
- Pot holes at the bus stop need repairing, as they are now getting dangerous.
- Councillor Phyl Edwards raised the concern that once the road closure between Welshpool and Guilsfield is in place, will the police going to monitor vehicle speeds through the village? Councillor Ian Harrison agreed to speak to the police regarding this.
- The road closure between Welshpool and Guilsfield has been added to the new Spotlight edition.

b) Footpaths

- Councillor Ian Harriosn walked around the village footpaths with the Highways inspector to note any improvements that need to be made. Some areas needed attention, overgrown, uneven, not tarmacked, etc. Councillor Ian Harrison to speak to Active Travel Wales regarding footpath signage. There were green lanes unadopted, including one that would be a direct walking route to Welshpool, which would be beneficial if opened.

c) Lighting

d) Flooding

e) Biodiversity and Environment

**19. County Councillor update.**

Councillor Ian Harrison updated the Council as above.

**20. Any Correspondence**

All training for September/October has been circulated. If any Councillor wishes to book onto any of the courses, let the Clerk know.

Code of conduct training – The Clerk to chase this.

**21. Planning.**

To receive and consider the planning applications below:

- **25/1150/DIS** | Discharge of condition no. 17 of planning approval 19/1984/OUT | Land At Tan Y Gaer Guilsfield Welshpool Powys SY21 9PR

**RESOLVED** – The Council neither object or support this application.

- **25/1116/HH** | Erection of extensions, change to pitch roof and erection of garage | Llanerch Glyndwr Crescent Guilsfield Welshpool SY21 9QA

**RESOLVED** – Councillors support this application with no comment

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- **25/1190/TRE** | Proposal: Works to trees in a conservation area - removal of 1 x Silver Birch and 1 x Yew Location: Vine House , Oak Lane, Guilsfield Welshpool SY21 9NH

**RESOLVED** – Councillors support this application with no comment

## **22. Planning decision notices**

Councillors noted the following planning decisions:

### **i. Approved**

- **22/1349/FUL** | Proposed replacement dwelling, erection of garage, installation of treatment plant and associated works including siting of temporary cabin during works and change of use of agricultural land to garden | Figyn Cottage Cyfronydd Welshpool SY21 9ES
- **25/0751/HH** | Proposed extensions to dwelling | 40 Chepstow Avenue Guilsfield Welshpool Powys SY21 9NB

### **ii. Withdrawn**

Councillors noted that no applications were withdrawn at the time of this agenda.

### **iii. Refused**

Councillors noted that no applications were refused at the time of this agenda.

## **23. Date and Time of next meeting.**

Councillors noted that the next Meeting of Guilsfield Community Council will be held on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025, at 7:00 pm** in The Old School building.

## **24. Exclusion of public and press.**

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## **25. Co-option.**

No Co-option requests were received at the time of the meeting.

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Signed (Chairman)

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Date

