



GUILSFIELD
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL

Cyngor Cymuned Cegidfa
Guilsfield Community Council

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Guilsfield Community Council
held on Tuesday 16th December 2025 in the Old School, Guilsfield at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Martin Dyer
Cllr Cristine Jones
Cllr Ian Harrison
Cllr Trevor Trevor
Cllr Amy Williams – Via Zoom

Also present: Kimberly Wright – Community Council Clerk
1 member of the public

GCC/25/128. Welcome from the Chairman

The chairman welcomed councillors and residents to the meeting.

GCC/25/129. Apologies for absence.

Members received apologies for absence for this meeting from;

- Cllr Sam Dyer

GCC/25/130. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED – Cllr T. Trevor declared an interest on item 6. C – Community grants.

GCC/25/131. Public Question Time and Participation.

Mr Graeme Harkness – Treasurer of Community Centre Trust addressed the Councillors. Sports fields in the village are used daily, with over 300 members/facility users—safe place used by youths in the village. Volunteers help run the facilities and help keep them maintained.

Energy costs have seen a 71% increase in the last 5 years. Solar panels are due to be installed on Bowling Clubhouse. Investment plans for football in future. Welshpool Cricket Club is currently cheaper to play than Guilsfield. Costs are broken down on the handout given to Councillors. Only income from clubs.

Looking for an increase in the grant given to sports clubs in the future.

GCC/25/132. Minutes

RESOLVED - Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17th November 2025.

GCC/25/133. Financial report

Councillors received the Council's financial report.

A. To note the financial statement.

Councillors noted that the bank balance on the 30th of November stood at: £48,751.70

B. Councillors noted and approved the following payments,

- I. Invoice 2517 – £286.39 Clerk salary for December
- II. Invoice 2518 - £71.61 HMRC Tax payment December
- III. Invoice 2519 - £220.68 - Clerks' expenses
- IV. Invoice 2520 - £200 - Clerk's accommodation fee
- V. Website hosting fee - £10.00 December

C. Community grants

Councillors approved to pay the following community grants;

Jubilee Hut		£500
Recreational Grants		£2000

GCC/25/134. Budget 2026/2027

RESOLVED - Councillors amended and approved the Budget for 2026/2027

GCC/25/135. Precept request

- Councillors noted that Guilsfield 2026-27 Tax Base in Guilsfield - £ 939.66
- Councillors agreed to set the precept request according to the budget 2026/2027 at £25,033.00

GCC/25/136. Completion of Audit 2024/2025

Councillors noted that the completion of the Audit notice is on the community notice board and on the Council website, as instructed by Audit Wales.

GCC/25/137. Grant update

Councillors discussed the play equipment quotations received and agreed to arrange a meeting prior to the next Community Council meeting to discuss all quotations in more detail. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th January 2026, at 12 pm at the Park Road bus stop.

GCC/25/138. Repair works to the village benches.

Cllr Marin Dyer explained that the bench works costs are still ongoing.

GCC/25/139. Guilsfield Community Centre.

RESOLVED – Cllr T. Trevor to work with the Clerk to respond to Powys County Council's email regarding the lease.

GCC/25/140. Annual General Meeting of One Voice Wales.

Due to the meeting scheduled on the same date as the Community Council meeting, Councillors agreed that there are not enough members to send anyone to attend the One Voice Wales meeting.

GCC/25/141. Community Governance Qualification

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed to fund 50% pro-rata in accordance with the percentage difference in precept.

GCC/25/142. Playgrounds/ROSPA inspection

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotations for the replacement or removal of any equipment highlighted as an 8+ in the ROSPA inspection. To bring quotes to the meeting in January.

GCC/25/143. Environment Biodiversity and Resilience Plan

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed to keep the existing policy and amend the dates accordingly.

GCC/25/144. Highway/footpaths/lighting/biodiversity and environmental matters in the community.

- a) Highways
- b) Footpaths

Cllr I Harrison has met with the Highways engineer to highlight improvements to footpaths in the village. Bottom shop footpath has become a priority. Corner of Fairview Ave to School path, part of the footpath has collapsed. The path from Celyn Lane to the bus stop is too narrow and needs improving. Maesmawr Rd on the list to be done.

- c) Lighting

Cllr Marin Dyer will be conducting a survey of broken lights and will send it on to the Clerk for her to report.

- d) Flooding

Bottom of Cemetery Lane usually floods, but has been ok recently.

The Wern is struggling with flood waters. One lane is not usable for a third of the year.

- e) Biodiversity and Environment

GCC/25/145. County Councillor update.

Cllr I Harrison responded to Severn Trent regarding the A490 road closure. My Welshpool released a report.

GCC/25/146. Any Correspondence

Proposed public footpath order: Footpath 274. Councillors agreed that the path has been closed for over 50 years, it goes nowhere, no one has ever complained about its closure, and no one uses it. This is a bit late asking, as it has already been put in for planning with the re-routing of the footpath

RESOLVED - Councillors agreed they would be happy for it to remain closed.

1. Planning.

- **25/1742/AGR|Erection of steel framed building and metal cladding| Land At Upper Varchoel Guilsfield Welshpool Powys SY21 9PX**

RESOLVED – Councillors can make no comment, due to there being no supporting documents available online.

- **25/1292/HH|Alterations to exterior of cottage within a conservation area, changing door/window openings| 1 Park Road Guilsfield Welshpool Powys, SY21 9NN**

RESOLVED – Cllrs support this application with no comment.

- **Planning decision notices**

Councillors noted the following decisions:

i. Approved

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

ii. Withdrawn

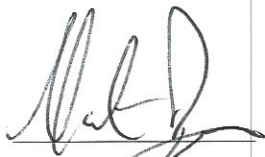
Councillors noted that no applications were withdrawn at the time of this agenda.

iii. Refused

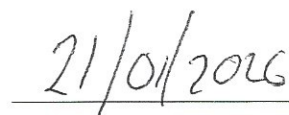
Councillors noted that no applications were refused at the time of this agenda.

GCC/25/147. Date and Time of next meeting.

Councillors noted that the next Meeting of Guilsfield Community Council will be held on **Wednesday, 21st January 2026, at 7:00 pm** in The Old School building.



Signed (Chairman)



Date