



GUILDSFIELD
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL

Cyngor Cymuned Cegidfa
Guilsfield Community Council

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of Guilsfield Community Council
held on Tuesday 21st April 2026 in the Old School, Guilsfield at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cllr Martin Dyer
Cllr Ian Harrison
Cllr Margaret Bardsley
Cllr Christine Jones
Cllr Phylis Edwards

Also present: Kimberly Wright – Community Council Clerk

GCC/26/001 Welcome from the Chairman

The chairman welcomed councillors and residents to the meeting.

GCC/26/002 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Councillor Sam Dyer.

The Chairman updated Councillors that Councillor Amy O’Grady has resigned from the Community Council, with immediate effect.

GCC/26/003 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest received.

GCC/26/004 Public Question Time and Participation.

No members of the public present.

GCC/26/005 Minutes

RESOLVED – Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16th March 2026.

RESOLVED – Councillors approved the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 16th October 2026.

GCC/26/006 Financial report

Council’s received the financial report.

A. Councillors noted the financial statement.

Councillors noted that the bank balance on the 31st March 2026 stood at: £42,067.36.

B. Councillors noted and approved the following payments due;

- I. Invoice 2601 – £286.39 Clerk salary for March
- II. Invoice 2602 - £71.61 HMRC Tax payment March
- III. One Voice Wales membership Fee: £363. Based on 807 chargeable dwellings @ £0.45p per dwelling (This figure is based on the Valuation List and not the Electoral Register)
- IV. 20i website domain annual fee - £11.99 inc VAT

GCC/26/007 Public liability insurance

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed to renew with Zurich - Policy Holder: Guilsfield Community Council (Powys) Policy Number: YLL-2720927883. Renewal Date: 1st June 2026
Your policy is due for renewal, and your renewal premium is £632.00 including tax.

GCC/26/008 Risk Assessment

RESOLVED – Councillors reviewed and adopted Guilsfield Community Council's risk assessment 2026/2027

GCC/26/009 Annual meeting date

RESOLVED – Councillors agreed to change the date of the Annual meeting to Wednesday, 13th May 2026.

GCC/26/010 Guilsfield Community Council Member Allowance Policy

RESOLVED - Councillors reviewed and approved the Community Council's member allowance policy.
Councillors were reminded that all councillors wanting to 'opt out' must sign an opt-out form.

GCC/26/011 Visit to Guilsfield CP School

RESOLVED – Cllr Margaret Bardsley and Cllr Phylis Edwards agreed to visit Guilsfield C.P School. The Clerk is to liaise with them and the school to arrange a date and time.

GCC/26/012 Grant update

Tesco grant update – As the deadline for applications is early May, Cllr Margret Bardsley will now take the lead on this grant opportunity and will update Councillors at the next meeting.

Funding for Q.R code for Guilsfield C.P School trial. Clerk to add to the next agenda for Councillors to discuss and decide at the next meeting.

GCC/26/013 Playgrounds/ROSPA inspection

The Clerk has contacted Ray Parry, who has assured her that the works are imminent, but they are extremely busy at the current time. The Clerk will continue to chase.

GCC/26/014 Memorial tree

RESOLVED – Cllr Phylis Edwards to speak to the Turner family for them to decide. Once a decision had been made, this item will then be added to the agenda for discussion again.

GCC/26/015 Website update

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she has paid the domain annual fee, due to the risk of it being deleted.

The Clerk to request a bank mandate form, to set-up a standing order for the £10 monthly fee.

GCC/26/016 Spotlight

RESOLVED – Councillor Martin Dyer to write a section on behalf of the Community Council for the next Spotlight edition.

Clerk to check the Spotlight editions on the website.

GCC/26/017 Highway/footpaths/lighting/biodiversity and environmental matters in the community.**a) Highways**

- Cllr Ian Harrison has walked around the village with the Highways inspector. Cross to the Groes, Ian Harrison is aiming to add this road to the Capital Plan. Ad hoc resurfacing budget, work has been carried out. Cllr Ian Harrison has received many complaints regarding the road surfaces.
- Councillor Martin Dyer agreed to speak to Pickstocks, as they are liable for the road surface.
- Issue with blocked drain covers – works scheduled.
- Issues with a lack of communication within Powys County Council.
- Councillor Ian Harrison explained the different work/contractors organised with different budgets.
- Cllr Martin Dyer to write to M. Perry to complain about the work carried out.

b) Footpaths - Nothing raised.**c) Lighting**

- Cllr Ian Harrison is meeting with the streetlighting team sometime in May and encourages everyone to report any particular black spots/danger areas.

d) Flooding

- The Wern canal and Pool Quay nature reserve development – group of residents trying to get NRW to recognise that the canal acts as a dam. The data used by NRW is incorrect/outdated and needs to be reviewed/updated.
- Residents wrote to local M.P Steve Witherden, and a response was received. NRW denied acknowledgement of the data provided.
- Four culverts – only one working.

e) Biodiversity and Environment – Nothing raised.**GCC/26/018 County Councillor update.**

County Councillor, Cllr Ian Harrison, updated the Council on the recent recycling meeting at P.C.C with the chief officer from Place. The management team did not consult with the workforce on the recent recycling changes, resulting in a lack of staff.



GCC/26/019 Any Correspondence

The Clerk informed Councillors that One Voice Wales have produced a 'Civility and respect' pledge for Councils to read and possibly adopt. This will be added to the next agenda for Councillors to consider.

GCC/26/020 Planning.

- **26/0359/FUL** | Erection of a slurry tower and associated works | Holly Bank Guilsfield Welshpool Powys SY21 9JA

RESOLVED – Councillors raised the following concerns;

- Potential outpouring if not covered, where would the overspill go?
- Possible pollution, especially with increased rainfall/excessive heat.
- Dangers – potentially a child or an animal could fall into the pit, with no cover on it.

GCC/26/021 Planning decision notices

To note the following decisions:

- Approved**
To note that no applications were approved at the time of this agenda.
- Withdrawn**
To note that no applications were withdrawn at the time of this agenda.
- Refused**
To note that no applications were refused at the time of this agenda.

GCC/26/022 Date and Time of Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED - The Annual Meeting and Community Council meeting of Guilsfield Community Council will be held on **Wednesday, 13th May at 6:30 pm and then 7 pm or upon the commencement of the Annual meeting.**

Signed (Chairman)

Date 18th May 2026