

Goldcliff Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Schoolroom Goldcliff 11th December 2025 at 7:30pm

Present: - Chair, Councillor Wayne Fox (WF). Cllrs: - Jeff Rowland (JR), Elaine Ford (EF), R Preece (RP), J Waters (JW) , Julie Evans (JE) and Bob Dowsell (BD)

Also Present: - Mrs M Fox .

Apologies for absence: - None Necessary.

Minutes correct as of 13/11/2025: Proposed Councillor JW , seconded Councillor JE

1188 – Roads and Infrastructure Councillor M. Kellaway contacted re the “New” money available to NCC for road maintenance, and it transpires that a very limited programme of repairs are to be carried out to include Half Acre Lane??

1189 – Drainage and NRW - Nothing to report and no new meetings arranged.as far as NRW concerned Monks Ditch has now been cleaned and more to come in the next few weeks. The Grove farm area flooded and impassable x 2 in the lead up to Christmas, even though 5 pumps in action.

1190 – Planning and Property maintenance –Moorlands planning application put in again

1191 – Solar Proposal – Conflicts of interest and response. There were no conflicts of Interest resulting from this proposal. Councillors were asked to review the proposals and feedback comments which could then be brought together as the GCC response in February. The chair noted issues around the speed of wash off etc. Charging points and also any monies being put back into the Local Community. Consultation closes on 15 February

1192 – Community Liaison – Trees planted on Goldcliff common are being monitored as to condition. Decision taken to remove all the old China from the Hall and donate it to a local trust.

1193 - The British Heart foundation has supplied the Defibrillator, and an offer of training in its use was possible.

Bleed Kits – First aid Kits ongoing

Investment in the Community / Use of reserves. £13000, Some suggestions were put forward :-

Modernisation of Schoolroom Kitchen, RP to obtain quotes Other opportunities considered: Benches to be placed around the area for locals to rest whilst walking to the Bus stop, this suggestion after discussion was thought to be impractical.

1194 – Governance – Paperwork needed (2 Copies not requested in E Mail) to be returned. EF to facilitate. Re issued Cheque from J Williams received

1195 Village Hall field Trust – Ongoing. Trusteeship to be chased to allow the Council to oversee the Fields Trust in conjunction with Whitson Hall Re issued Cheque from J Williams received

1196– One Voice Wales – Training – Looking for dates in February to train New and existing Councillors in :- Code of Conduct, Governance, New Councillors, Law and Meetings.

1197 Financial –

The current financial position and expected outcome for 2025/6 as appended below was noted and the virements approved - Proposed JR Seconded JW

The budget and precept proposals were agreed by everyone which means the precept level will remain unchanged Proposed JR. Seconded JW

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| National Grid payment to GCC | £16.96 | |
| Cheques :- Grass Cutting X 3 | £280 | Proposed JR Seconded JW |
| Electricians for Defib Connection | £132 | Proposed JR. Seconded JW |
| Website Fees | £187.06 | Proposed JR. Seconded JW |
| Direct Debits (Elect.) | £425.56 | Proposed JR. Seconded JW |
| Welsh Water | £20.06 | Proposed JR. Seconded JW |

Audit Wales has qualified the returns for 24/25 noting the response on the return in respect of the General Power of Competence of the council, the absence of a training plan and the format of variance analysis.

Modification of Business rates review due.

There being no further business the meeting closed 20:41 Hrs

Next Meeting 12/2/2025 at 7:30pm – primary focus is the solar scheme

| | | <i>Transactions April - Dec 2025</i> | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | <i>Current</i> | <i>Deposit</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Accrued March 2025</i> | <i>Estimate for rest of year</i> | <i>Estimated final</i> | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Variance</i> | <i>Estimate 2026/7</i> | <i>Virement 25/26</i> |
| Receipts | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Precept | | 6,296.40 | | 6,296.40 | | | 6,296.40 | 6,296.00 | 0.40 | 6,498.44 | |
| Hall rental | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 250.00 | |
| PGW | | 40.00 | | | | | 0.00 | | 0.00 | | |
| Interest | | | 158.79 | 158.79 | | | 158.79 | 150.00 | 8.79 | 150.00 | |
| Transfers | | | | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | | 6,336.40 | 158.79 | 6,495.19 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,455.19 | 6,446.00 | 9.19 | 6,898.44 | |
| Payments | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricity | | 1,008.99 | | 1,008.99 | | 400.00 | 1,408.99 | 1,400.00 | (8.99) | 1,500.00 | |
| Grounds maint | | 980.00 | | 980.00 | | 585.00 | 1,565.00 | 1,800.00 | 235.00 | 1,900.00 | (225.00) |
| Insurance | | 455.34 | | 455.34 | | | 455.34 | 600.00 | 144.66 | 550.00 | (144.00) |
| Rates | | 66.74 | | 66.74 | | 6.00 | 72.74 | 6.00 | (66.74) | 75.00 | 70.00 |
| water | | 34.35 | | 34.35 | | | 34.35 | 40.00 | 5.65 | 40.00 | |
| Admin & website | | 244.06 | | 244.06 | | 170.00 | 414.06 | 500.00 | 85.94 | 633.44 | (80.00) |
| Audit | | 1,857.00 | | 1,857.00 | (1,890.00) | 500.00 | 467.00 | 500.00 | 33.00 | 500.00 | |
| Donations | | 45.00 | | 45.00 | | 50.00 | 95.00 | 100.00 | 5.00 | 100.00 | |
| Repairs & improv | | 2,678.00 | | 2,678.00 | (800.00) | | 1,878.00 | 1,500.00 | (378.00) | 1,600.00 | 379.00 |
| | | 7,369.48 | 0.00 | 7,369.48 | (2,690.00) | 1,711.00 | 6,390.48 | 6,446.00 | 55.52 | 6,898.44 | |
| Net | | (1,033.08) | 158.79 | (874.29) | 2,690.00 | (1,711.00) | 64.71 | 0.00 | 64.71 | 0.00 | |
| | | | | | | | | 2026/27 | | | |
| Opening balance | | 3,457.92 | 11,243.80 | 14,701.72 | | | 14,701.72 | Tax base | 184.93 | 35.14 | 6498.44 |
| | | | | | | | | 2025/26 | | | |
| Closing balance | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 December | | 2,424.84 | 11,402.59 | 13,827.43 | | | 14,766.43 | Tax base | 179.18 | 35.14 | |
| Outstanding | | 232.06 | | 232.06 | | | | | | | |
| Bank balances | | 2,656.90 | 11,402.59 | 14,059.49 | | | | | | | |