

Goldcliff Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Schoolroom Goldcliff 14th May 2026 at 7:30pm.

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

Also Present: - Mrs M Fox, Mrs L Macdonald, Mrs M Owen and Mr Paul Davies

Apologies for absence: - None

Minutes correct as of 12/3/2026: Proposed Councillor EF, seconded Councillor JR

There was a declaration of interest in the vacancy for a Community Councillor from Mr Paul Davies

A presentation was given by the Contractors for the proposed Solar scheme by Mr Nick Beddows:-

Statutory Consultations have already been carried out over the Winter months with all interested parties. There has been an Arbocultural survey carried out with the recommendation that some Hedgerows are to be removed on the S Side of Reens. There has also been an Ecology survey (Birds etc.) carried out and Consultation Milestones have been met. As per SSSI sites the period of operation is planned to be 40 Years. Also, there is proposed to be at least a fields distance between the panels and the roads, along with any Panels adjacent to the Welsh coastal path being elevated to screen the panels. Welsh heritages are on hand to examine any Archaeological findings that are unearthed, W Water and Tata are to be provided with access to the Rising main to the N of the Coastal path to allow maintenance to guarantee steel supply. Submission of formal application is in OCT /Nov 2026 with Public Consultation after. There is to be a yearly Community Benefit of £250,000 made available to Goldcliff, Magor and Redwick. Made up of £125,000 to "A community Organisation" with 5 Trustees and a further £125,000 paid directly to the Community Councils.

The Council noted that its own comments had yet to be addressed and that it had concerns over the proposed oversight of the community funding.

The issue with the Goldcliff Common has been resolved so far, as TATA (who we understand are the owners) have granted permission for the erection of a fence although Newport City Council will be looking at it in relation to Curtilage of the site and the commoners rights.

1224 – Roads and Infrastructure Surveillance Cameras have been placed in at least 4 positions around our area to either catch or better, deter Fly tippers. So far not a lot of Change.

1225 – Drainage and NRW – Finally a meeting is scheduled for 1/6/2026

1226 – Planning and Property maintenance – A Contractor has been to have a look at the Kitchen with a view to refurbishment.

1227 - The British Heart foundation - We need to procure paddles for use with Children and the cost will be about £95 - £130.

1228 - Village Hall field Trust – Ongoing. Trusteeship to be chased to allow the Council to oversee the Fields Trust in conjunction with Whitson Hall. Following Councillor Roger Preece's resignation both from the Council and the Village Field Trust Councillor RD is to be put on the list of Trustees. Re-issued Cheque from J Williams received. And a further Cheque received to take the rent up to the start of Oct 26

1229 – Poor Ground. The wording for the Contract to be revised to ensure a Break in yearly rental is included. To be facilitated

1230 – Training, new and existing Councillors. Ongoing, 3 modules already completed with more to be carried out

1231 – Website Further updates have been undertaken and we need to further understand what further information we are legally obliged to include on our website and expedite as necessary This is to be checked

1232 - Governance The following documents were presented to the meeting and approved by all Councillors:

- Financial statements
- Annual return
- Annual report
- Code of conduct
- Risk register
- Register of interest
- Asset register

1233 - Financial The finance summary appended below was presented to the meeting. The Schoolroom pays reduced rates and Whitson Hall has no charge. DD for water of £19.12 and cheques for the grass Cutting at a cost of £140, Zurich Insurance at a cost of £549.61 and NCC rates at a cost of £71.53 - Proposed Councillor JR and Seconded Councillor JW.

1234 - Vacancy Paul Davies indicated his interest and willingness to be considered for the vacancy. With no response to advertising the Council were able to make a direct appointment. The appointment of Paul Davies was proposed by the Chair and confirmed by all Councillors. EF to deal with the related paperwork.

There being no further business the meeting closed 20:35 Hrs

Next Meeting 11 June 2026 at 7pm

			<i>Current</i>	<i>Deposit</i>	<i>Total</i>
Balances - 8 April			988.86	11,467.82	12,456.68
Precept	DD		3,249.22		3,249.22
Welsh Water	DD		(19.12)		(19.12)
DS Preece	101106		(140.00)		(140.00)
Fire people	101107		(242.93)		(242.93)
Balance 13 May			3,836.03	11,467.82	15,303.85
Bank balances			3,836.03	11,467.82	15,303.85
Outstanding receipts					0.00
Outstanding cheques					0.00
			3,836.03	11,467.82	15,303.85
Cheques to be raised:					
Grss - May	140				
Zurich insurance	549.61				
NCC- Rates	71.53				