



Minutes of the Meeting of the
Open Spaces, Allotments & Rights of Way Committee
held at the Council Meeting Room
Trane Cemetery, Tonyrefail
at 6:00pm on Thursday 18th June 2026

Present: Cllr Danny Grehan
Cllr Karen Webb
Cllr Ceirion Skym
Cllr Gerald Francis

Officers: Mrs Aingie Cripps Melody (Deputy Clerk)

1. To Elect Chairperson for the year to May2027

Having confirmed her acceptance of the nomination, it was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To Elect Cllr Karen Webb to the role of Chair

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Martin Barron, Cllr Ceri Jones.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Danny Grehan declared an interest in Agenda item 8 relating to the skate park.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting: 23rd April 2026

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 23rd April 2026 as a true and accurate record.

5. To note Financial Report for period ending: 12th April 2026

The Deputy Clerk presented the Financial Report.



6. Matters pertaining to Open Spaces

a) To not Update on repairs & seat installation at Coed-Ely bus shelter

The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee that the order had been placed with the supplier and that an installation date was awaited.

b) To discuss condition of bus shelters owned by the Community Council

The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee that she had undertaken a full audit of the bus shelters owned by the Community Council. It was noted that several required repairs and that a quotation for this had been requested. These costs will be presented to the Committee for consideration when received.

i. To Agree replacement of Coed-Ely bus shelter (0267 Elwyn Street – Talbot Green direction)

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree that the bus shelter at Elwyn Street, Coed-Ely should be replaced.

ii. To Agree repair or replacement of Francis Street bus shelter (0252 Francis Street – Tonypandy direction)

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree that repairs to the missing front clear panel of the Francis Street bus shelter should be undertaken.

iii. To Agree to take proposal for replacement of bus shelters to full council

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To take a proposal to full council for the replacement of the bus shelters at Elwyn Street, Coed Ely and Waunrhydd Road, Tonyrefail, utilising CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds for this purpose.

c) To note Update on request from Cllr Michel for additional bus shelter on Gilfach Road

Following an enquiry from Cllr Michel for siting of a bus shelter on Gilfach Road adjacent to the Worcester Court entrance, the Deputy Clerk made



enquiries with RCT traffic department and has been advised that this location is not suitable due to the narrow path and electrical access covers at the site.

d) To note Update on new bench request at Parkland memorial

The Deputy Clerk advised that following Cllr Grehans contact with a member of the RCT parks department, no further contact had been received by the Deputy Clerk in response to her questions to progress siting of the bench.

Cllr Grehan explained that the email received and giving permission for an additional bench, was all that was required and that the Community Council could proceed to install a bench.

The Deputy Clerk will seek quotations for a suitable bench and the cost of laying a concrete foundation. It was also noted that there are insufficient staff resources to undertake installation work at present but will be looked at later in the year when resources allow.

7. Matters pertaining to Allotments

a) To note Update on Penrhiwfer wall build start date

The Deputy Clerk updated the Committee that the start date of the wall build had been moved to the start of September 2026 at the request of the Allotment Association.

b) Matters pertaining to Inspections

- i. To agree Councillors to undertake inspections in July 2026

It was proposed, seconded and

Resolved: To agree that Cllrs Karen Webb, Ceirion Skym and Danny Grehan would undertake allotment inspections.

8. Matters pertaining to Rights of Way

a) To note update on disposal of bench to Tyn y Bryn skate park

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that following an inspection by Cllr Danny Grehan, he agreed that the bench would not be fit for use by the skate park. The Deputy Clerk will arrange for the disposal at a local scrap merchant.

9. Date of the next Committee meeting

The date of the next meeting: 6:00pm 24th September 2026

Meeting concluded at 18:50pm.