

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**The meeting convened online via Zoom Conference software at 7-00 p.m. present:**

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), G Ffrancon (Vice Chair), G Richards, D Thomas, P Blunn, M Bowmer, A Jenkins, R Jenkins, D Snell, F Wagstaff, S Weller, I Whitehurst, G Lawrence, and W Morgan

**180/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllr H Davies

**181/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

**182/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** No-one had requested the use of this facility.

**183/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020 & MATTERS ARISING:**

The minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

**184/2020: COVID-19 UPDATE**

Now that the Welsh Government Firebreak is over the Halls are open again and the first groups came back on 9<sup>th</sup> November. Social distancing is still in force and the numbers are restricted to whichever is the lower of the number recommended for each hall and 15. The area restrictions have been removed. Council agreed to keep the 50% discount on hall hire charges for the time being. The Christmas dinner initiative is well in hand and a list of names is being compiled in the hope that a Christmas dinner can be delivered close to Christmas day.

**185/2020: UPDATE ON COEDGWILYM PARK**

The updated draft lease has now been received incorporating or clarifying Council's concerns. There will be a break date on every third anniversary of the lease, all that is required is to give the appropriate notice. The lease is for the whole park and Council will sublet to all park users. Certain trees will have TPOs which Council will not be able to touch. Council has requested a tree survey prior to the takeover and sight of the most recent safety report for the play park. Council felt it would be useful to have a provisional date for the takeover, hopefully early in the new year.

**186/2020: HIGH STREET GRANTS/ LOCAL BUSINESS REGENERATION**

Cllr Morgan spoke about this Welsh Government initiative under which grants are available for vacant properties on High Streets/Retail Quarters of up to 70% of the refurbishment/regeneration costs with the remaining cost of 30% to be met by the owner. The maximum grant is £250,000. Council are happy to contribute practically but had concerns and reservations about contributing financially. Councillor Morgan declared an interest in respect of this initiative.

**187/2020 SETTING UP COUNCIL WELLBEING OBJECTIVES**

Cllr Ffrancon reported on an online seminar she attended on this subject. Although our turnover is below the threshold it would be good practice to follow the objectives. Councillors volunteered to help as did the Clerk.

**188/2020 REVISION OF WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS**

Cllr Ffrancon reported that this is one of the Council policies which falls due for revision in 2021 and she asked for volunteers to assist with drafted any changes to the existing policy.

**189/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities and Events Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. The main matters discussed were:-

The Facias at each hall need cleaning. The Clerk will ask Jeff and Bev to undertake the task.

Council approved the purchase of a pressure washer.

Cae Charles is looking really good and the barriers will be installed shortly. It was proposed that Council pays £800 of the cost of the digger with a final £200 when the rest of the work is completed.

Halloween was a big success and the prize winners have now received their prizes. Cllrs Bowmer and Davies are to be thanked for taking on this promotion and it was agreed that the competition should become part of the Council's annual events.

The Remembrance Service went well in its reduced format.

The new Christmas lights are on order and the trees will delivered next week. Council is organising gift vouchers for the volunteers, just need the local businesses to confirm they will honour the vouchers and reclaim the cost from the Council. The selection boxes will be arriving on Monday. Cllr Bowmer asked for a received approval for the Christmas stickers to go on the boxes. The Christmas window competition will run again, and posters will be ready soon.

Gardens for Schools – Council approved funding of £800 for this initiative to provide equipment and produce for the 4 schools in the village. The Community Garden will be invited to become involved and the Clerk will be provided with guidance on produce.

Another meeting with the local MP is being arranged.

Council approved expenditure of £50 for a Christmas greeting page in the Community magazine.

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## Planning Committee

1. 24 Capel Road, Clydach – Erection of detached garage
2. 24 Heol Eithrim, Clydach – Single storey rear extension.

## Audit Committee - (all invoices for payment are scrutinised by the Audit committee prior to presentation to full council)

	Amount	
1. Wages	£ 4,119.86	
2. Tax & NIC	£ 794.41	
3. Eurooffice	£ 51.97	Hall Sundries
4. Amazon	£ 237.25	Cups and Plates
5. K Barriers	£ 4,620.00	Barriers
6. One Voice Wales	£ 30.00	Training
7. Gower Trees	£ 753.60	Christmas Trees
8. Designz	£ 61.00	Rememb stickers

**£ 10,668.09**

## **190/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: -**

1. Council agreed that the halls will close as usual for 2 weeks over the festive period from 21<sup>st</sup> Dec to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
2. One Voice Wales are looking for Councillors to sit on the Local Area Committee and the Larger Council Committee.
3. The Community Fund closes on 20<sup>th</sup> November, it will be promoted on the Facebook page and awards will be discussed at the November Facilities and Events meeting for approval at the December Monthly meeting.
4. The Halls are booked for Senedd and Police & Crime Commissioner on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
5. Annual Audit, all the outstanding queries have been resolved and we have now been moved to the review stage. That was on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.
6. As mentioned during the meeting we cannot proceed with grant applications for the new park until we have the lease signed in our favour.
7. Steffan is coming to the hall every Saturday for his radio show. Council agreed to waive any hall charges for this use of the Hall.

**191/2020 STAFF AND MEMBERS TRAINING: –** Training has been suspended during the epidemic, but basic training is available on the One Voice Wales website and the Clerk will circulate details to all Councillors. There are online training sessions available and Councillors are encouraged to check the email and book those that interest them with the Clerk.

**192/2020 NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Facilities and Events is due to meet on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

*Signed Chair Community Council: .....*

*Date: .....*