

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11th May 2021

The meeting convened online via Zoom Conference software at 7-20 p.m. present:

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), G Ffrancon (Vice Chair), P Blunn, G Richards, F Wagstaff, M Bowmer, A Jenkins, S Weller, R Jenkins, K Davies, G Lawrence, C Williams and I Whitehurst

15/2021: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr W Morgan

16/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary, during the meeting. Cllr G Richards declared an interest in the discussions about the Community Garden.

17/2021: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL Nobody had requested the use of this facility. Roger Smith asked about the truck and was reassured that it was working properly after repair.

18/2021: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 13th April 2021 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the meeting on 13th April 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

19/2021: TO APPROVE AN UPDATED AGREEMENT FOR THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Clerk reported that he had received a response to Council's query about the installation of the path and the use of the Council water supply. Neil Barry had discussed the possibility of installing a path for wheelchair users with the Chair, but permission had not been sought nor granted. The arrangement over the water was that the group should initially use water from the water butts provided rather than use water from the Council metered supply. The group had offered to contribute to the cost, but the extent of the usage is currently unknown. Council would have preferred a more environmentally friendly surface be used for the path, but it was explained that the purpose of the path was solely to allow wheelchair access, so a solid flat surface was what was needed. The Chair reported that Welsh Water can carry out an inspection for £90 and tell Council what would be involved in installing a new meter for the garden, the £90 would be deducted from the total cost should one be installed. Council will seek advice about whether a rail is required on the path and will amend the new agreement accordingly. The group does have their own insurance cover.

20/2021 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON COED GWILYM PARK

The Chair reported that there is a letter on the way to Council following meetings with the various Heads of Departments. The Community Council has been frozen out of all these discussion even though Council is the proposed new landlord and was the original applicant to take over the park. It is possible therefore that this latest letter will go against all the previous agreements with the local authority, but Council will await the letter and then decide how to proceed.

21/2021 TO APPROVE SEPARATE EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllr K Davies reported that he had looked at several options to provide separate email addresses for Councillors using the Council's domain(s). The preferred option would cost £1.49 per month per address although there was a further option at £4.99 per address per month which would include Microsoft Office. It was felt this would not be used by Councillors, the Chair, the Vice Chair and the Clerk all had access to Microsoft Office already. The meeting resolved to opt for the £1.49 deal.

22/2021 Facilities and Events Committee

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 27th April had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved, a copy is attached.

Planning Committee

1. 5 Oakwood Rise, Clydach – Single storey rear extension
2. 16 Brynamlwg, Clydach – Single storey rear extension
3. 17 Bryn Hawddgar, Clydach – Conversion of integral garage into a habitable room.
4. 21 Bethania Road, Clydach – Extend existing planning permission because of covid
5. Globe Cinema, 17 High Street, Clydach – reconfiguration of parking plan.

The committee had no issues with any of these applications except for the last one where Council wants to be reassured that any parking spaces designated for the use of the Community will be recorded in the title deeds for the new properties in perpetuity.

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

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	Amount	
1. Wages	£ 3,049.75	
2. Tax & NIC (April)	£ 500.65	
3. Matthews Shredding	£ 34.50	Shredding
4. Amazon	£ 64.10	H&S Equipt
5. Eurooffice	£ 437.02	Covid equip
6. LBS Builders Merchants	£ 66.10	Concrete
7. Amazon	£ 23.59	Fire signage
	£ 4,175.71	

23/2021: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Hayley Davies resigning from the Council because of a change of circumstances

24/2021 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.

25/2021 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8th June 2021 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Facilities and Events is due to meet on 25th May 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: