

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 13th April 2021

The meeting convened online via Zoom Conference software at 7-00 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, I Whitehurst, K Davies, G Lawrence, C Williams and W Morgan

1/2021: The chair welcomed Kelvin Davies to the Council. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter of resignation from the Council from Darren Snell. The Clerk will report the vacancy to Electoral Services to start the process for finding a replacement.

2/2021: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr H Davies

3/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary, during the meeting.

4/2021: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL Nobody had requested the use of this facility.

5/2021: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9th March 2021 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the meeting on 9th March 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

6/2021: TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN

The Clerk reported that he had completed the Annual Return ready for the internal auditor. A copy had been circulated prior to the meeting. Only the value of fixed assets needs to be confirmed. The meeting approved the return, and the Clerk will contact the Internal Auditor as soon as possible so the next stage of the process can be completed in good time.

7/2021 TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL'S UPDATED POLICIES AND FINANCIAL RISK ASSESSMENT

These documents had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were unanimously approved and adopted.

8/2021 DISCUSS SECURITY AT FORGE FACH PARK

The situation has escalated since our last meeting and because of vandalism to their building Walsingham are locking the gate in the early evening. The locking of the gate will do nothing to deter the individuals concerned. Council agreed to set up a rota so the park could stay open later now that it is staying lighter in the evening.

9/2021 TO DISCUSS HANGING BASKETS FOR THE VILLAGE

Council is trying to finalise a design for the brackets which will accommodate the baskets and the flags and incorporate a backup safety chain. The flowers are due to be delivered in 4 weeks and some of the baskets we had last year have gone missing. We need enough to cover the High Street as that is as much as we can do in the current situation.

10/2021 TO APPROVE SEPARATE EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR COUNCILLORS

Guidance at the most recent seminars is for Councillors to have a separate email address for Council business apart from their own personal one. GoDaddy are quoting over £600 which the meeting felt was out of proportion to the need and Cllr K Davies undertook to see if there was a cheaper equally effective option.

11/2021 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Events Committee

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The Clerk was asked to write to the Electricity Company expressing concern that they had chosen the first day shops could reopen for non-essential work which prevented some of them from doing so.
2. The Clerk reported that the office printer was on its last legs but since it only cost £60 it has served the Council well. Council has identified an appropriate replacement which is more suited to an office environment and the amount of printing Council must do. It is an HP7740 costing £159 at Viking and the meeting approved this purchase. The monitor for the CCTV at Graigfelen hall needs replacing and the Clerk can source one locally for around £90. This was also approved.
3. The Clerk was reminded to instruct a window cleaner to clean the windows in both halls prior to re-opening. The chair will pursue the purchase of a suitable jet spray.

Planning Committee

1. 16 Ynys Y Mond, Clydach – Lop top of Oak Tree under TPO
2. 92 Edison Crescent, Clydach – hot food
3. 5G mast Mond Shops Clydach – Three 5G mast

The committee had no issues with either of these applications except for the location of the proposed 5G mast which seemed to the meeting to be wholly inappropriate. A draft objection will be distributed for approval and the application will be brought to the attention of the Community via the Council Facebook page.

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

	Amount	
1. Wages	£ 2,468.65	
2. Tax & NIC (April)	£ 707.08	
3. Lloyd Newman	£ 250.00	Barrier Rep
4. £10 top up for Council mobile	£ 10.00	Phone topup
5. One Voice Wales Subscription	£ 1,228.00	Subscription
6. Hallmaster	£ 24.00	PayPal link
7. Pitchcare	£ 423.36	Sprayer
8. Screwfix	£ 135.00	Ladder
9. Amazon	£ 56.45	Fuel & Cans
10. Green Hat	£ 2,925.60	Risk Assmts
11. Planning Aid Wales	£ 150.00	Training sub

£ 8,844.13

12/2021: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. Council has been approached by Sweet Pickings for permission to share their crowdfunding page on the Facebook page. They pick fruit which would otherwise be lost to local foodbanks and other similar groups. The Clerk was asked to check with Ty Croeso that they can accept fruit in the foodbank but subject to that the request was approved.
2. Assuming Council can reopen the halls on 17th May subject to social distancing Council will have to decide whether to continue with the discount charging scheme and decide what charge is to be made to the Foot Clinic who have been using the Hall during lockdown.
3. The meeting approved contributing the sum of £500 towards the funeral costs from C M Hopkins

13/2021 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. The Chair emphasised the need for Councillors to enrol in training especially as the online training is more convenient and cheaper than face to face training. It is only a matter of time before it becomes mandatory

142021 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 11th May 2021 preceded as usual by the AGM and the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Facilities and Events is due to meet on 27th April 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: