

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 8th September 2020

The meeting convened at the Community Hall on Vardre Road at 7-00 p.m. present:

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

160/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr I Whitehurst.

161/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

162/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL No-one had requested the use of this facility.

163/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 14th July 2020 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the meeting on 14th July 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. 121 Security are calling at the hall later in the week to firm up installation dates for the cameras approved at the last meeting and to give an indication of the costs of a camera to monitor Cae Charles. The Halls are quite busy now considering we are not able to take the social groups, bookings at Graigfelen Hall are particularly encouraging. The Local Produce Market event was postponed because of the weather and is not schedule for 12th September. 16 tables have been booked. No charge is being made and deposits to secure stalls will be refunded after the event.

164/2020: UPDATE ON COEDGWILYM PARK

The lease has still not been signed. The Council solicitor has made the City and County of Swansea aware of our proposed revisions and the matter is now in the hands of their legal department. Our solicitor has been instructed to keep pressing for a response. The grass has been cut.

165/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Events Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th July had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. The main matters discussed were:-

The area at Cae Charles has been tidied up but has been targeted as a location for motor bikes which has caused considerable damage. Council is pursuing ways of restricting access and the first gates are being delivered later this week. In the current climate it seems unlikely that Council events will be allowed to take place. Councillors agreed to postpone the Fireworks event in the hope that it might be possible to hold some sort of celebration at an appropriate date once the pandemic is over. Similarly, it seems unlikely that the Christmas Parade will be allowed to take place. The Clerk was asked to price up the cost of renting Christmas lights for the village and will have figures available for the next Facilities meeting so that the village can be brightened up over the Festive Period. Final decisions will be made regarding trees at that meeting.

The Deputy Caretaker has asked if she could have a leaf blower and Council decided to delay the purchase as it is likely Council will be acquiring a heavy-duty machine when the park is taken over.

The Clerk and Chair will investigate the cost of a rotary backdrop for the stage

The culvert needs attention, and this will be discussed with County Councillor Gordon Walker to arrange a convenient time for the work to be carried out. Sunnybank Park needs attention, it belongs to City and County of Swansea. A suggestion was made that perhaps when meeting County Councillor Gordon Walker his financial support might be sought to upgrade some of the equipment.

Planning Committee

1. 4 Pearl Street, Clydach – Rear extension to semi-detached property
2. 6 Oakwood Ride, Clydach – Alteration to roof and wall of existing conservatory
3. 36 Graigola Road, Clydach – side hip to gable conversions, addition of dormers and relocation of garage
4. 123 Capel Road, Clydach – First floor rear extension
5. 155 Kingrosia Park, Clydach – Create dormer and front single storey extension
6. Old Clydach Market, Players Industrial Estate – Change of use to timber frame manufacturing.

Council had no issues with any of these planning applications

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

	Amount		
1. Wages	£3,075.56	BACS	Wages
2. Tax and NIC	545.41	BACS	Tax & NIC
3. City & County of Swansea	87.50	BACS	Produce Market Licence

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4. Eurooffice	251.28	BACS	Covid cleaning
5. Valley Engraving	19.20	BACS	Poster printing
6. Welsh Water	164.39	BACS	Clydach Water
7. Welsh Water	167.41	BACS	Graigfelen Water
8. ETS	47.98	BACS	Graigfelen Broadband 2 months
	£4,358.73		

ACTIONS:

- Cllrs to make the BACS payments Clerk to distribute cheques as required.

166/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. Ongoing correspondence with the POD as Council is keen to see if there is some way Council could help. A meeting will be arranged when the rules of social distancing allow.
2. Wales and West Housing contributed £200 towards the cost of the Covid-19 consultancy.
3. The chair has been nominated as a Gower hero by Sally Anne Rees, this is really in recognition of the Community Council's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the team of volunteers who helped during lockdown. Councillors had several suggestions over a way of recognising the efforts of the volunteers and would like to involve local businesses in a suitable scheme.

167/2020 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.

168/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 13th October 2020 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Facilities and Events is due to meet on 29th September 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: