

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 9th February 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, R Jenkins, G Richards, D Snell, F Wagstaff, M Bowmer, A Jenkins, S Weller, I Whitehurst, G Lawrence, and W Morgan

223/2020: In addition, the meeting was attended by Roger Ll. Smith.

224/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: No apologies were received.

225/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

226/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL Roger Ll. Smith had requested to ask some questions. He asked about the Community Council truck and the chair explained that it was currently with the dealers to resolve an issue with the wiring loom. He also asked about the remedial tree removal and the chair explained that we had 3 quotes and as the best 2 were very close Council elected to use a company who had previously worked for them. Finally he asked about the recently installed barrier and it was explained that the purpose was to stop motor bikes using the 'Dram' line.

227/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 12th JANUARY 2021 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the meeting on 12th January 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

228/2020: UPDATE ON COEDGWILYM PARK

The leases are currently being drafted by Council's solicitor, lessees will decide after seeing the drafts whether they need to instruct their own legal advisors. Council continues to press our solicitor to expedite the drafts.

229/2020 TO DISCUSS SUNNYBANK PARK.

Council is concerned at the state of Sunnybank park which is in urgent need of attention. Council understands and Roger Ll. Smith confirmed that the local County Councillors have access to a pot for upgrading the park and Council resolved to contact them to find out what they intend to use the funds for.

230/2020 AGREE THE WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY

The policy was updated at the Facilities and Events meeting and this item was deferred to the March meeting to allow Councillors to read the updated document.

231/2020 DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES ALONG THE LENGTH OF HEBRON ROAD

The chair reported that this problem was getting worse. Council decided to pursue a joint approach with the local County Councillors and the bus company to see if something can be done as its becoming extremely dangerous for road users and pedestrians.

232/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Events Committee

The vice chair reported that a meeting had taken place on 26th January 2021, the main items discussed were:-

1. The main hall is being used fortnightly by the mobile foot clinic which has been authorised by the local authority.
2. The office phone has been redirected to the mobile number on the Clerk's phone.
3. 3 new doors will be ordered and fitted to the toilets at Vardre Road.
4. Council is trialling a new hall booking system called Hallmaster. Its much more user friendly than Skedda and can enable automatic invoicing using paypal. Council has a 90 day trial and once things return to normal will have a better idea of the system. It costs £50 for 12 months and £20 for paypal integration. A decision was deferred to continue the trial.
5. Quotes had been received and since the meeting the work has been carried out and the gates have been installed. Welsh Water want access to inspect a sewerage leak but in future have offered to provide an abloy lock which will allow them access. Council will be provided with a key.
6. As mentioned earlier in the meeting some urgent work on the trees at Waverly Park was required following a survey by the local authority. Since the meeting the work has been carried out by Tenderleaf. Council hopes to establish a village orchard and will identify potential grants which might support such a project.
7. Flags and poles have been ordered and have now been put in place. There will be a St David's Day window competition for children under 16 with the theme 'what's good about where you live?'
8. Councillor Bowmer asked for approval for £40 to buy daffodil bulbs for the planters
9. Council agreed to research a project to assess the lands and properties owned by the Council.
10. Hanging baskets. Councillor Bowmer would seek quotes and report to the monthly meeting.

The options over the hanging baskets were discussed and it was agreed to restrict the baskets to 30 this year and Four Seasons will fill them with plants which do not require dead heading at £30 per basket.

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Planning Committee

1. Clydach Refinery – Installation of sub-contractor’s cabins
2. 8 Heol Y Cae, Clydach - Removal of rear extension roof, lifting the height of the room and renewing the roof with a flat roof. Application for a lawful development certificate has since been refused.

The committee had no issues with either of these applications.

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

	Amount	
1. Wages	£ 2,446.53	
2. Tax & NIC	£ 507.62	
3. Tenderleaf	£ 2,976.00	Tree removal
4. Jeff Evans	£ 1,940.00	Barrier erection
5. Amazon	£ 230.92	Flags, poles + acc
6. eBay	£ 153.19	Flag fittings
7. Refund to M Bowmer	£ 96.99	Bulbs lagging etc

£ 8,351.25

233/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. Council wanted to recognise the efforts of Steffan Crocker who recently appeared on Hefon S4C where he was shown broadcasting his radio show on Radio Cymru FM. He is also very active with My Green Valley and keeps his eyes open when travelling in the village and reports issue to Council. He’s very enthusiastic and Council agreed that the minutes should reflect the Council’s appreciation of his excellent work.
2. Nobody had contacted City and County of Swansea regarding the vacancy and accordingly Council can co-opt a replacement. Applications from interested parties will be invited.
3. Council has received confirmation of the Annual Precept schedule.

Council approved the purchase of replacement ladders and the Chair, Caretaker and Clerk will undertake this project. Councillor Whitehurst raised the question of siting a bin at the bus shelter opposite the White Gates newsagents where rubbish is mounting. Council agreed to work with My Green Valley to work out a solution, the issue with a bin is getting the local authority to empty it.

234/2020 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.

235/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 9th March 2021 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Facilities and Events is due to meet on 23rd February 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: