

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 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, G Lawrence, H Davies, C Williams and W Morgan

**236/2020:** In addition, the meeting was attended by Roger Ll. Smith.

**237/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllr D Snell

**238/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

**239/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** Nobody had requested the use of this facility.

**240/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 & MATTERS ARISING:**

The minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved subject to correcting some typographical errors and incorporating a clarification suggested by Roger Ll. Smith

**241/2020: UPDATE ON COEDGWILYM PARK**

The leases have been drafted and approved. There is still an issue with how to proceed but Council resolved to go ahead with the lease from the local authority and then deal with the various subleases so there is no loss of continuity.

**242/2020 AGREE THE WELSH LANGUAGE POLICY**

The policy was updated at the Facilities and Events meeting and this item had been deferred from the February meeting to allow Councillors to read the updated document. Having had time to study the document it was unanimously approved.

**243/2020 DISCUSS THE EVENTS SCHEDULE ONCE LOCKDOWN IS RELAXED**

Councillor Bowmer raised this matter with a view to holding some sort of event in August just before the Bank Holiday weekend. Obviously, it would be subject to any Covid restrictions but if the rules are relaxed then the things Council would want to include will be in short supply. It was agreed that a sub-committee of the Facilities and Events Committee would be set up to focus on the ideas for such an event.

**244/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities and Events Committee**

The vice chair reported that a meeting had taken place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021, the main items discussed were:-

1. A ladder has been purchased and will be stored at Vardre Hall. Leaks in the roof have been identified and will be investigated.
2. New security lights have been purchased by the clerk and will be delivered this week.
3. Hallmaster booking system is still on trial but we cannot really assess it till lockdown is relaxed but it looks promising. A sub will be taken out when the trial is over.
4. The work at Cae Charles has been completed successfully. Councillor Gordon Walker has agreed to meet the cost of an additional gate if Council will meet the installation costs, and this was approved.
5. Councillors agreed to carry out further works to improve the drainage at Cae Charles and investigate the possibility of installing of cctv cameras at various problem points in the village. Cllr Bailey offered to prepare a proposal for further development of Cae Charles through grant applications for restoring the lock next to the weir. He will approach the Canal and River Trust, the National Lottery, and the NCB
6. Dangerous broken barriers at Waverley park have been removed and Council has purchased 2 generators to supply the bar and the catering trailer.
7. Hanging baskets are due to be delivered in May and Cllr Weller will create a prototype bracket which will also include the ability to display a Christmas Tree, fly a flag and hang a basket.

**Planning Committee**

1. 15 Ffordd Abiah, Clydach – Conversion of Garage to living accommodation with addition of bay window
2. 46 Twyn Y Bedw, Clydach – Part 2 storey rear extension
3. 50 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – Single storey rear extension plus balcony
4. 77 High Street, Clydach – Replacement refrigeration plant
5. 82 Lone Road, Clydach – Removal of Conservatory and new rear extension
6. Co-op High Street, Clydach – Installation of signage x 2
7. Land to rear of Lone Road, Clydach – Amended access and plans
8. 8 Heol Y Cae, Clydach – Lifting height of rear extension and internal alterations
9. Glydefaid Cottage, The Lodge, Ynys Y Mond Rd, Clydach – Single storey side extension
10. 104 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – Single storey rear extension
11. 20 Western Road, Clydach – Single storey side/rear extension

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The committee had no issues with either of these applications.

Council has also just received advance notice of the intention to site a 5g transmitter behind the toilets at the Mond shops. It was agreed that this was not an appropriate location and a response will be drafted and circulated for approval.

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

|                             | Amount            |              |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. Wages                    | £ 2,446.55        |              |
| 2. Tax & NIC                | £ 507.82          |              |
| 3. Lloyd Newman             | £ 250.00          | Barrier Rep  |
| 4. Refund to Chair          | £ 31.50           | Title Deeds  |
| 5. Brandon Hire             | £ 168.00          | Chipper      |
| 6. City & County of Swansea | £ 275.00          | Ground rent  |
| 7. Days Ford                | £ 676.66          | Truck repair |
| 8. Hampshire Generators     | £ 1,643.97        | Generators   |
| 9. Screwfix                 | £ 67.47           | Sec Lights   |
| 10. Refund to M Bowmer      | £ 88.00           | Paint etc    |
| 11. One Voice Wales         | £ 210.00          | Feb training |
|                             | <b>£ 6,364.97</b> |              |

## 245/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. The Clerk passed on his wife's thanks and appreciation for the flowers sent to her following her recent eye operation. They were lovely and cheered her up after a stressful few days.
2. Terry Davies has approached Council about some mosaics left by his late father-in-law, some examples have been posted to the google drive and he wonders whether Council would be interested in housing some in the halls.
3. The Library of Things project is proving popular, and the organiser has been directed to Pam Cram who arranges the volunteers for the Repair Café Wales group who meet regularly in the hall.
4. The Hand driers contract expires in January 2023 so there is one more payment due in January 2022
5. The insurers have confirmed that allowing Stefan to use the hall to broadcast his radio shows does not raise any issues for us as far as the policy is concerned.
6. Carys Williams has contacted Council to introduce herself as the local cooperative pioneer and is anxious to continue to partner with Council and other groups to support projects.
7. Service Contracts for both halls expire in January 2022.

**246/2020 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.

**247/2020 NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021 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> March 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*