

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14th July 2020

The meeting convened online via Zoom video conferencing at 7-00 p.m. present:

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

The meeting had been advertised locally to allow any interested members of the public to attend and Roger Smith attended the online meeting.

150/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: No apologies were received

151/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

152/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL No-one had requested the use of this facility.

153/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9th June 2020 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the meeting on 9th June 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The First Minister has said that Community Halls can reopen from 20th July. Council has arranged for a consultation to be carried out at both halls which will give a maximum number of occupants under this phase. The halls will operate one-way systems and for the time being the kitchen will have to remain closed. Weightwatchers and Slimming World are keen to return in early August but many of the social groups will find it difficult to comply with the rules and will miss being able to use the kitchen. Hopefully, the rules will be relaxed at the next review and we can monitor the use by these groups. Council is doing all it can to make the hall suitable and has updated the booking conditions to reflect the COVID 19 rules.

The benches at Forge Fach Park are being replaced and Council has been quoted around £200 for a remote camera to monitor the park. The meeting approved this expenditure and for a similar camera to monitor the yard at the back of the main hall where our equipment is located. Clerk will contact 121 to carry out the work.

The meeting approved expenditure of £260 to provide litter picking equipment for the local litter picking group.

Councillor Ffrancon proposed holding an event in the car park at the end of August and has sounded out the person who runs the Four Seasons Markets. This has received a positive response and guidance will be sought from City and County of Swansea about closing the car park for the event.

154/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING ON 29TH June 2020

The minutes of the Special Meeting called to approve the Annual Return following the completion of the internal audit had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The Clerk reported that the return had now been lodged with BDO and we should receive their observations before the end of September.

155/2020: UPDATE ON COEDGWILYM PARK

The Chair reported on the recent Zoom meeting which had taken place with the Friends of the Park following which Council had some concerns which need to be resolved. A letter has been distributed to all interested parties to resolve those concerns. In the meantime, the draft lease is now with the Council's solicitors for checking.

156/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Events Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. The main matters discussed were:-

Discussing the return from furlough. Meeting agreed that Jeff and Bev should return on 20th July. Jim returned in June. As previously mentioned, the reopening of the Halls was discussed, and the meeting agreed to allocate £350 to the rebuilding of the stage.

A letter has been drafted as the Covid 19 Volunteer network winds down as the lockdown rules are relaxed.

Working group was set up to ensure the catering trailer was in good order when events can recommence.

Chair will email councillors with quotes for bike gates to deal with the motorbike problems at White Bridge.

Planning Committee

1. 10 Aberclydach Place, Clydach – single part 2 storey extension passed in 2013
2. Highmead, Pontardawe – Front extension with balcony.

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	£2,941.44	BACS	Wages
2. Tax and NIC	490.26	BACS	Tax & NIC
3. Lyn Llewellyn – Internal Audit	445.00	BACS	Audit
4. Sam 'n Bens	24.00	BACS	Food delivery

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5.	JRS Hygiene Services	780.00	BACS	Fogging machine
6.	Secured Alarms	72.00	BACS	CCTV Maintenance
7.	Dancover	1,890.44	BACS	New marquees
8.	SumUp Contactless machine	154.80	BACS	Contactless Payment
9.	Refund to Clerk	35.34	BACS	Travel & Postage

£6,833.28

ACTIONS:

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

157/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. Council has been reminded to put forward a representative to sit on the Board of Governors of YGG Gellionnen. Clerk will email Councillors asking for someone to volunteer.
2. Council has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the President of Glantawe Lions in recognition of the support, guidance and information given to the Community during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Clerk commented that Councillors should be proud of the programme they put in place to support those in need during lockdown and it is nice to see their efforts recognised.

158/2020 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

159/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8th September 2020 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. There will be an Audit/Planning meeting on 11th August. Facilities and Events is due to meet on 28th July 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: