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## **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Clydach Community Council** **Tuesday 10th November 2024**

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**Held in the Waterfall Suite, Forge Fach**  
**on**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 commencing at 6.30 pm.**

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**CLERK TO THE COUNCIL**

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**Presiding**  
**Present**

Councillor J Nicholds  
Councillors: Susan Powell, Mark Slade, Steve Weller, John Hill, Roger Smith,  
Ian James

**Apologies:** Apologies were sent from Councillors:  
Dylan Williams  
Jason Price  
Richard Bevan  
Eve Jackson  
Katrina Davies  
Gareth Turner

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received.

**2. To receive declarations of interest from members**

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

**3. Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

**4. To confirm Minutes as a correct record.**

4.1.RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

## **5. Matters arising from the Minutes**

- 5.1. No matters arising.

## **6. To receive an update from Open Spaces and Building Mgt Committee**

- 6.1. The Committee meeting had been held on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The overall purpose had been to discuss the proposed three year Plan and to discuss next years budget to feed into Precept considerations.
- 6.2. A report had been produced focusing on priorities going forward for Forge Fach. The areas to be considered were :
- An overall Maintenance Plan for the Centre
  - Safety Assessments
  - Regulatory Compliance and Testing
  - Review of Maintenance Contracts and Services
  - Priority Capital Projects over the next 3 years to include contingency planning

A similar report on the priorities for Vardre Hall was being prepared.

## **7. To receive an update from the Environment Committee**

- 7.1. The overall Plan going forward would be based on :
- An assessment of Organisations we would likely be working with such as Rivers Trust and Places for Nature. Services they would provide would involve minimal costs as they have their own funding.
  - Working with other organisations in the community to identify opportunities for sharing Projects
  - Consideration of new Projects where we can draw on volunteers from the community

## **8. To receive an update from the Events Committee**

- 8.1. A new Committee Chair would be elected in January.
- 8.2. Going forward the committee would become the Events and Projects Committee
- 8.3. Four key areas for future detailed discussion were identified:
- Cultural Events
  - Seasonal Events
  - Funding for other community organisations to run relevant events
  - Provision of free events e.g. regular film shows with refreshments
- 8.4. For each event there would be early engagement with representative groups to get their ideas.
- 8.5. The Meeting accepted the overall proposals.

## **9. To receive an update from Finance Committee**

9.1 In discussing the 3 year Plan, key areas for focus going forward would be:

- Ensuring sustainable Financial Practices
- To ensure improved transparency and accountability
- To maximise community value in Spending
- Consideration to be given to Community group funding to run their own projects
- Allocate funding in the Budget to undertake a professional Community Engagement exercise to ensure we represent what the community needs and wants

#### **10.To Receive update from HR Committee**

- 10.1. The importance of Councillor Training was discussed with the focus on The Council as an Employer and the Code of Conduct modules. Additionally, there would be conversations with the new Clerk going forward to re-inforce awareness of councillor duties and responsibilities.
- 10.2. The recruitment of the new Clerk was progressing. The closing date for applications was imminent and an update from One Voice Wales would follow.
- 10.3. The HR and Staffing workstream would be considering appropriate professional learning and training for all staff. The focus would also be on ensuring Staffing best meets the needs of the community.
- 10.4. The committee proposed that there would be an additional role of Assistant Clerk going forward.

#### **11.To Receive the Clerks Report on Planning Applications**

- There were no objections to any local outstanding planning applications presented to the Meeting.

#### **12.To receive a Report from the Chair on the Draft Budget**

12.1. The draft Budget/Spending Plan was still a work in progress in terms of detail but was presented to the meeting to seek agreement to the structure and proposed future process for on going management whereby the calculated Workstream budget would be referred to the relevant Committee for review and for spend monitoring. This would ensure greater responsibility on Committees for budget management. The proposal was agreed by the Meeting.

12.2 The formal Precept request was required to be submitted in January and would be agreed and approved at the next full Council meeting.

#### **13. To receive correspondence made to the Clerk/Chair**

To consider passing a resolution that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be

transacted, it is advisable that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting. RESOLVED that the items raised would not be made public.

**14.** The Next Meeting would be held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

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