

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 9th January 2018

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

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), J Davies, G Ffrancon, M Bowmer, G Richards, G Walker, R Jenkins, C Flynn, I Whitehurst, B Thomas and M Bowmer

118/2018: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs L Jenkins and S Thomas

119/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Davies declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelen School and the Caretaker and Cllr Walker in respect of any planning matters

120/2018: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

No-one had asked to make use of this facility.

121/2018: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Clerk advised that there had been a problem with the fire alarm but it had been resolved by Chubb. We still await to new contracts from them.

122/2018: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE There has been some positive progress since last months meeting and we hope to be in a position to say more soon.

123/2018: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH: Work on the new park has started and should be finished by the end of the week. It was agreed that there should be an official opening which will be widely advertised. The 21st of January @ 11 am was agreed.

124/2018: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 12th December 2017

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th December 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

125/2018 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- 1.** John Glenn has still not provided his quote for the replacement door for the cupboard in the corridor despite a reminder and the Clerk will chase him up and give him one final opportunity to send his quote.
- 2.** The Clerk paid the bill mentioned last month and when he did, so he was told there was a further £34 to pay. He will call over and clear this in the next few days
- 3.** The planters are ready and the bill is listed for approval at this meeting. The Clerk has indicated that he will contact them on Thursday to arrange a mutually convenient time for delivery.
- 4.** The electrician will be pressed for an early meeting about showing us how to work the alarms in the hall, repair the faulty floodlight and visit Graigfelen Hall to quote for replacement emergency lighting. Cllr Bailey will be meeting Paul Beynon to be shown how to set the various alarms. The Clerk will contact him and remind him of the outstanding work at both halls.

126/22018 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:

1. Cllr Bowmer reported that she had purchased a card on behalf of the Council to recognise the work of the librarian who was retiring.
2. Cllr Bailey, Cllr Flynn and the Clerk reported on the Microshade software package and Council decided to defer the decision to a later date to allow for further discussion. The Clerk had checked with One Voice Wales and there is no other Company offering a bespoke Community Council package.
3. The chair confirmed that he had submitted representations to the Boundaries Commission on behalf of the Council.
4. The Clerk confirmed that he had notified Clydach School that Cllr Bowmer will represent the Council on the board.
5. The Clerk will speak to the Caretaker about taking a Health and Safety Course and a PAT testing course
6. There was a mix up over the planned page in the Community magazine which should be sorted out by the time the next issue is published.

127/2018: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hall and Events Committee - Cllr Ffrancon had prepared and circulated notes from the meeting with action points allocated to various Councillors for attention. The Clerk will obtain and circulate prices for flags and flagpoles. We need 20 Welsh, 20 St David's and 20 Community Council flags preferably with a seam which allows them to fly properly in the wind. The option of feather banners for lampposts will be considered and Council will investigate the viability of having festive lights sockets incorporated into the lampposts.

Cllr Bowmer raised the subject of the current planters in the High Street which need to be replaced.

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A Committee for Remembrance Sunday will be set up to look at ways to commemorate the anniversary of the First World War.

Planning Committee

- 1.** 15 Pontardawe Road, Clydach SA6 5NS- First Floor Rear Extension and change of use into 2x1 bedroom flats. 2017/2559
- 2.** 2 The Birches, Clydach SA6 5NJ – Detached garage and single storey side extension. 2017/2193
- 3.** Land at South Players Avenue, Woodside Crescent, Clydach – Construction of 4 garages. 2017/2546
- 4.** Cheriton Bungalow, Llwyndu Lane, Glais, SA7 9JG – Single storey side extension. 2017/2615
- 5.** 41 Tanycoed Road, Clydach SA6 5ND – Demolition of former butcher's shop. 2017/2676

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

Item	Amount
1. Wages	£ 2,162.01
2. Tax and NIC	584.40
3. Amberol	4,343.40
4. Fire & Safety Direct	320.28
5. Brandon Hire	32.16
6. City & County of Swansea	550.00
7. PHS Ltd	318.71
	£ 8,310.96

ACTIONS:

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

128/2018: CORRESPONDENCE –

1. The Chair of Mawr Council on behalf of the Friends of Cefn Parc has asked about the survey we carried out online regarding the playpark for Sunnybank. The Clerk will liaise and assist.
2. We've had a request from Electoral Services to advise on the procedure we followed when co-opting Councillors following the Election in 2017. Clerk will respond.
3. Dai Duggit emailed the office while the Hall was closed for the Festive period. He explained that he had been having problems with his emails. He has produced a further 2 invoices for October and November but he has not kept to the arrangement agreed with him that he would call to see the Clerk monthly with an invoice for the previous month and specifically this would be backed up with photographic evidence of the work. Having failed to keep to this arrangement he had effectively terminated the agreement. The Clerk will reply and advise him accordingly. We will approach those companies whose details have been obtained for quotes for carrying out Council's gardening obligations for 2018.
4. Cllr Walker advised that the new stretch of the Canal will be opened on 23rd January.
5. The Chair advised that there is a meeting at the Mond with St John's Ambulance on 28th January and encouraged a good turnout from Councillors.

129/2018 STAFF AND MEMBERS TRAINING – The Clerk continues to circulate Councillors with details of suitable training events. Councillors have expressed interest in a wide range of subjects but so far the venues have not been convenient.

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130/2018 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 13th February 2018 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. The next Halls and Events meeting will be on Tuesday 6th February @ 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 8-45 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: