

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 10th April 2018

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

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), M Bowmer, R. Jenkins, B Thomas, G Walker, C Williams, A Jenkins, S Jones, I Whitehurst and L Jenkins

The chair called the meeting to order and welcomed Cllr Carole Williams who has been co-opted to the Community Council to fill the vacancy.

157/2018: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, S Thomas, G Ffrancon and I Jones.

158/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting. Cllr Walker declared an interest in respect of all Planning matters.

159/2018: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

No-one had asked to make use of this facility. Alan Ferris from City and County of Swansea Highways attended the meeting and it was decided to take the item relating to safety at schools at this point. Two of the Crossing supervisor posts have not yet been filled but they will be re-advertised. The chair had circulated a paper for further discussion and Alan Ferris answered the points raised. The funds saved since the 2 posts became vacant has not been ring fenced but if one of the current supervisors were to retire or be made redundant then that money would be available provided we drew it to their attention. That money could then be used towards the costs of a Pelican crossing or other safety measures. Alan Ferris explained that the proposals gave rise to various issues, some easier to overcome than others. St. Joseph's would be more straightforward than Vardre Road, primarily because of the layout of the road. The Community Council is currently seeking the views of the public via an online survey and will report back in due course. The more support that we can gather the easier it will be to obtain funding from the Welsh Government pot. If a planning application lapses and is then re-submitted then we should remind the local authority of any s106 obligation contained in the original proposals.

160/2018: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Clerk advised that there were no problems to report

161/2018: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE The Chair has been in touch with the Co-operative Supermarket manager and Cllr Walker has a meeting later this week to try and move things along

162/2018: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH: The park is now open and an official opening will take place soon, date to be confirmed. The swings are showing signs of wear and will need to be replaced soon. The Clerk was asked to write to Swansea and ask for a sign to be put on the disabled swing in Coed Gwilym Park to designate it as a disabled swing.

163/2018: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 13th March 2018

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th March 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

164/2018 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Council will arrange to move the bench at Forge Fach.
2. The Easter Egg trail was a big success and it was agreed to make it an Annual event.
3. Cllr Richards asked about the water trough and we are waiting for a price to move it to its new home.

165/2018 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS:

1. The Community plan is now online in both Welsh and English and hard copies are available in the Library and the Hall. The plan will be drawn to the attention of the schools who will be encouraged to promote the survey to parents.
2. The Clerk reported that he had completed the books for the year to 31st March and distributed a copy of the summary to Councillors who approved of his handing these to Lyn Llewellyn to carry out the internal audit and to enable him to complete his checks in good time for submission of the return which is due to be submitted by 26th June 2018.
3. The stronger glue has not solved the issue with the floor in the main hall and it was agreed that quotes should be obtained. We have one quote and the Clerk will contact other contractors including Glamorgan Roofing, Desire Flooring and County Contracts for estimates.
4. It was agreed that a sum of £600 should be made available for plants for the new planters. The main colours this year have been provided by Alan Hughes. The bulbs will be pushed deeper into the planters to flower next year and we will obtain a quote from Swansea to include watering of the planters in their schedule during the summer.
5. Cllrs, Bailey, L Jenkins, G Richards, M Bowmer and I Whitehurst volunteered to join a committee to discuss putting on an event to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the end of the First World War.

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6. A skip has been delivered to the back of the hall and we have it for 2 weeks to enable to storage unit to be emptied. The possibility of having a permanent skip for cans and bottles was suggested and this will be investigated further.

166/2018: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hall and Events Committee - There was little to report from this months meeting, but we need a band for the summer fete and Cllr Whitehurst undertook to check availability. Councillors should undertake a First Aid Course and it was suggested that we approach either Cariad or Mid-West Fire service who may be able to assist. Cllr Walker will put up the sign for the remembrance bench. The 'Welcome to Clydach' sign has been obscured by the new solar speed display and the Clerk will ask for this to be rectified also the disabled space in the car park needs to be repainted. The Clerk will ask the legal department if it is possible to buy out the annual ground rent that we pay.

Planning Committee

1. Unit 6 Players Industrial Estate, Clydach – Use of premises for weekly or fortnightly auction of general housewares and collectables. 2018/0671
2. 58 Heol Eithrim, Clydach – non-material amendment to approved application 2018/0680
3. 20 Western Road, Clydach – Two storey side and rear extension 2018/0628
4. 134 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – Single storey rear extension 2018/0654
5. 2b High Street, Clydach – Retrospective change of use from A1 to A3 2018/0649

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

Item

	Amount
1. Wages	£ 2,683.26
2. Tax and NIC	584.60
3. One Voice Wales	160.00
4. C&C Swansea	283.00
	£3,710.86

ACTIONS:

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

167/2018: CORRESPONDENCE –

1. The Clerk asked for volunteers to cover the opening of the Hall for the Calvary Church while Cllr R Jenkins is on holiday. Cllr L Jenkins will cover on 22nd April, Cllr Bailey on May 6th and Cllr Bowmer on 13th May.
2. The Clerk reported that we had received three applications to the Community Fund by the deadline.
3. We've had a letter of thanks on behalf of Ty Croeso for the cheque from the Community Fund.
4. The Clerk reported that there is a seminar in Neath on IT and Social Media on Tuesday 17th April. The schedule of upcoming training was circulated, and Councillors are encouraged to attend those that cover their areas of interest.

168/2018 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.

169/2018 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8th May 2018 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. The AGM will start at 6-00pm on the same day. The next Halls and Events meeting will be on Tuesday 1st May @ 6.30pm

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The meeting closed at 8-40pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: