

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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

Cllrs. M Bailey, L Jenkins (Vice Chair), G Richards, M Bowmer, S Jones, C Williams and C Flynn

**194/2018: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs R Jenkins, G Ffrancon, J Davies, I Whitehurst and G Walker.

**195/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

**196/2018: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

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

**197/2018: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL**

There was nothing to report since the last meeting. It was agreed that some hanging baskets should be placed at Graigfelen Hall.

**198/2018: FORGE FACH AND THE PLAY PARKS** Maintenance of park equipment is ongoing. The gate is still not being opened as required and it was agreed that Council will contact Lewis Hinds to press the leaseholders to comply with the terms of their lease.

**199/2018: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting and had been updated to reflect the amendments and corrections intimated to the Clerk. They were approved on a motion proposed by Cllr Bowmer and seconded by Cllr C Flynn.

**200/2018 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

1. A meeting has still to be arranged with the Pod and it was noted that the bin outside the Mond has been replaced with one which is half the size which only makes matters worse. Reducing the number of bins increases the amount of rubbish in the village. A request has been made for more bins, but no response has so far been received. The chair is carrying out a feasibility study on the possibility of our carrying out rubbish collection ourselves and this will be included on the September agenda for further discussion.
2. Neither of the 2 companies who were approached feel able to carry out the relocation of the water trough. The Clerk has had a firm in Swansea recommended and he will contact them to come and have a look and quote for the work.
3. The Clerk will order new wristbands for Clydach Rocks and they will include the words Adult and Youth on the bands.
4. The Clerk reported that approx. 20 tables have been booked for the fete and he will contact them all with further information of the procedure to be followed on the day.
5. The poster for Clydach Rocks was approved with some minor amendments.
6. The Clerk reported that only one of the several companies approached had quoted for the watering and the quote from Reeable @£700 was approved. The price compared favourably with the amount paid to City and County of Swansea for watering our baskets through the summer. The Chair declared an interest in respect of this item.

**201/2018 TO ADOPT THE MODEL STANDING ORDERS FROM ONE VOICE WALES**

The amended model orders had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved for adoption.

**202/2018 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER** The discussion of this with City and County of Swansea is still ongoing and more information is still required before a decision can be taken, hopefully at the next meeting. A proposal to continue the discussion of a possible lease was approved.

**203/2018 CCTV** The Chair raised the possibility of having CCTV throughout the village through a sponsorship arrangement in a bid to help curtail some of the vandalism and arson which plagues us now. The Chair will continue to investigate this and report back at the next meeting of Council. In the meantime, the Clerk will contact the Police Commissioner to express our concern at the level of fire raising in the area.

**204/2018 TO DISCUSS CLYDACH ROCKS** This matter was discussed at the Halls and Events Meeting and after further consideration it was agreed that this year's Clydach Rocks would continue at the Vardre Rugby Club. Venues for our events will be discussed again at the September meeting. It was noted that while the Rugby Club do help with the marquees the Cricket Club assists Council by cutting the grass at Waverly Park at a nominal cost.

**205/2018 TO DISCUSS RUBBISH COLLECTION IN THE VILLAGE** Councillors are concerned with the fly tipping and rubbish in the village and with the commercial bins which are often left outside premises for hours blocking access and creating a hazard for pedestrians and by extension motorists. An informal approach has proved to be ineffective, so the Clerk will write formally to ask for consideration to be shown to other members of the community failing which the matter will be raised with the local authority.

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**206/2018 FACEBOOK AND EVENT POSTERS** There is a problem with the way Facebook truncates posts while Council tries to implement its Welsh Language Policy. Council remains committed to that policy but because of the way messages are abbreviated it was agreed that where necessary separate posts be made in Welsh and English. Similarly, separate posters may be needed for some of our events to avoid confusion. Where at all possible Council will try to alternate which language is posted first to avoid prejudicing either.

**207/2018 TO DISCUSS HALLS ACCESS POLICY AND PROCEDURES** This policy was distributed and is designed to consider the new updated alarm panel and the procedure under which trusted users of the Hall might be able to access the Hall without supervision. The policy was unanimously approved.

**208/2018 TO DISCUSS EVENT VENUES** The discussion from the Halls and Events Meeting was noted and it was agreed that this item will be scheduled for discussion at the September meeting.

## **209/2018: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Hall and Events Committee** - The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Councillors would meet at Waverly Park on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July to help with the erection of the marquees, so they are in place for the charity event on the Friday. As far as the fete is concerned stallholders will be able to set up from 10 am on 21<sup>st</sup> July. The dog show is scheduled for 1.00pm and a float of £1,000 will be required for the bar. The Clerk will contact local media to seek promotion of the event on radio and in the press and he will email the schools with the fete poster.

## **Planning Committee**

1. Land at Bryn Hawddgar, Clydach – 70 new dwellings 2018/1279
2. 20 Western Road, Clydach SA6 5DY – 2 storey side and rear extension 2018/1435

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

The books and accounts are ready to be collected from our Auditor and will be submitted to BDO. The Auditor has not made any amendments to the figures originally reported by the Clerk and we now await any observations they may have.

Item

	Amount
1. Wages	£2,232.53
2. Tax and NIC	430.96
3. Engage Training	1,008.00
4. Refund to Caretaker	63.25
5. Eurooffice	111.85
6. Refund to Chair	21.00
7. British Gas	231.33
8. Refund to Cllr Bowmer (H R Jones)	32.97
9. Reeable	355.00

**£ 4,486.89**

## **ACTIONS:**

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

## **210/2018: CORRESPONDENCE –**

1. Rowan Heating have been and looked at the leak in the hall and have quoted £575 for the repair. This was approved, and the Clerk will make arrangements for the work to be carried out.
2. As mentioned elsewhere additional bins have been requested but so far there has been no response.
3. The Clerk has spoken to Highways about the Commercial Bins problem outlined earlier and has had some guidance from Nigel who was very helpful.

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4. Council will hold a meeting to discuss the approaches to fill the vacancy.

Chair suspended Standing Orders at 9.00pm

**211/2018 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.

**212/2018 NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. There will be a short meeting in August to approve payments.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*