

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 13th November 2018

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

Cllrs. L Jenkins (Vice Chair), G Richards, M Bowmer, R Jenkins, B Thomas, G Ffrancon and C Williams

242/2018: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs M Bailey, J Davies, C Flynn, A Jenkins, S Thomas and S Jones

243/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

244/2018: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Nobody had requested use of this facility. Lisa Jenkins indicated that there was a petition relating to the POD and the Clerk responded that the future of the POD in Clydach would be discussed under the appropriate item on the agenda.

245/2018: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9th October 2018 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th October 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

The Clerk referred to previous discussions by Council about the safety of children going to school in the village. County Councillors Paulette Smith and Gordon Walker intimated that under the Welsh Government Safe Routes to Schools initiative there was an opportunity to provide 2 additional Pelican crossings in the village. The cost would be £36,000, the County Councillors have agreed to share the cost from their allowances and invited the Community Council to join with them and share the cost which they feel would carry the greatest weight with the Welsh Government and maximise the chances of success. The cost to the Community Council would be £12,000 and after discussion Council agreed they approved of supporting this initiative and would join with the County Councillors in sharing the cost three ways, they also indicated they would be interested in pricing the outlay in providing sensors which would switch the Pelican crossing lights to red if they detected a speeding vehicle.

246/2018: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL:

There was nothing to report since the last meeting.

247/2018 COMMUNITY PLAY PARKS: The inspection has been carried out, but the report has not yet been received and it will be brought to the next Council meeting in December.

248/2018 THE FUTURE OF THE POD IN CLYDACH: The Clerk reported that Council had held a meeting with the POD to discuss the possibility of reinstating the service level agreement as it had become apparent that there was some confusion about the hours/days of cover which would form part of the new agreement. Both County Councillors also attended the meeting. The POD clarified that if Council were to sign up to the new agreement Clydach would have 3 days of cover, 22 hours and 1 statutory day. The cost has escalated but the charge made to the Community Council has remained unchanged since 2009, if the agreement had implemented the contractual inflationary increase the figure for this year should have been just over £14,700. The County Council estimates that the cost of providing the service is now well in excess of £30,000. Under the new contract the cost is likely to be £18,000 per annum. A proposal to rescind the original decision terminating the agreement with the POD and reinstating the arrangement for three days of cover at a cost of £18,000 per annum was duly proposed and seconded. Any new agreement would be reviewed annually, and Council would want the new agreement to include a commitment to greater and more regular involvement by the Community Council. A secret ballot was requested and after counting the ballots the motion was carried by 6 votes to 1. The Clerk will contact the POD on Thursday and will ask if cover can be reinstated as soon as possible whilst the finer details of the new agreement are confirmed.

249/2018 CLYDACH BUS SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Councillor who had asked for this item to be added to the agenda has unfortunately been unable to attend and while it is noted that there have been changes to the services affecting Clydach it was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting.

250/2018 TO DISCUSS THE VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL: The Clerk reported that nobody had asked for an election for the 2 vacancies on the Council and as a result Council can co-opt 2 new Councillors. The Clerk has received 6 expressions of interest and it was agreed that the individuals concerned should be contacted so that an early meeting can be arranged to carry out interviews and fill the vacancies.

251/2018 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hall and Events Committee – The minutes had been circulated and copies were made available, but the main points were :-

1. The Committee recommended further payments from the Community Fund to
Vardre RFC Junior Section - £300 for tackling equipment
First Strike Karate - £300 for additional equipment
Don't Dance Alone - £300 for advertising materials
2. Recommended the installation of additional security lighting to cover both front gates, install a Christmas Tree and bracket and ensure that flowers were provided for next summer.

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3. Approved the purchase of a mobile sound system and the Clerk confirmed that a system has been obtained.
4. The Christmas Parade is arranged for 1st December and the appropriate road closure has been applied for and Amberon will provide stewarding as they did last year. The Land train is booked, and lanterns, bulbs and batteries have been ordered.
5. A request to use an area at Cae Charles to play footgolf was approved subject to the organisers indemnifying the Council from any liability under health and safety and that they carry out a full risk assessment.
6. Christmas trees have been ordered and will be delivered next week.
7. The Centenary Remembrance events were very successful, and payments were made to the conductor, Robat Powell, Alan Mason and for the hire of the chapel and these recommended payments were approved.
8. It has come to light that a group known as 'Friends of Coedgwilym Park has been set up and is interesting to doing the same as Council in taking over and protecting the park. Council felt it was disappointing that this group had not approached the Community Council in an endeavour to work together as the group includes members who knew of the Community Council's plans.
9. Neil Barry has approached the Community Council to discuss the possibility of using the area behind the Community Hall to develop a flower/garden/seating area. Full Council approved this idea and will contact him to advise him of the decision.
10. Council has been contacted by a gentleman who has advised us that a tree on Community Council land has fallen and is resting against his garage. Council will arrange to have the tree cut down and removed. He also states that knotweed is spreading onto his land and Council is now able to treat knotweed and will undertake treatment as part of our programme.

Planning Committee

There were no planning applications affecting Clydach this month.

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

Item

	Amount	
1. Wages	£2,232.53	BACS
2. Tax and NIC	430.96	BACS
3. Eurooffice – Toilet rolls	41.18	BACS
4. Chubb – Extinguisher service and replacement	382.44	BACS
5. Refund to Clerk – Sound system and xmas parade items	405.43	BACS
6. One Voice Wales – Seminars	80.00	BACS
7. Brandon Hire – Lighting hire	46.66	BACS
8. Amberon – Parade stewarding	1,050.00	BACS
9. POD – period to termination	464.52	BACS
10. Pendragon Fireworks	3,960.00	BACS
	£9,237.72	

ACTIONS:

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

252/2018: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. Noel James had asked about arranging a comedy event and a date was agreed. It transpired that he was double booked. He asked for an alternative, but that date fell during the holiday closure and so far, there has been no further contact.

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2. Pam Cram had written to the Council asking if anyone was aware of any premises available as Ty Croeso were keen to expand their operation.
3. A collection was made at the fireworks display and the sum collected was £1,295.06 and in addition there was a contribution of £600 from the Cricket Club. The Clerk will send them an appropriate thank you letter.

253/2018 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. There are some more convenient ones which have been circulated and Councillors are encouraged to attend as many as possible.

254/2018 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 11th December 2018 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: