

Clydach Community Council
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Clydach Community Council
Held on Tuesday, 11th March 2025 at 6:30 PM
Waterfall Suite, Forge Fach Resource Centre

Present: Cllr J Nicholds (Chair), Cllr S Powell (Deputy Chair), Cllr J Hill, Cllr R Bevan, Cllr S Weller, Cllr E Jackson, Cllr K Davies, Cllr R Llewellyn-Smith, Cllr Jason Price.

Also in Attendance: C Kennedy (Clerk to the Council), G Evans, Secretary of Clydach Heritage Centre.

Apologies: Cllr I James, Cllr D Williams.

Absent: Cllr G Turner

1. Apologies

Apologies received and noted from Cllr James and Cllr Williams.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hill declared an interest for item 19, as a member of the Community Garden.

3. Clydach Baths

A report was received from the Clydach Heritage Centre regarding the 90th Anniversary of Clydach Baths. Discussions included planned celebrations.

4. Public Questions

There were no questions from members of the public.

5. Minutes

RESOLVED: The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 11th February 2025 were reviewed, approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

6. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

7. Open Spaces

A report from the Open Spaces and Building Management Committee was submitted detailing maintenance updates and future improvement plans.

RESOLVED: Authority was delegated to the Finance & Audit Committee to review quotes and approve a contractor for the upkeep and grounds maintenance of areas under the jurisdiction of Clydach Community Council for 2025.

8. Environment

A report was received from the Environment Committee outlining ideas and future plans for community collaboration on environmental initiatives.

RESOLVED: The committee's recommended changes to the Terms of Reference were approved.

9. Events

The Events Committee provided a report detailing future events, including preparations for the Summer Fete, planned for Saturday the 26th July.

RESOLVED: The Terms of Reference were approved with the changes recommended by the committee.

10. VE Day

The Heritage Centre will be asked to participate, and schools encouraged to take part in the events. Veterans will lead most of the efforts on behalf of the Community Council. A letter will be drafted to engage schools, with the Chair reviewing it in their capacity as a school governor.

RESOLVED: Council financial support from the events budget for the proposed VE Day event was approved. The event will include a tea party at Vardre Hall on Saturday, 10th May, followed by a memorial service on Sunday, 11th May. A Community Engagement Working Group will be formed to coordinate with volunteers.

11. Human Resources

The HR Committee report was received, covering staffing updates. It was noted that interviews for the Assistant Clerk position were scheduled for Friday, 14th March, with three candidates invited to attend.

12. Financial

RESOLVED: The latest financial report for February was reviewed and approved.

13. Planning

Recent planning applications were reviewed and discussed, with recommendations noted.

14. Chair of the Council

The Chair delivered a verbal report, highlighting key points, including a potential meeting between the Chair and ward councillors to discuss community issues, an enquiry received from the football club (who have been invited to email the Clerk regarding funding), and a visit by a potential contractor, providing a valuable opportunity to tour all council-managed areas.

15. Correspondence

Significant items of correspondence were noted.

16. Co-option

RESOLVED: 16.1 A draft co-option policy was reviewed and approved.

16.2 A draft co-option notice inviting expressions of interest for two vacancies in the Clydach and Vardre wards was approved.

16.3 A draft expression of interest form was approved.

17. Member Vacancy

The notice of Casual Vacancy for two member vacancies in the Vardre and Clydach wards, following the resignations of Councillor M. Slade and Councillor Andrew Harris, was acknowledged.

18. Email Policy

RESOLVED: A policy was approved requiring all councillors to use official council email addresses for council business, effective from 31st March 2025.

19. Chelsea Wildlife Flower Garden

RESOLVED: Clydach Community Garden has been invited to potentially receive a garden from the Chelsea Flower Show in 2026. It was proposed that the Environment Committee meet in conjunction with the Community Garden to discuss this further. Full Council approval is needed to allow the community garden to use the land, and the lease will be reviewed to ensure compliance.

20. Community Events

RESOLVED: A letter drafted by Cllr Jackson requesting support from the Co-op for local community events was approved.

21. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 8th April 2025, at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Chair: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____