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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
Held at The Waterfall Suite, Forge Fach Community Resource Centre
On Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr J Nicholds (Chair), Cllr S Powell (Remote attendance), Cllr E Jackson, Cllr S Weller, Cllr K Davies, Cllr R Llewellyn-Smith, Cllr D Williams, Cllr C Thomas (Co-opted at the meeting).

Also in attendance: Clerk to the Council: C Kennedy

Apologies: Cllr J Hill, Cllr J Price & Cllr R Bevan.

Absent: Cllr G Turner

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted from Cllr Hill, Cllr Price & Cllr Bevan.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. Co-option

Two expressions of interest were received for the two vacant seats in Clydach Ward and Vardre Ward.

RESOLVED: That Caiden Thomas be co-opted to represent Clydach Ward, and Siubhan Evans-Thomas be co-opted to represent Vardre Ward.

4. Member Vacancies

4.1 Council noted the resignation of Cllr Ian James (received 24th March 2025) resulting in a Casual Vacancy for Vardre Ward. This will be formally advertised for election from 9th April, for 14 days. If no election is called within the 14 days, the vacancy will be advertised for co-option.

4.2 Council noted that, in respect of the two current Casual Vacancies in Clydach and Vardre Wards, an update had been received from the Democratic Services Officer confirming that no request had been made for an election. As a result, the vacancies will be advertised for co-option from 9th April.

5. Public Questions

No members of the public were present.

6. Minutes

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record.

7. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

8. Correspondence

8.1 Members reviewed the pre-planning consultation received in respect of a proposed base station upgrade on Glais Road, Clydach.

8.2 Council noted receipt of a letter of thanks from the Urdd in acknowledgement of the £300 grant awarded in support of the 2025 event to be held at Margam Park.

9. Financial Report

Due to ongoing issues with the accounts software, the financial report for March 2025 was unavailable. It was noted that the report will be taken to the next meeting of the Finance Committee for review and approval, before being presented to the Full Council at its May meeting.

10. Committee Reports

10.1 Events Committee (25th March 2025)

RESOLVED:

- That letters be sent offering £150 to the five local primary schools to support VE Day activities.
- The Community Engagement Terms of Reference were approved.

10.2 Finance & Audit Committee (18th March 2025)

RESOLVED:

- The Terms of Reference for the Finance & Audit Committee were approved.
- The Gifts and Flowers Policy was approved.
- The grant application from Friends of Coed Gwilym Park, in respect of the fireworks display, was declined.
- Approval was granted to replace the Rialtas system with Scribe for the Council's accounts and bookings.

11. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider

12. Anti-Social Behaviour

12.1 Council received a verbal update regarding recent incidents of anti-social behaviour at Forge Fach Community Centre. The Clerk reported on a meeting with the local PCSO, who confirmed that they will be following up on the recent incidents and will continue to monitor the situation.

12.2 It was noted that a temporary Caretaker had been appointed to provide additional support to the existing two Caretakers. A job advertisement for a permanent Caretaker/Maintenance Person is currently live, with the intention of appointing to the role by 15th May 2025, when the temporary contract is due to expire.

13. Additional Co-opted Governor

RESOLVED: It was noted that an additional Co-opted Governor is required for Craigfelen Primary School. It was agreed that this matter will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Council scheduled for 13th May 2025.

PART TWO

14. Exclusion of the Press & Public

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from item 15 due to its confidential nature.

15. Meeting and Correspondence

Council received a verbal report regarding a meeting between members of the public, the Chair, and the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk to the Council be instructed to write to the Public Service Ombudsman to report the complaint, pending advice from One Voice Wales.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Council followed by the Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 at 6.00pm.

Chair:

Signed:

Date: