

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 10th September 2019

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

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), G Richards (Vice Chair), M Bowmer, S Weller, D Snell, G Ffrancon, W Morgan, C Flynn, R Jenkins and I Whitehurst

47/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, B Thomas, S Thomas, L Jenkins, A Jenkins and C Williams

48/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting. Updated forms will be circulated for completion prior to the next meeting.

49/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: County Councillor Gordon Walker had asked to address Council about the bridge over the River Tawe and the discussions with Welsh Water. He asked if Council would be prepared to contribute to the cost of referring the matter to Council for an opinion and subject to an indication of the level of cost Council indicated they would contribute. Mr Walker undertook to come back to Council with figures for a final decision

50/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9th July 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th July 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

51/2020 CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORGE FACH PLAY EQUIPMENT:

There has been a slight delay in the installation of the latest piece of equipment because of the inclement weather which has pushed the whole programme of installations behind schedule. Installation should be completed by the end of October.

52/2020 UPDATE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COED GWILYM PARK: There has been very little progress since Council's last meeting despite our pressing the City and County of Swansea's legal department to let us have sight of the proposed lease for approval. The delay appears to be a cabinet issue. Since the last meeting the Bowling Club has arranged a lease directly with Swansea to enable them to apply for funding. In the event the Community Council taking over the park then that lease will be assigned to them. Without the cooperation of the County Council we cannot make any progress which is disappointing as it is now over a year since this possibility was originally discussed.

53/2020 RENEW WALES PROJECT:

Council held a meeting with the leaders of this project and a report was given on the ideas under discussion. The purpose is to support communities to act on the impacts of climate change and live more sustainably. This could mean having a lower carbon footprint, protecting and enhancing nature, sustainable renewable energy or having locally grown healthy food for example. There are other possible benefits and a further meeting will take place to discuss possible courses of action. Clerk will advise the details.

54/2020 RENEWAL OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S INSURANCE:

The clerk reported that the Council's insurance was due for renewal on 20th September. The 3 year deal we had with Zurich has expired and having researched the cover available the Clerk recommended taking out cover in the form of a combined policy with Came and Company who specialise in Community and Town Council insurance. They have quoted a premium of £1,257.99 under a 3-year deal for an updated combined policy which includes events cover and specifically fireworks events. The renewal price from Zurich was £939.01 and the separate events cover was around £1,000. The new deal seems very competitive and Council approved taking out the new policy.

The clerk also outlined Came and Company's cyber security cover which was quoted at £319.20 but it was felt that the risk to Council where all our data is securely held in the cloud was minimal. The possibility of upgrading Council's virus protection was discussed and will be kept under review.

55/2020 SOCIAL MEDIA:

Council has updated its Social Media policy to remind Councillors of the potential risks of posting on Social Media. Councillors are a soft easy target, but any abuse directed their way must be reported. If it's on a page we run then we can remove it but if its elsewhere then it should be reported to the relevant organisation. If such abuse is posted then Council should make a post on our own pages, Councillors would be well advised not to respond individually but refer the matter to the Clerk.

56/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Halls and Events Committee The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The main points were to approve the purchase of some garden type chairs for our events. To invite the Army Cadets to help at our events and to request their attendance at the Remembrance Parade. It was agreed that the hiring of bands for the summer festival should be started as soon as possible. It was agreed that Council would put on Aladdin in February 2020. A finance committee meeting will be arranged to go over the budget for next year, date to be confirmed. The Fireworks display is booked for Saturday 2nd November, there will be an increase in the charge as the cost of the fireworks has gone up. The Chair reported the passing of Demi and notified the Committee that he intended to give £400 of his £1,000 allowance

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towards the funeral costs. The Council vehicle is due to be delivered this week which will be used by Jim Harold in connection with his work. Council will receive an invoice for the initial rental of the 2-year lease which has already been approved and will be included with next months figures. A tow bar will be fitted to the vehicle as soon as is practical.

HR meeting

A meeting of this committee took place and interviews of candidates for the post of Community Council Facilities Operative and the job was offered to Jim Harold who has now started work with the Council

Planning Committee

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| 1. 108 Capel Road, Clydach – Rear extension and loft conversion. | 2019/1934 |
| 2. Unit 11 Players Industrial Estate, Clydach – Change of use. | 2019/1939 |
| 3. 41 High Street, Clydach – Change of use. | 2019/1997 |

Councillors had no comments to register about any of these applications.

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

Item

	Amount		
1. Wages	£2,886.15	BACS	Wages
2. Tax and NIC	625.17	BACS	Tax & NIC
3. Brandon Hire station	431.94	BACS	Generator/fencing
4. Eurooffice	274.18	BACS	Office sundries
5. Welsh Water (Clydach)	325.41	BACS	
6. Welsh Water (Graigfelen)	231.94	BACS	
7. Safety shop	354.00	BACS	Ladder
8. APEX	348.00	BACS	Gardening
9. Alpha Safety	128.50	BACS	Training
10. Security Alarms	456.00	BACS	Monitoring
11. Cwmnantlleici Plant	360.00	BACS	Ditch clearance
12. British Gas repair	421.27	BACS	Gas repair

£6,842.56

ACTIONS:

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

Standing Orders were suspended at 9:00pm

57/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. Council approved a request from Clydach Cricket Club to use the village green for Under 8s and 9s football matches subject to them taking on responsibility for the risks.

58/2020 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 and new Councillors should register for the induction seminar when next available

59/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8th October 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: