

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11th June 2019

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

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

Before the meeting commenced Councillor G Richards, Vice Chair who was chairing the meeting in the absence of the chair proposed a vote of thanks to Councillors Bailey and L Jenkins for all their work for the Council in the year past which was unanimously approved.

13/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, A Jenkins and M Bailey.

14/2020: 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. Cllr Williams declared an interest in the discussion about the Rugby Club request to use 2 of the Community Council's marquees.

15/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Nobody had requested use of this facility

16/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 14th May 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th May 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. Council agreed to publish a list of dates for the surgeries to be held in the Hall @ 6.00pm Council approved a request for one of the two tables booked by the Fairtrade group to be provided free of charge as it was part of Council's drive to have Clydach awarded Fairtrade status.

The Clerk reported that dog bins retail at around £120 to £200 and in principle Council approved the purchase of bins to replace those damaged and not replaced by the local authority provided they will empty and dispose of the contents. Clerk will contact them to ascertain if they will undertake this process.

17/2020 CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORGE FACH PLAY EQUIPMENT:

Council deferred discussion of this matter till the next meeting.

18/2020 DISCUSS SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION FOR VARDRE HALL:

Council deferred discussion of this matter till the next meeting.

19/2020 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER: The draft terms of the lease have now been received and David Rooke who chairs the Friends of Coed Gwilym Park group called to provide some additional information on the proposals. Council expressed concern at the possible costs which had previously been discussed but understood the urgency from the Friends point of view as they are on the point of applying for grants and they need a letter of intent to be in place by the 28th of June. Council deferred a decision until more information on the potential costs which might be incurred is obtained.

20/2020 CONFIRM COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION

Council met on Tuesday 4th June to discuss the applications for the vacancies on the Council. All the applications were considered, and the meeting shortlisted 4 candidates for interview. Council approved the shortlist and it was agreed that a meeting be held on Monday 17th June @7.00pm in the Hall to interview the candidates and the Clerk will invite them to attend.

21/2020 AGREE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN USE AND BOUNDARY INSTALLATIONS

Council has been approached by the group who have been offered a free shed and subject to agreement on location approved the replacement of the tool cabinet with a shed. The group is concerned about security especially as they will shortly be installing a polytunnel. Council considered the possibility of fencing off the garden area but felt the cost and the possible restriction on access from the fire exits would prohibit the use of fences. There is camera coverage but perhaps a dedicated camera could be installed. There is at least one self-contained wireless camera available which costs around £50 which might fit the bill. Further discussions with the group may come up with an alternative solution.

22/2020 AGREE KEYHOLDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VARDRE HALL

Access to the hall was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk purchase another key safe for keys for the office and the Committee Room

23/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee

1. Land at Fford Tyn y Coed – Outline Planning for one detached dwelling
2. 14 Graig y Dderi – Ground floor rear extension
3. 17 Waungron Road, Clydach – two storey rear extension
4. 97 Capel Road, Clydach – Single storey rear extension
5. 5 Brynamlwg, Clydach – Single storey rear extension

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

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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	110.40	BACS	Fencing
4. Eurooffice	237.84	BACS	Hall sundries
5. Screwfix	199.99	BACS	Hammer drill
6. M Thomas	180.00	BACS	Landscape
7. Secured Alarms	72.00	BACS	CCTV
8. APEX	348.00	BACS	Gardening
	£4,659.55		

ACTIONS:

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

24/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. The Clerk confirmed the news that the Safe Routes to Schools initiative had been successful in their application and the installation of pelican crossings at the schools along with other road calming measures will be going ahead.
2. Council has received a response from the Water Authority about the bridge at the rugby club. The answer to the possibility of the bridge being reopened was a no. There is no right of way and the bridge is beyond economical repair. When it is replaced it is unlikely to include pedestrian access.
3. The rugby club has requested the use of 2 marquees, and this was approved subject to an agreed deposit being made. The event is at the end of August.
4. The Clerk reported that there had been an incident over the weekend at Graigfelen where a coca cola bottle had been placed in the freezer and had exploded overnight resulting in the caretaker being called out. The Clerk has been in touch with the hirer to intimate that there will be a charge made.
5. The figures in the draft return are confirmed and when the Clerk collects the books the Chair will sign the return and it will be submitted to the auditors. The meeting approved this course of action.
6. The Clerk raised a request that to fall in line with his wife's new job he would like to work his 21 hours over 5 days and after discussion it was agreed that this be trialled over a 3-month period.

25/2020 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

26/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 9th July 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: