

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**The meeting convened at Clydach Community Hall, Vardre Road at 7-15 p.m. present:**

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), S Weller, R Jenkins, M Bowmer, R Phillips, P Blunn, C Williams and I Whitehurst

**64/2021: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllrs G Richards, W Morgan, M Cherrington, S Cherrington and A Jenkins

**65/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declarations would be made as and when necessary, during the meeting.

**66/2021: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** Nobody had requested the use of this facility

**67/2021: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 & MATTERS ARISING:**

The minutes of the meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The Clerk reported that as previously intimated to Councillors Kelvin Davies had emailed him to advise him that he was stepping down from Council. There are therefore 3 vacancies to be filled, 2 in Graigfelen and 1 in Clydach. So far when advertised no applications had been received by the closing date. Since then, there has been one expression of interest. The meeting resolved to follow their current policy and deal with all three vacancies together. The Clerk will advertise the vacancies on the website and social media and report the latest vacancy to electoral services in Swansea. Roger Smith felt his approach was being overlooked but the Clerk reminded him that so far, he had not made an application in line with the Community Councils' procedure. The Clerk undertook to advise him when the application portal was open.

**68/2021: TO REVIEW THE UPDATED IT POLICY**

This item had been deferred from the September meeting since when the Clerk has received guidance from One Voice Wales regarding the concerns raised. They clarified that if Council had a good reason to retain emails, then that was fine, and our experience already has been that it is very useful to be able to go back as far as possible. The IT policy complies with the One Voice Wales guidance and was unanimously approved.

**69/2021 TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS:**

The Clerk reminded the meeting that there were elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and Councillors would need to decide whether they wanted to stand for re-election. As mentioned earlier there are three vacancies now and nearer the date Council will be given details on how to proceed. The Clerk is available to help all Councillors follow the correct procedure in good time. There has never been an election in the current Clerk's tenure but many of the current Councillors were elected unopposed which is the same as being elected and the rest have been co-opted. The cost of an election is estimated at around £5,000 and Roger Smith said from the floor that he would encourage the Labour Party to put up at least 4 candidates to ensure an election would take place.

**70/2021 Facilities and Events Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved, a copy is attached. The Chair summarised the main points for the meeting.

**Planning Committee**

1. Land to the rear of 2 Glyndefaid Cottages, Clydach – Pre application planning statement
2. 8 Oakwood Rise, Clydach – Trim 3 mature oak trees subject TPO

Council had no issues with either of these applications.

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

	Amount	
1. Wages	£ 3,047.08	Wages
2. Tax & NIC	£ 698.42	Tax & NIC
3. Apex	£ 600.00	Grass cutting
4. In House Entertainments	£ 1,079.52	Summer Evt
5. Vardre Water	£ 158.39	
6. Graigfelen Water	£ 58.54	
7. Hurns Breweries	£ 2,092.80	Beer etc
8. Gower Trees	£ 2,286.00	Xmas trees

**£ 10,020.75**

**71/2021: CORRESPONDENCE: -**

1. A suggestion had been received from the Historical Society that the hall be renamed for Philip Morgan. The Meeting pointed out that the building did not belong to them so it was not something they could do without

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approval. The meeting felt that as it was a Community Hall then any naming should be reflecting the Community Council. In the case of Philip Morgan perhaps the Mond is the place where he should be recognised.

**72/2021 STAFF AND MEMBERS TRAINING:** – Training has been suspended during the epidemic, but basic training is available on the One Voice Wales website and the Clerk will circulate details to all Councillors. There are online training sessions available, and Councillors are encouraged to check the email and book those that interest them with the Clerk.

**73/2021 NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.15 pm. on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. The next Facilities and Events meeting will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

*Signed Chair Community Council: .....*

*Date: .....*