

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 12th November 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), C Flynn, M Bowmer, D Snell, G Ffrancon, W Morgan, L Jenkins, R Jenkins, S Weller and I Whitehurst

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked attendees to stand and observe a minutes' silence as a mark of respect following the passing of Councillor Julie Davies who had served the Council and the Community with distinction for over 20 years.

71/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr A Jenkins

72/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

73/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: David Rooke of the Friends of Coed Gwilym Park had written to the Clerk to ask to address the Council and he read out a statement updating the position with regard to funding and the status of the group which now has six trustees representing all of the groups who use the park. He also answered some of the points raised in the Community Council's observations to the planning application for the new Community Pavilion which is currently before the local authority planning department. He invited Councillors to attend a meeting of all the interested parties to attempt to move forward the lease of the park. As of the date of this meeting the Community Council has not had any contact from the Cultural Department at City and County of Swansea who are now responsible for the matter.

74/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 8th October 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th October 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

75/2020: UPDATE ON COEDGWILYM PARK

As reported under 73/2020 the letter which was approved was sent to City and County of Swansea confirming that unless the proposal reverted to the original arrangement discussed when we initially raised our interest then we would not wish to proceed further. Council has received a reply from the legal department to say that the matter is now being handled by the Cultural Services Department but so far, we have had no contact from them. Clearly, they have been in touch with the Friends which is disappointing as our letter should have produced a response.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and Councillor Richards was nominated as the Council's representative for the steering group.

76/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Halls and Events Committee.

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th November had been circulated to Council prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

A proposal to rename the park at Forge Fach as Julie's Park was unanimously approved and Jeff will be approached for his views.

Council is trialling two tablets for the viewing of documents to save ink and paper and it is working well. We can get 10 more around £40 per unit and the Clerk was authorised to go ahead and make the purchase so the units can be in place for the next meeting.

Planning Committee

1. 116 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – 2 storey extension
2. 153a Pontardawe Road, Clydach - New porch
3. Coed Gwylim Park – New Community Clubhouse
4. 5 Brynamlig, Clydach – increase from single to two storey extension
5. Heol Eithrym, Clydach – detached dwelling and garage. Opp 56 - 60

Councillors had no comments to register about any of these applications except that no business should be allowed to operate from the location of the 5th application. Cllr Bowmer declared an interest in respect of this application.

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

	Amount		
1. Wages	£3,542.95	BACS	Wages
2. Tax and NIC	625.17	BACS	Tax & NIC
3. Arval – Initial payment	418.78	BACS	Vehicle lease
4. Amazon	259.64	BACS	Xmas lights/batteries
5. POD	10,200.00	BACS	POD
6. R Morgan	750.00	BACS	Xmas Trees

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7. Pendragon	4,200.00	BACS	Fireworks
8. APEX	348.00	BACS	Gardening
9. Quids In	90.00	BACS	Plants
10. Chubb	149.39	BACS	Advert
11. Playdale	3,791.86	BACS	Playground equip
12. Eurooffice	208.72	BACS	Office sundries

£8,636.67

ACTIONS:

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

77/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. Letters of resignation have been received from Bethan Thomas and Siwan Thomas
2. Thank you letters have been received from all the groups who received grants from the Community Fund.

78/2020 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. The Clerk will forward the invitation from Pennard to a code of conduct seminar on 21st November.

79/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 10th December 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Halls and Events meets one week earlier on 3rd December starting at 6.30 preceded by a surgery.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: