

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Draft Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 12th March 2019

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

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), L Jenkins, M Bowmer, R Jenkins, B Thomas, S Thomas, G Ffrancon, W Morgan, G Richards, C Williams and S O'Sullivan

295/2019: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, I Whitehurst and A Jenkins

296/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting. Cllrs L Jenkins and G Ffrancon declared an interest in respect of the applications made to the Community Fund.

297/2019: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Nobody had requested use of this facility.

298/2019: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 12th February 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12th February 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

299/2019 HALL MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES:

The Clerk still awaits some of the quotes for the floor in the Committee room, but these should be available in good time for the next meeting. Electrical inspections have been carried out on both halls to obtain the necessary compliance certificates.

300/2019: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT

The Chair had carried out a review of the regulations and these had been circulated prior to the meeting along with the annual risk assessment. No changes to the regulations were required and they were approved as was the risk assessment.

301/2019 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER: There are no new developments to report regarding the possible takeover of Coed Gwilym Park and we still await the draft lease. Council expressed disappointment in the delay in producing the draft lease and instructed the Clerk to send a letter of complaint to the local authority.

302/2019 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hall and Events Committee – Council agreed to obtain 59 brackets and planters at a cost of £60 per unit including plants. The planters (£30) are reusable so next year we would only be paying for the plants The Clerk was instructed to contact the local authority for permission to plant on the triangle at St Mary's Church.

Clerk will contact Pampered Pooch to confirm they are to organise the dog show at the summer festival.

Council will obtain quotes for circus/skates.

Clerk will email Cautela Security for a quote for 2 operatives from 5 till 11 pm

Clerk to contact environmental health re skip bags outside Charlies snacks which are unlit.

Council has been asked to make the hall available to a youth club which had been using the rugby club. They are looking for Tuesday evenings where currently Weightwatchers are in the hall till 7.00pm It was agreed that the leader would meet with the Clerk and Chair to see if dates and times could be agreed.

The flags will be removed on 23rd March.

Check with BT to confirm we own the telephone box in Glais. It could be used to plant flowers for the summer.

Clerk to contact the County Councillors to ask for an update on the Pelican crossings

Planning Committee

1. Lon Eithrym, Clydach SA6 5ER – Erect 2 bed bungalow 2019/0314
2. 2 Oakwood Rise, Clydach SA8 4DX – Prune trees to match adjoining property
3. 14 View Road, Clydach SA6 5EP – Storm porch and balcony 2019
4. High Street, Clydach – Change of use to wine bar (from across the road)

No response has been received to the messages sent to the planning department about the proposed development at Brynhawddgar Clerk will chase this up

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

Item

	Amount		
1. Wages	£2,232.73	BACS	Wages
2. Tax and NIC	430.76	BACS	Tax & NIC
3. Brandon Hire station	123.00	BACS	Shredder
4. Welsh Water - Graigfelen	216.22	BACS	Water rates
5. Welsh Water - Clydach	312.04	BACS	Water rates
6. One Voice Wales	120.00	BACS	Seminar

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7. One Voice Wales	1,131.00	BACS	Annual Subscription
8. City & County of Swansea	6,735.00	BACS	POD
9. M Jones	12,000.00	BACS	Mobile Bar
	£23,300.75		

ACTIONS:

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

303/2019 PAY ADJUSTMENTS

The minimum wage increases on 1st April and the Clerk explained what the new rates would be. Council approved an increase to the Deputy Caretakers pay to the new rate and an increase to the Caretaker by the same percentage. This will come into force on the pays made in May.

304/2019 INTERNAL AUDITOR

The accounts will shortly be due for submission and our internal auditor has indicated that he would be available to carry out this work again this year on similar rates to last year. Council approved the appointment. The Clerk will have the figures ready for approval at the April meeting so that the books can be delivered to the internal auditor to give him as much time as possible to carry out the audit before submission of the return to the Welsh Audit Office.

305/2019: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. Following on from the report in the minutes of the February meeting the Clerk reported that he had received a response on behalf of the POD. Disappointingly the County Councillors have confirmed to them that they will not be contributing to the gap between the £18,000 figure which Council was expecting and the £21,000 figure which the POD ultimately quoted. Having agreed to an increase of 50% a further increase of £3,000 would be hard to justify. The letter from the POD suggests that to cap the charge at £18,000 would mean a reduction in hours from 22 to 19 and reluctantly Council decided that they would accept this compromise. They reiterated that the new agreement should include greater control over what work the POD do during the hours they work for the Council and there should be a weekly meeting with the Clerk to do so.
2. Sean Haran has contacted the Council about the possibility of starting a recycling scheme. The costs are probably prohibitive, and this is an area which falls to the City and County of Swansea now.
3. Council has received 4 applications for funding from the Community Fund
 - a. Clydach Under 13s football team – up to £300 approved for kit/sponsorship.
 - b. Clydach CFC Girls under 6 - £300 for kit
 - c. Friends of Clydach Heritage - £250 printing and signs
 - d. YGG Gellionen - £300 improve nursery yard.

306/2019 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. A course on advanced finance was recommend by the chair and the Clerk will book some places for Councillors.

307/2019 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 9th April 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. The next Halls meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd April 2019 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: