

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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

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

**90/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr A Jenkins

**91/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

**92/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** Representatives from the Canal Society had asked to address the meeting. Veronica Fuller and Jill Thomas spoke to the meeting. They would like to improve the village even more and have several ideas for promoting the village and involving all areas of commerce, leisure and events groups. Their ideas received a positive response and they indicated that they would be happy to become involved in some sort of steering committee to try and get their ideas off the ground. Council indicated that they might be able to obtain access to premises for a pop-up shop but initially a meeting will be set up to discuss the matter further. They left their contact details and thanks the meeting for taking the time to listen to them.

**93/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The chair updated the meeting on the likely costs for replacing and preserving the chain of office. The cost of all the necessary work would be just under £4,000 and this was unanimously approved. The chain has lasted 61 years so that must be borne in mind when assessing this expenditure.

The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to Amberon expressing Council's disappointment at the service provided by them at the Christmas parade.

**94/2019 DISCUSS THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2020/21**

The budget figures had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting and after discussion the Chair proposed an increase of 8% in the precept to cover the likely additional expenditure on taking over Coedgwilym Park and other projects for the coming year. Current rate per house in Clydach is £40.18 for 2662 for Band D properties which comes to £106,959.00. Council will continue to reduce reserves which allows us to absorb some of the additional costs. The proposal was seconded and unanimously approved. The Clerk will request a precept of £115,515.00

**95/2020: UPDATE ON COEDGWILYM PARK**

There has been little news since last month's meeting. Both Council and D Rooke continue to press Swansea for progress and we believe that the proposal will go before Cabinet shortly and we have no reason to believe that it will not be approved.

**96/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Planning Committee

1. 103 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – 2 storey rear extension and internal modification
2. 116 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – reapplication for rejected application, smaller extension
3. Land Bryn at Hawddgar – modifications to approved plans to include affordable housing.

Councillors had no comments to register about the first two applications. Council will reiterate their original objections to the development although the move to affordable housing is welcome.

**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	418.78	BACS	Van lease
4. PSM Group	280.80	BACS	Hand dryers
5. City & County of Swansea	275.00	Cheque	Ground rent
6. Cimla Forge	240.00	BACS	Tree holders
7. HR Jones	25.97	Cash	Axe
8. Eurooffice	104.04	BACS	Office Sundries

**£5,512.71**

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### ACTIONS:

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

The Chair proposed a payment be made to L.A.T.C.H and this was unanimously approved.

### 97/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. The Guides, Rainbows and Brownies have sent a cheque for £200 to thank Council for providing the Hall for their groups free of charge.
2. British Gas has sent a quote for maintaining the boiler systems in both halls for £35.75 plus VAT for each hall. This will include a free annual service. Council cannot afford for either hall to be closed in the event of a failure. Council unanimously approved the Clerk to arrange for cover.
3. City and County of Swansea have sent a quote for provision of hanging baskets and troughs for consideration when Council is ordering plants for the summer.

**98/2020 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. The updated programme for South Wales has been circulated to Councillors and the Clerk will book places for those who ask to attend.

**99/2020 NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Halls and Events meets 2 weeks later on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. If possible, the meeting will be held at Graigfelen Hall but there may be a clash with a regular group. The Clerk will advise.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*