

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14th December 2021

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Community Council Meeting

The meeting convened at Clydach Community Hall, Vardre Road at 7-00 p.m. present:

Cllrs. S Weller (Chair), R Jenkins, M Bowmer, A Jenkins, M Cherrington, S Cherrington, C Williams, G Richards and W Morgan

82/2021: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllrs M Bailey, I Whitehurst and R Phillips. In the absence of the Chair Cllr Steve Weller chaired the meeting.

83/2021: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary, during the meeting.

84/2021: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL Nobody had requested the use of this facility

85/2021: TO DISCUSS THE ORCHARD PROJECT

Cllr G Richards updated Council on the project and Kate Davies from the project attended and was able to answer Councillors questions. An area of land on Waverley Park has been identified and Councillors agreed to make site visits before giving final approval for the location of the orchard. Ten trees are involved to be chosen by Council and it is recommended that they be planted 6 metres apart. Council had already provisionally approved 10 trees at a cost of £95 per tree which includes all the stakes and necessary protective equipment. More information can be found on the Orchard Project website - www.theorchardproject.org.uk It is hoped that planting can take place in January or February.

86/2021: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9th November 2021 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the meeting on 9th November 2021 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved subject to amending the header to the correct date.

87/2021: TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET AND FIX THE PRECEPT FOR 2022/23

The updated budget for next year had been circulated and approved prior to the meeting and a proposal that the precept for 2022/23 be fixed at £137,734.54 was unanimously approved. This equates to an increase of £4.34 per household per year or £0.36p per month.

88/2021 Facilities and Events Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The Clerk summarised the main points for the meeting. Quotes for a pantomime had been obtained and the meeting decided to delay a final decision on whether to proceed in case new Covid restrictions reduced the number of people allowed to attend.

The Christmas Parade was a big success and the meeting considered a number of suggestions for further improvements including better sound, some way of raising Santa up so all the children could see him, two santas, one Welsh speaking to share the load and better co-ordination with outside contractors (the reindeer were late, delayed by the closure to the roads.

It was agreed that the Christmas trees would be taken down on the weekend of 8th/9th January 2022

There were 80 selection boxes left after the Christmas event and Council approved a proposal to donate them to the Children's Wards at Morriston Hospital, the Clerk will contact them and Council will deliver them.

Planning Committee

1. Land off Clydach Road and Western Road – Tree surgery
2. 15 Kelvin Road, Clydach – single storey rear extension, front window, internal.
3. 50 High Street, Clydach – change of use and signage

Council had no issues with any of these applications

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

Amount

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1. Wages	£ 2,466.60	Wages
2. Tax & NIC	£ 513.71	Tax & NIC
3. Amberon	£ 1,176.00	Road closure
4. Designz	£ 455.00	Banners
5. Circus Eruption	£ 420.00	Fire dancer
6. Wattech	£ 150.00	Sound
7. One Voice Wales	£ 60.00	Training
	£ 5,241.31	

The Clerk reported that all 16 fire tablets were now in place and used for the first time, greatly reducing the amount of paper and ink used for meetings. With the enforced absence of the Chair and the prospect of further restrictions there's a need for 2 laptops for Council use, one for the Chair and one for the office/clerk to enable working away from the office and keeping Council business separate from personal business. He has identified the level of spec needed and the meeting approved spending of around £350 per laptop hopefully with discount and VAT rebate the net cost to Council would be no more than £560.

90/2021: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Pam Cram asking about the Council's plans for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and he will speak to her the next time she is in the hall.
2. Sally-Anne the local co-ordinator has been in touch to highlight an initiative by the Mond Valley Golf Club to provide free meals of chicken curry half and half for those in most need. The meals will be provided on Monday 20th December between noon and 3pm and nominations need to be made to the Club by Friday 17th December.

91/2021 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.

92/2021 NEXT MEETING: Council resolved not to meet in January so the next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8th February 2022 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 25th January 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: