

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14th May 2019

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The meeting convened at the Community Hall at 7-05 p.m. present:

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), G Richards (Vice Chair), L Jenkins, M Bowmer, A Jenkins, B Thomas, S Thomas, G Ffrancon, W Morgan, I Whitehurst and C Flynn

1/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, C Williams and R Jenkins.

2/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting. Updated forms will be circulated for completion prior to the next meeting.

3/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Nobody had requested use of this facility

4/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9th April 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th April 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

5/2020 HALL MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES:

The Chair updated Council on these matters. There is one quote for the toilets outstanding, but the costs look to be prohibitive so perhaps the essentials could be addressed to cut the price. The disabled toilet needs to be replaced but the rest of the units are fine subject to minor maintenance. The cubicles could be painted rather than replaced. Once the final quote is received Council can adjust the work accordingly.

The new equipment for the playground at Forge Fach has been ordered and should be installed by next month's meeting. The Chair showed a plan of the proposals which everyone agreed was very impressive. The gate is now being kept unlocked as Council had requested.

One quote for the floor in the Committee Room is still outstanding and the Clerk will chase this up.

6/2020 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. The chairman of the bowling club had called earlier in the week and spoke to the Clerk. They have set up a charitable trust and are inviting park users to put forward one representative to sit on a board, so all interested parties are included. He undertook to chase up the local authority for production of the draft lease.

7/2020 MONTHLY SURGERIES: Council agreed that the first surgery will take place prior to the Halls and Events meeting on June 4th and will be promoted on the Council website and Facebook pages.

8/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hall and Events Committee – The minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The main points were to confirm the arrangements and roles for the upcoming Festival. The chair will carry out the necessary risk assessment and Cllr Ffrancon will increase the advertising drive for stalls.

Council approved an increase in the charge for use of the Halls to £10 per hour and agreed that inflatables can now be used in the Hall. The new charges will not apply to OAP groups.

It was agreed to defer the proposed work on the pipes in the Committee Room on the grounds of cost and the apparent reduction in the loss of water. The situation will be kept under review.

Council agreed to the purchase of Water Butts to save water. The clerk will arrange this.

Council approved a recommendation the spend around £2,000 + VAT on landscaping the triangle outside the church. Malcolm Davies will be rendering an invoice for the cutting of the grass at Waverley Park in the sum of £500 and this was approved.

Cllr G Richards has proposed that Clydach should host a photomathon and more information will be provided at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk will produce a list of action points for attention after each meeting.

Council agreed that 2 meetings a year will be held at the Graigfelen Hall. March and October were suggested.

One Voice Wales has offered to hold a training day covering three courses for £800. Saturday 15th June was selected, and local councils should be offered the chance to attend to share the cost.

The Chair will contact Valley Signs to expedite the signs for the Village Green.

Planning Committee

1. 103 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – 2 storey rear extension
2. 4 Aberclydach Place, Clydach – 2 storey extension to front
3. Heol Dywyll, Clydach – Outline planning permission new dwellinghouse

Councillors had no comments to register about any of these applications.

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

Item

	Amount		
1. Wages	£2,324.84	BACS	Wages
2. Tax and NIC	443.53	BACS	Tax & NIC
3. Brandon Hire station	121.44	BACS	Fencing
4. Eurooffice	110.16	BACS	Hall sundries
5. PSM Security	72.00	BACS	Alarm callout
6. HR Jones	24.48	Cash	Spade & Keys
7. Playdale	4,799.96	BACS	Deposit playpark
8. eBay	41.90	BACS	Water Pump
9. Payroo	12.00	BACS	PAYE
10. APEX	348.00	BACS	Gardening
11. Inhouse Entertainment	300.00	BACS	Fete deposit
12. Screwfix	199.99	BACS	Hammer, drill
13. eBay	67.19	BACS	Tent pegs
14. J&S Embroiderers	300.00	BACS	Jackets

£ 9,165.49

ACTIONS:

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

9/2020 FAIRTRADE: Pam Cram spoke to Council prior to the Audit/Planning meeting outlining the Fairtrade initiative which she would like the Community Council to partner her in promoting in the Village. Cllr G Richards volunteered to work with Pam Cram to launch the programme and left some leaflets explaining the idea. Council would be interested in the possibility of making the village 'plastic free'.

10/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. The Rugby Club has contacted the Community Council seeking support in pressing Welsh Water to repair the bridge over the River Tawe and re-open the bridge. Council agreed to support this, and the Clerk will advise the club.
2. We had a complaint about dog mess bags being dumped and reported it to the POD. They advised that they no longer provide new bins and only replace/repair damaged bins. The bin at this location had a history of vandalism and was removed because of this. Clerk will investigate the possibility of the Community Council providing new bins subject to the POD agreeing to empty them.
3. No requests have been received by Electoral Services for elections for the vacancies so Council can now co-opt new Councillors. Adverts have been put on FB and the cut off is the end of the month. A separate meeting will be arranged thereafter to go over the applications.

11/2020 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

12/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 11th June 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: