

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**The meeting convened at Forge Fach Resource Centre, Hebron Road, Clydach at 7.00 p.m.**

Cllrs. R Jenkins (Chair), P Blunn, A Jenkins, M Bowmer, D Williams, J Nicholds, S Powell, R Smith, I Whitehurst, M Cherrington, J Lewis and G Walker

**40/2022: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllrs M Bailey, C Williams, L Jenkins and W Morgan

**41/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Declarations would be made as and when necessary, during the meeting. Cllr Walker declared an interest in respect of any planning discussions.

**42/2022:TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** Nobody had requested the use of this facility.

**43/2022: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 & MATTERS ARISING:**

The minutes of the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk clarified some queries raised by Councillors and after discussion the minutes were unanimously approved.

**44/2022 TAKEOVER OF FORGE FACH**

The Community Council took over Forge Fach on 27<sup>th</sup> May and the Clerk is now based there. There are a number of urgent matters which need to be moved forward at pace and it was agreed to form a working party to focus on these tasks. The Clerk outlined some of the more urgent matters which require immediate attention and a meeting also needs to be arranged at an early date with current staff to discuss arrangements to man both halls. It was agreed that the Clerk would adjust his current hours to attend in the office at Forge Fach Monday through Friday.

**45/2022 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Planning Committee**

1. 28 Woodlands Avenue, Clydach – Ground floor rear extension
2. 142 lone Road, Clydach – 2 storey rear extension and terrace
3. 5 Fagwr Road, Clydach – New detached dwelling
4. 36 Tanyrallt, Clydach – 2 storey side extension
5. 163 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – Alterations to existing dormers and garage conversion
6. 1c Woodlands Avenue, Clydach – Non-material variation

Council had no issues with any of these applications excepting clarification whether application 3 falls within our area. The Clerk will seek conformation.

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

	Amount	
1. Wages	£ 3,188.75	Wages
2. Tax & NIC	£ 765.08	Tax & NIC
3. Gallacher	£ 1,653.36	Add premium
4. M G W Trumper	£ 376.40	Cooler
5. In House Entertainments	£ 942.60	Inflat hire
6. Apex	£ 600.00	Gardening
7. Cataula Diamond	£ 478.80	Security
	<b>£ 8,004.99</b>	

The Clerk reported that the internal audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 had been completed without any observations so the meeting confirmed the draft figures which had been approved at the April meeting so the Chair can sign the return and submit it along with the relevant paperwork by the deadline of the end of June. The Clerk will distribute copies to all Councillors along with a copy of the internal auditor's report.

**46/2022: CORRESPONDENCE: -**

1. Four Seasons have approached Council about holding an Autumn Market. They have asked for a discount on the commercial rate to help them re-establish and after discussion the meeting approved a charge of £10 an hour for the first 2. The Community Council found it very time consuming to organise themselves.
2. The Clerk drew the meeting's attention to the fencing and the wall behind it and reported that the tenant claims the wall is at least partly our responsibility. Looking at our deeds the wall does not appear to be on our land and the owner would need to show evidence to support his contention that it's a party wall.

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3. The Good Councillor Guide has been updated and circulated.
4. There's new legislation which affects Council and it will be circulated after the meeting. In particular Council will have to have a training plan in place by November. One Voice Wales are preparing a template.

**47/2022 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. From May the Council will have to have a training plan (One Voice Wales will have a template).

**48/2022 NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 (location to be confirmed) 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 @ 6.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*