

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 19th July 2022

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

Cllrs. R Jenkins (Chair), M Bailey, L Jenkins, P Blunn, M Bowmer, D Williams, J Nicholds, S Powell, R Smith, J Lewis, G Walker and C Williams

52/2022: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllrs M Cherrington, I Whitehurst and A Jenkins

53/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary, during the meeting. Cllrs Walker and Bailey declared an interest in respect of any planning discussions. Cllrs D Williams and M Bailey declared an interest in relation to the fund applications from the football clubs and Cllr M Bowmer declared an interest with regard to the cafe.

54/2022: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL Nobody had requested the use of this facility.

55/2022: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETINGS on 14th and 28th JUNE 2022 & MATTERS ARISING: The minutes of both meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. Council is ready to return Graigfelen Hall to City and County of Swansea, all that is outstanding is agreeing a figure for repairs less a Project fee which should be excluded. The net figure is around £6,500 which has already been circulated and approved.

56/2022 TAKEOVER OF FORGE FACH

Cllr Bowmer updated the meeting following a meeting of the working group and a progress report will be circulated after the meeting. All the external cameras have been replaced with HD units and the system includes 1 rotatable camera which can zoom in when necessary. There are some other tasks which may need to be undertaken including LED lighting, solar lighting for the car park area, installation of solar panels on the roof to reduce energy costs. The 5-year electrical compliance report has been completed; a small amount of remedial work is required. Parking is a longstanding concern as the usage of the facility increases.

57/2022 FORGE FACH CAFETERIA

The Clerk reported that Council had received a number of serious expressions of interest in taking over and running the cafeteria and it was agreed to invite those who had responded to meetings on Tuesday 29th July starting at 6.30pm

3 Councillors left the meeting early to attend another meeting.

58/2022 APPLICATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY FUND

The Clerk read out the list of applications and after discussion the meeting authorised payments to:-

Clydach Menshed	£300	Purchase 4 heavy duty folding tables
Brandon Richards	£300	Contributions to travelling costs to attend college
Clydach Community Garden	£300	Removable access ramp and gravel
Inco Bingo	£300	New Bingo machine
Clydach Primary School	£300	2 large veg trugs, 1 outdoor bench
Mond Over 50s	£250	Towards cost of booking Speakers

The rest of the applications were unsuccessful on this occasion. The meeting agreed to amend its policy to the effect that the gap between applications be increased to two years.

59/2022 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Events Committee

A summary of the matters discussed at the meeting was circulated and approved

Planning Committee

1. 110 Capel Road, Clydach – Part 2storey/part single storey rear extension
2. 7 Heol Y Fagwr, Clydach --Storey Extension to the Rear Elevation of the main Building as a new Garden Room in place of an existing Conservatory, also a Single Storey Extension to the Kitchen to create a Dining Room. A First Floor Extension added to a Bedroom for an Ensuite with a new window above the existing Kitchen. The new Garden Room will have two rooflights in the new hipped roof.
3. The Beeches, Western Road, Clydach – Single Storey rear/side extension
4. Land Northeast of Rhosfawr Farm - Agricultural building for the storage of farm machinery, implements and animal fodder

Council had no issues with any of these applications excepting clarification whether application 4 falls within our area. The Clerk will seek confirmation.

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

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1. Wages	£ 2,905.95	Wages
2. Tax & NIC	£ 639.13	Tax & NIC
3. APEX	£ 600.00	Gardening
4. Carpet Fitter	£ 597.00	Office carpet
5. Green Hat Consulting	£ 861.00	

£ 5,603.08

60/2022: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. The Clerk reported that Wez Morgan who had been elected to serve as a Community Councillor for Clydach Ward at the elections in May had failed to sign the Declaration of Acceptance timeously and as a result he is not able to sit as a Community Councillor. The Clerk sought clarification from One Voice Wales and this situation gives rise to a casual vacancy. The Clerk will send the appropriate notice to electoral services in Swansea and the likelihood is Council will be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy.
2. Cllr Nicholds has been accepted to serve as a Governor on the Board at Clydach Primary
3. John Sayce has emailed Council about the path. He's a cyclist and there's an issue with the gates but the Clerk understands it is being addressed by a minor tweak to the gates.
4. The Playground has been inspected and apart from a few minor wear and tear issues the report is fine.

61/2022 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).

62/2022 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 13th September 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 26th July 2022 @ 6.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: