

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 8th October 2019

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

Cllrs. M Bailey, G Richards (Chair), M Bowmer, D Snell, G Ffrancon, W Morgan, L Jenkins, C Williams and A Jenkins

Councillor G Richards took the chair following Councillor M Bailey's operation and wished both Councillor Bailey and Councillor J Davies well.

60/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, S Weller, R Jenkins and C Flynn

61/2020: 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.

62/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Nobody had requested the use of this facility

63/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 10th September 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10th September 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The new equipment is currently being installed at Forge Fach playpark and is being hampered by the weather. The next stage of the project should be completed shortly.

Councillor Richards reported on the Renew Wales project and a further meeting is due to take place shortly.

Council has been in touch with Geraint Thomas about the panto and firm dates will be agreed at the next meeting.

64/2020 THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2019

The final stage of the process has been completed and the return has been signed by the external auditor. They make a couple of very minor points in their report, one that we should put in a zero rather than leave a box blank and secondly, they comment that the balance figure is 'out' by £1. This is because the figures reported are in pounds only so obviously if you ignore the pennies the final balance can be very slightly 'out'.

65/2020 UPDATE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COED GWILYM PARK Council discussed this matter at length and are particularly disappointed that the current proposal has been completely altered since Council originally approached the City and County of Swansea well over a year ago about the possibility of taking over the park. The latest proposal seems to have the effect of relegating Council to a minor role and seems rightly or wrongly to favour the Bowling Club over all the other park users. After discussion Council agreed that a response should be sent to Swansea asking that they revert to the original agreement failing which Council will withdraw from the project. Councillor Bailey will circulate a draft response for approval.

66/2020 UPDATE ON 'FAIRTRADE CLYDACH'

A report on the latest meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting and the following proposal was put to the meeting proposed by Councillor Richards and seconded by Councillor M Bailey.

'The Council notes -

- that 2019 marks 25 years since the FAIRTRADE Mark was launched in the UK;
- that there are now over 600 Fairtrade Communities in the UK, including the City and County of Swansea with County status (since December 2004) and Wales as the first Fairtrade nation (awarded in 2008);
- that, as a result of Fairtrade commitments from mainstream brands and retailers, the UK Fairtrade market is now one of the biggest in the world;
- and that this is an important contribution to reducing exploitation, child labour, and modern slavery, as well as empowering local producers and increasing local democracy.

This Council is committed to implementing sustainable development, as expressed through the seven well-being goals and five ways of working set out in the Welsh Government Well-being of Future Generations Act. The well-being goal for 'A globally responsible Wales', which commits to making a 'positive contribution to global well-being', is of particular relevance. Fairtrade status expresses the Council's commitment to supporting, both financially and ethically, farmers, growers, producers and their families in low-income developing countries, and to ensuring for them a viable and sustainable future, free from exploitation.

On a practical level, the Council commits -

- to source, use and provide Fairtrade products, wherever possible, in its activities as a Council;
- to encourage those using Community Council premises to use Fairtrade products;
- to promote the activities of the local forum, for example in Fairtrade Fortnight, including through social media;
- to celebrate and incentivise businesses championing Fairtrade products in the local community

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The Council will also ensure that it has a representative on the Swansea Fairtrade Steering Group.

This Council will do what it can to improve the lives and opportunities of people across the planet: Fairtrade makes an important contribution to achieving this objective.'

The resolution was carried unanimously and Councillor Richards was nominated as the Council's representative for the steering group.

67/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Budget Committee

The committee met to start the process of fixing the Precept for next year. The committee looked at the figures down to the end of September and discussed various projects for the upcoming year. A further meeting will be held before the end of January next year to finalise the Precept request.

Halls and Events Committee. A short meeting took place after the Budget meeting primarily to discuss the applications received by the Community Fund. Council is pleased to be able to report that grants totalling £2,800 have been approved and that a further window will be opened early in the new year with funds boosted from the fireworks display. The following applications were approved.

Carer's and Friends Group	£100
Men's Shed	£300 for tools
Clydach Cricket Football Club Mens 2 nd Team	£300 for kit
FC Clydach Mini team	£300 for kit
St Mary's Church	£300 for noticeboard
Clydach Cricket Football Club U7s	£300
YGG Gellionnen	£300 for sports equipment
Vardre RFC mini section	£300 for training equipment
First strike martial arts club	£300 for training equipment
Clydach Community Garden	£300 for tools

3 applications were rejected, 2 because they exceeded the limit available which is currently £300 and one which required further clarity. Councillors declared interests where necessary.

The bin by the graveyard has been removed, the Clerk will email to find out why.

Council approved the purchase of 300 selection boxes for Christmas

Planning Committee

1. 10 Twyn Bedw Road, Clydach – outline planning permission for detached ¾ bed dwelling
2. Brownster's Café – change from A1 to A3 licence
3. 41 High Street, Clydach – Change of use.

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

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

Item

	Amount		
1. Wages	£2,719.52	BACS	Wages
2. Tax and NIC	443.93	BACS	Tax & NIC
3. Arval – Initial payment	5,025.32	BACS	Vehicle lease
4. Amazon	99.90	BACS	Xmas lights
5. HR Jones	77.87	BACS	Hall sundries
6. Woodland Walk	972.00	BACS	Reindeer
7. One Voice Wales	354.00	BACS	Consultancy
8. APEX	348.00	BACS	Gardening
9. W Daniels	130.00	BACS	UPVC Cleaning
10. Community Magazine	70.00	BACS	Advert

£8,636.67

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ACTIONS:

- Cllrs to make the BACS payments Clerk to distribute cheques as required. A monthly payment for the vehicle has been set up in the sum of £348.98 + VAT covering lease, maintenance insurance

68/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. Enquiries from Dominos Pizza, Waffle Shack and Dink Donuts re Fireworks. We've committed to the fairground operator that they will be the only food on site so perhaps other events would be more suitable. Dominos were asked to expand on what they meant by sponsorship but so far they have not come back.
2. Following the arson incident Cllr Bailey emailed the Police on 1st October suggesting some kind of surgery might be a good idea where residents could air their concerns but no reply has been received so far.
3. Council has received a request from a mother on behalf of her daughter who is going to be doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and has to do one hour volunteer work for 6 months. The Clerk will contact her to see if we can help.
4. Pam Cram has emailed the Council about the initiative to plant 1 million trees and asked if there was anywhere suitable in Clydach. Councillors will advise if they can think of anywhere.

69/2020 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 and new Councillors should register for the induction seminar when next available

70/2020 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 12th November 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. Halls and Events meets one week earlier on 5th November starting at 6.30 preceded by a surgery.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: