

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 8th November 2022

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

Cllrs. R Jenkins (Chair), M Bowmer, L Jenkins, M Bowmer, J Nicholds, S Powell, A Harris, M Bailey and J Lewis

85/2022: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllrs A Jenkins, P Blunn, I Whitehurst, D Williams and R Smith. It was agreed that Council send a get-well card to Cllr Roger Smith.

86/2022: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary, during the meeting. Cllr Bailey declared an interest in respect of any planning discussions

87/2022: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL Nobody had requested the use of this facility.

88/2022: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETINGS on 19th October & MATTERS ARISING: The minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

89/2022 DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR FORGE FACH ENTRANCE HALL

The work on the entrance hall will hopefully be completed by the end of November. Council will also be upgrading the external lighting particularly at the various entrances and exits.

90/2022 DISCUSS COVER FOR EVENING SHIFTS AT FORGE FACH

The Clerk reported that three applications had been received and it was agreed that the Clerk and the Chair set up interviews as soon as possible. Any contract would initially be a short-term fixed contract for 3 months. A meeting of the HR committee will be arranged before the next Council meeting.

91/2022 DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO SET UP AN EVALUATION GROUP

Cllr Nicholds and the Clerk had not been able to meet before the meeting but Cllr Nicholds outlined his proposals and after an extended discussion it was agreed to hold a meeting in December when the draft budget is available for consideration. The Council is now obliged to publish an annual newsletter and it was suggested that the terms of reference of the group be expanded to include the preparation of this document.

92/2022 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities and Events Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th October had been distributed prior to the meeting and were approved. The main points were:-

The arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were approved. Cllr Bowmer will collect the wreath.

A proposal that as flags and Christmas trees and lights would be overpowering one flag on each Council building plus supporting banners would be put up. Order to be placed with Valley Signs.

The proposal for a weekly meeting where soup, a roll and cuppa would be provided free of charge were well advanced and the Community Café and the Forge Fach café were on board. More information on this would be provided shortly.

Christmas trees will be delivered on 21st November and the army cadets and councillors would dress the trees ready for them to go up at the weekend. The lights are in the office. It was agreed that each business with a tree will be given £10 towards the cost of electricity if they keep the lights on for the agreed hours. The meeting approved a proposal to purchase 600 selection boxes.

The Wreath class for tonight didn't go ahead as there were no bookings but the remaining classes are busy.

Christmas banners will be put out in good time for the parade and the car park at Forge Fach will be closed from 1pm

The arrangements for the parade were approved.

Proposed dates for next years events were approved. The flags will be put up for the Six Nations and St Davis's Day. No cost involved as we already have the flags.

The proposed panto was pencilled in for the middle of February. Ticket prices will be held at last years prices, rough cost for the budget would be £5,000.

It was agreed that the Clerk would order Council's flowers and hanging baskets, including railing baskets from City and County of Swansea, including watering the rough cost is £3,000.

A proposal to purchase flags to coincide with the Coronation was approved and the Clerk will check with Pontardawe. Flags which reference all 4 home nations are preferred. A budget of £200 was approved.

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Clydach in Bloom will be brought back for next year with prizes to be handed out at the Summer Fair. Proposed date is 29th July on the Village Green and a budget of £5,000 was approved.

The Clerk/chair will speak to the Police about the kids being on the roof. Cllr Harris suggested contacting Andy Price.

Planning Committee

1. 155 Kingrosia Park, Clydach – New Boundary Wall & Fencing
2. Old Council Highways Depot – Restoration of the canal
3. Plot 1c Woodlands Avenue, Clydach – New dwellinghouse

Council had no issues with these applications

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

1. Wages	£ 2,943.22	Wages
2. Tax & NIC	£ 310.82	Tax & NIC
3. Welsh Water final GF bill	£ 94.11	Water rates
4. Pendragon Fireworks	£ 5,760.00	Fireworks
5. Grounded Trees	£ 216.00	Tree surgery
6. Grounded Trees	£ 540.00	Survey
	£10,164.15	

93/2022: CORRESPONDENCE: -

1. A quote to convert the fence at the Sports Court into a gate in the sum of £1,350 was approved.
2. The Clerk outlined the contents of the Tree survey and the meeting approved the carrying out of the necessary work.
3. The Clerk reported that there is a vacancy on YGG Gellionnen and Councillors interested will advise the Clerk.
4. Council has received 3 applications for the advertised post for extra caretaker hours and the Clerk and Chair will carry out interviews as soon as possible.
5. The Clerk advised the meeting that we will shortly be receiving a bill for the elections in the sum of £3,299.58 which has to be paid during the current financial year.

94/2022 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.

95/2022 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 10th January 2023 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 22nd November @ 6.30 pm

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: