

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), G Richards (Vice Chair), L Jenkins, M Bowmer, S Weller, D Snell, G Ffrancon, W Morgan, C Flynn, R Jenkins and C Williams

**35/2019 NEW COUNCILLORS:** Steve Weller and Darren Snell were introduced as the two new councillors who were co-opted to Council following the interview process. Councillors and the Clerk formally introduced themselves

**36/2020: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, I Whitehurst, B Thomas, S Thomas and A Jenkins.

**37/2020: 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.

**38/2020: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:** Roger Smith had requested to speak to the meeting and after mentioning the recent vandalism problems at the Memorial Hospital moved on to the wreaths. The veterans had expressed their concern following their removal to place new wreaths in commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landings. Council had not appreciated that the wreaths are normally left in place for 11 months till Remembrance Sunday comes around. The removal was a misunderstanding on the part of the Community Council and no offence was intended. The chair read from some guidance notes and in future it would be a good idea if a policy be agreed with all those involved. The wreaths were replaced having been carefully stored at the Community Hall.

**39/2020: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETINGS 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:**

The minutes of the ordinary meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved. The potential installation of solar panels at the hall cannot be moved forward as Council still has not had sight of the full contract.

Jon from Apex has been over at the Village Green and has said that he cannot do anything about the areas affected by knotweed which will shortly be treated. He will ensure the green receives a spruce up prior to the Festival. He mentioned that there were some damaged trees which require attention and after discussion it was agreed that the Clerk contact Tenderleaf who helped us with the Christmas trees to carry out the necessary work.

**40/2020 CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORGE FACH PLAY EQUIPMENT:**

The new equipment has been installed but there is some rubble to be removed. The park can then fully reopen. Council is keen to move on with the project and after discussing the matter further agreed to install a basket swing, it will take 6 to 8 weeks from ordering for installation to take place. It was agreed that the steppingstones be removed.

**41/2020 UPDATE ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COED GWILYM PARK:** Council agreed in principle to move forward with the proposed takeover of the Coed Gwilym park and the Heads of Terms of the lease from City and County of Swansea have been agreed. The lease has still not been delivered. Council has updated the potential costs of taking over the park. They have some concerns and wish to ensure that all the park users are consulted and involved in the process. There is a hold up in the legal department and Council cannot move forward until the lease is provided for our solicitor to check. The Clerk and Chair will continue to press City and County of Swansea for progress bearing in mind this proposal was initially mooted in 2018.

**42/2020 AGREE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN USE AND BOUNDARY INSTALLATIONS**

Council had rejected a proposal to add additional fencing which would have cost in excess of £6,000. The co-ordinator advised Council that the polytunnel was now ready, but they did not want to install it till security was improved. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that money could be provided from the Community Fund for a wooden fence. A sum of £300 was approved. Clerk will advise.

**43/2020 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Halls and Events Committee** The minutes had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The main items are that there is a meeting on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at the Rugby Club about the bridge over the river.

Final arrangements for the festival were approved.

The clerk mentioned a message on Facebook from the Farmers Arms about hanging baskets

**HR meeting**

A meeting took place to discuss the possible employment of a handyman and the terms of an advert were circulated and approved.

**Planning Committee**

1. 5 Martin Street, Clydach – Outline planning permission for one bed bungalow with off road parking 1312
2. Land adjacent to 2 Glyndefaid Cottage, Glais – Completion of building as stables 1329

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	£2,325.44	BACS	Wages
2. Tax and NIC	443.93	BACS	Tax & NIC
3. Brandon Hire station	96.00	BACS	Fencing
4. Eurooffice	185.92	BACS	Office sundries
5. Amazon	7.48	BACS	Tubing
6. Telephones online	24.99	BACS	Office phone
7. Playdale	4,799.96	BACS	Play equipment
8. APEX	348.00	BACS	Gardening
9. Lyn Llewellyn	435.00	BACS	Internal Audit
10. Eurooffice	40.42	BACS	Overshoes
11. Peter Lynn & Partners	229.14	BACS	Legal advice
	<b>£8,936.28</b>		

### ACTIONS:

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

### 44/2020: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. Council has received a request for support/funding for the upgrade to the MUGA at Craifelen Primary School. Clerk instructed to contact them to tell them to apply to the Community Fund
2. Jermin Productions are asking for details of Community Council events so they can send cast members in costume and the Clerk will advise them of the details.

**45/2020 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

**46/2020 NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. There will be an audit/planning meeting in August on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2019 @ 6.30pm primarily to approve payments.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*