

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), G Richards, M Bowmer, R Jenkins, B Thomas, G Ffrancon and S O'Sullivan

268/2019: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies and L Jenkins.

269/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

270/2019: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Nobody had requested use of this facility.

271/2019: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 11th December 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th December 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

The Clerk will organise 35 Welsh and 35 St David's Flags and also pursue flags for the Community Council. We will attempt to source these locally if possible. It was suggested that we should get slightly smaller flags as in some locations they fly too low.

The holes in the village green need to be filled as a matter of urgency and it was agreed that this work would be carried out on 9th January 2019

The Christmas trees are being taken down and will be removed under a recycling scheme.

272/2019 COMMUNITY PLAY AREAS: No developments to report. The gate is still being locked on occasions and the Clerk was instructed to write a final letter copying in the CEO warning that if this happens again then responsibility for the playpark will revert to Walsingham.

273/2019: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL:

Council has been approached to fill the void left by Slimming World so hopefully that will become a regular booking on a Wednesday evening.

274/2019 THE FUTURE OF THE POD IN CLYDACH: The Clerk reported that he had written to the POD expressing surprise at the proposed figure of £21,000 which could hardly be described as in the region of £18,000. They have promised to look again and see whether the County Councillors might make up some or all the shortfall and hopefully respond by the date of the next meeting.

275/2019 CLYDACH BUS SCHEDULE CHANGES

This item is being deferred indefinitely. There was a meeting last week, but it seems that the bus company are aware of the views of those whose services are affected but are not able to offer any alternatives. It's all a matter of costs, perhaps a minibus or some other means might be appropriate but there is little we can do. It may be a matter for the Welsh Assembly.

276/2019 THE FUTURE OF COED GWILYM PARK

There have been no further developments since the last meeting. We are waiting for the draft least and confirmation of some of the expenditure and outlays involved so that a decision can be made on how to proceed.

277/2019 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hall and Events Committee – There was no Halls meeting this month because of the holidays but final arrangements for the pantomime were discussed and confirmed.

Planning Committee

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| 1. Clydach Cricket Club – Extend and renovate the pavilion. | 2019/2530 |
| 2. Land at 28 Waverley St, Clydach – erect 2 storey property on vacant land | 2019/2620 |

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

	Amount	
1. Wages	£2,232.53	BACS
2. Tax and NIC	430.96	BACS
3. PHS Hand Dryers – lease of dryers	374.17	BACS
4. Refund to M Bowmer – xmas gifts to staff	28.00	BACS
5. Refund to G Ffrancon – xmas window prize	19.99	BACS
6. Chubb – fire service contract	250.96	BACS
7. City & County Swansea – Ground rent	275.00	Cheque
8. Secured Alarm Systems – CCTV repair	255.60	BACS

£ 3,867.21

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ACTIONS:

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

278/2019 BUDGET and PRECEPT 2019/20

The budget for the coming year had been circulated to Councillors and was discussed in detail. Council faces considerable additional expenditure in relation to the POD and to the proposed contribution to the pelican crossings for the village in conjunction with the County Councillors. Alone these would mean an increase in expenditure of £21,000, Council has managed their finances prudently and it was agreed to use reserves to cover most of these and other likely outlays. A proposal by Cllr R Jenkins seconded by Cllr G Ffrancon to restrict the increase in the Precept for the coming year by 4% to £105,357 was unanimously approved

279/2019: CORRESPONDENCE: – The Clerk read out an email from Jemma Lewis which urged the Council to take the youth of the Community Council into account when setting the budget. The email suggested that the Council does nothing for them and the meeting felt that was extremely unfair. There are already quite several ways in which the Council invests in the youth with more to come in the next Financial Year. Cllr G Ffrancon undertook to respond to the email on behalf of the Council. The Clerk will forward a copy of the message to enable her to do so.

280/2019 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.

281/2019 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 12th February 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. The next Halls meeting will be held on Thursday 5th February 2019 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: