

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 12th February 2019

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

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), L Jenkins, M Bowmer, R Jenkins, B Thomas, S Thomas, G Ffrancon, I Whitehurst, C Flynn, C Williams, A Jenkins and S O'Sullivan

282/2019: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, G Richards W Morgan and S Jones

283/2019: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

284/2019: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Nobody had requested use of this facility.

285/2019: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 8th January 2019 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th January 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

The flags are up in the village and they look great on the new flagpoles.

We have not received any update from the POD in response to our letter. The Clerk will issue a reminder as the current arrangement is due to end on 31st March. It was agreed that there needs to be more Council involvement in ensuring that the work carried out by the POD meets the Community Council's needs and a weekly meeting with the Clerk should resolve this issue.

286/2019 HALL MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES: There are urgent repairs needed at the Playground. Council will contact K Mac and Playdale for prices. It was suggested that any replacement swings include a disabled swing. A quote for decorating the Committee Room and fitting blinds was approved for around £720. Quotes will be obtained for upgrading the toilet facilities and replacing the floor in the Committee room and should be available by the next meeting.

287/2019: CRAIG CEFN PARC SCHOOL:

The campaign to save the school has been well supported and there was a public meeting in the Hall recently to widen the response.

288/2019 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER: There are no new developments to report regarding the possible takeover of Coed Gwilym Park and we still await the draft lease. Council continues to obtain quotes on the likely expenditure involved in running the park.

289/2019 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hall and Events Committee – The minutes of this month's Halls and Events Committee meeting have been circulated in advance of the meeting. The main points are: Event dates were agreed for 2019 and have been posted on the website and on our Facebook page. Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday, Clydach Summer Festival on the last Saturday of July – 27th this year, Fireworks on 2nd November, Remembrance Sunday is 10th November and the Christmas Parade is on 7th December, the first Saturday of December. Reindeer have been booked and deposit paid. The Clerk is now using the Skedda booking system to record bookings for both Halls and this will be available to view when the new website goes live which is planned for the 1st of March.

Council discussed the summer plants for the village and Cllr L Jenkins will visit Quids In who have offered to supply baskets @£30 which are reusable and which they can fill for us at a cost of £30. Cllr Whitehurst told the meeting that he has his baskets from them, and they are excellent. This would allow us greater control over the location of the baskets and would enable us to provide more baskets at a lower cost compared to those provided by City and County of Swansea. The Clerk advised that no response had yet been received to our letter about the proposed development at Bryn Hawddgar and a reminder will be issued. The Clerk will order two signs for the Village Green in black and gold to match the planters.

The bar which we have hired for our events recently has been sold so is no longer available for our use. We have found an alternative which is for sale at a very good price and provided Council can be assured that it is in good mechanical condition it would be perfect for us. Cllr Whitehurst said that Coors would refit the specialist equipment inside the unit and Council approved the purchase provided a successful mechanical check was carried out.

Planning Committee

1. Moose Hall, Clydach – 2 detached dwelling houses 2687/2018
2. Council Depot, 37 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – 46 retirement apts 2313/2018

Council expressed concern that this development was not in keeping with the village and would have an adverse effect on traffic and on the utilities, which are already stretched. The Clerk will report to the local authority planning department.

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

Item

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| 1. Wages | £2,772.01 | BACS | Wages |
| 2. Tax and NIC | 605.79 | BACS | Tax & NIC |
| 3. Scent with Love – flowers for panto | 30.00 | BACS | |
| 4. Refund to Chair – vacuum cleaner | 149.99 | BACS | |
| 5. Sgript – Community Video | 2,875.00 | BACS | |
| 6. GT Writing - panto | 2,500.00 | BACS | |
| 7. Mr Flag - Flagpoles | 1,266.00 | BACS | |
| 8. Argos – TV/Monitor | 549.00 | BACS | |
| 9. Amazon – TV stand and cover | 81.98 | BACS | |
| 10. eBay – Flags | 224.70 | BACS | |
| 11. Eurooffice – card for tickets | 22.97 | BACS | |
| 12. HR Jones – Halls sundries | 40.44 | BACS | |
| 13. Argos – PC Keyboard | 24.99 | BACS | |
| 14. Wattech – Sound and light at panto | 200.00 | BACS | |
| 15. Fire & Safety Direct – extinguisher checks | 80.28 | BACS | |
| 16. Peter Lynne & Ptners – Legal consultation | 639.18 | BACS | |
| 17. SKR Electrical – Boiler replacement | 325.59 | BACS | |
| 18. Brandon Hire station – shredder hire | 123.36 | BACS | |
| 19. Woodland Walk – reindeer hire deposit | 108.00 | BACS | |

£ 12,619.28

ACTIONS:

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

290/2019 GARDENING MAINTENANCE QUOTES:

Council had advertised for quotes for the maintenance of the ground it owns and is responsible for and for the work which would be needed if it decides to take over the lease of Coed Gwym Park.

Three quotes had been received and all three had used the schedule provided split into 5 sections. The first three covered the areas Council is currently responsible for and the last two covered the areas Council would be responsible for if they take on the lease of the park. The quotes were discussed at length and it was decided to award the contract to Jon Swain. Work will begin in April. A decision on areas 4 and 5 will be deferred until a final decision on the park is made.

Standing Orders were suspended at 9.00pm

291/2019: CORRESPONDENCE: – All correspondence received this month has been covered elsewhere in the meeting except to say that we have received a letter of thanks from the Parish of Clydach to the Chair for the flag he donated and to the Council for the flags which are decorating the village and from the Forge Fach over 50s group to everyone involved with the pantomime which has received praise from all quarters

292/2019 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. A course on advanced finance was recommend by the chair and the Clerk will book some places for Councillors.

293/2019 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 12th March 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 March 2019 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: