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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Clydach Community Council

Held in the Waterfall Suite, Forge Fach
Thursday 9th January 2025
at 6.30 pm.

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presiding Councillor J Nicholds
Present Councillors: Eve Jackson, Susan Powell, Mark Slade, Steve Weller, John Hill, Ian James, Katrina Davies, Gareth Turner, Jason Price, Richard Bevan

Apologies: Apologies were sent from Councillors:
Dylan Williams

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received.

2. To receive declarations of interest from members

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

3. Public Questions

There were no public questions.

4. To confirm Minutes as a correct record.

4.1. RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Council held on 10th December 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

5.1. No matters arising.

6. Discussion and Resolution of the proposed Budget for 2025-26

6.1. Updates had been made to the draft Budget presented to the last full council meeting. The Building and Open Spaces Committee had been able provide considerably more detail around their budget requirements.

6.2. Income for 2025/26 had been based on:

- Precept
- Tenants for both buildings
- Grants (based on grants received this year)
- Hall and Room bookings

Total expected Income was £264,205 which assumed 5% increase to the Precept as agreed at the December full Council meeting.

6.3. Proposed Budget RESOLVED.

7. Discussion and Resolution of the proposed plan for Clydach Community Council 2025-2028

7.1. The Strategic Aims of the Plan were re-affirmed and RESOLVED.

7.2. The Plan would now go back to the Committees for further discussion and then presented in the March Full Council Meeting for approval. The aim would be to subsequently publish on the Council Website.

8. Approval of proposed appointment following the interviews for Clerk to the Council

8.1. Details of the One Voice Wales led process was presented to the Meeting for approval. APPROVED.

8.2. One candidate had been interviewed. Appointment of this candidate was recommended subject to References.

8.3. The successful candidate would be contacted after the meeting and the starting date agreed. The date would be sometime in early February.

9. To Receive an Update from Open Spaces and Building Management Committee

9.1. Work of the committee had been focused on the budget enhancements.

9.2. It was agreed that Terms of Reference would be reviewed in order to consolidate the process and criteria for approvals.

10. To receive an update from Environment Committee

10.1 No meetings had been held over the Xmas period.

11. To receive an update from the Events Committee – Proposal for Warm Space

11.1 The Committee would now be renamed the Events and Projects Committee.

11.2 The Chair presented details of a Warm Spaces Proposal. It was intended that this could run during January and February. Estimated costs for refreshments had been provided by the Café and a total budget of £500 was being recommended. The recommendation was APPROVED.

11.3. Take up would be monitored and discussed at the next meeting.

12. To receive an update from the HR Committee – JD Proposal for an Assistant Clerk

12.1. A meeting would shortly be held to discuss and agree a job description for the proposed new role of Assistant Clerk. The new Clerk would be invited to the meeting for input and agreement.

12.2. The meeting APPROVED the proposal that the HR Committee go forward with the recruitment process once they had agreed the job description.

13. To receive Financial Reports

13.1. Financial Reports summarising payments was presented to the Meeting. Clarification was requested on some items. The Clerk would seek clarity and feed back to Council in due course.

14. Planning Applications.

None.

15. To receive correspondence made to the Clerk/Chair

15.1. To consider passing a resolution that further to Subsection (1) of Section 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting. RESOLVED that the items raised would not be made public. A closed session was held..

15.2. A letter had been received from Stephen Cook who was unable to attend the meeting in person due to ill health. The letter drew attention to the significance of 2025 for Clydach with respect to the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Day and of the centennial year of Clydach War Memorial Hospital. A sub-committee facilitated by the Community Council with representatives from veterans, community group leaders, and some businesses would provide ideas around events and funding. A response would be made confirming the Council's support.

15.3. Gellionen School have requested approval for Cllr Jason Price to represent the council on their governing body. APPROVED.

16. To discuss matters regarding staffing.

16.1 The Chair would be holding a meeting with all staff the following day to keep them updated.

7. The Next Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 11th February 2025.

Signed _____ Dated _____

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