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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Clydach Community Council **Tuesday 12th November 2024**

Held in the Waterfall Suite, Forge Fach
on
Tuesday 12th November 2024 commencing at 6.30 pm.

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Presiding
Present

Councillor J Nicholds
Councillors: Susan Powell, Mark Slade, Jason Price, Steve Weller, John Hill,
Jayne Lewis, Eve Jackson, Roger Smith, Richard Bevan, Gareth Turner, Ian
James

Apologies: Apologies were sent from Cllr Dylan Williams

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Dylan Williams

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.

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Monthly meeting of Council held on 8th October 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

5.1. 3. Public questions.

Action: JN to check that more detailed relevant documentation had been published with the Minutes.

5.2. 14. To discuss a financial matter – In camera

The meeting was updated with the current improved Banking signatory arrangements. Further changes would take place following the next Finance Committee meeting and following the appointment of the new Clerk.

6. To receive an update from Open Spaces and Building Mgt Committee

6.1. The next meeting would be held on 13th November.

7. To receive an update from the Environment Committee

7.1. The next meeting would be held on 26th November

8. To receive an update from the Events Committee

8.1. No formal committee meeting had been held since the last full council meeting although there had been working group meetings. The date of the next Committee meeting would be 2nd December

9. Report from HR Committee

9.1 Salary and hours for the new Clerk position had now been agreed with One Voice Wales who were administrating the recruitment. The advert had also been agreed and was being progressed.

10. To Receive Financial Reports

10.1 The new accounting system Rialtus was now in place and our temporary RFO had produced a Financial Report which highlighted queries arisen during the conversion from the old Sage system. Key areas were VAT, Sales Ledgers and Invoices.

Work was on-going to resolve any queries as a priority to ensure we go forward with an accurate and efficient system.

10.2 The Precept for 2025/26 needs to be submitted by the end of January and therefore needs to be discussed in the December full council meeting. Areas to be looked at in detail are:

- ForgeFach Building maintenance
- Staff Structure
- Events
- Building Revenue and costs

10.3 A Finance Committee meeting would be held on 27th November.

11. To Receive the Clerks Report on Planning Applications

- No Planning Applications had been received.

12. To receive a presentation from Brew and Bloom

12.1 The presentation proposed that the Café and the Community Council could work together in a number of ways to provide more shared community events.

12.2 It was Resolved that the overall principle was a positive one and would be explored in more detail. It would be discussed firstly at the next Finance Committee meeting.

13. To receive a presentation from Clydach Community Garden

(Cllr Hill declared an Interest as a member of the Community Garden Group.)

13.1 The presentation was a request for the recently freed up Council land behind Vardre Hall to be allocated to the Community Garden to extend their facilities.

13.2 It was Resolved that in principle the Council was in agreement subject to a check on our Lease to ensure this was in order. There would also need to be more detailed discussions going forward around terms and conditions of the arrangement. This would be initiated by the Open Spaces and Buildings Committee.

ACTION: JN to check the Lease T & Cs the following day.

14. To Receive a report from the Chair on preparing for the Budget

- The Chair outlined his proposal for a 3 year Plan which would feed into the overall development of our Budget.
- Each Committee in the their next meeting will be required to provide an Outline Plan of their proposed activities and expenditure as contribution to the overall 3 yr Plan

15. To receive correspondence made to the Clerk/Chair

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.

16. The Next Meeting would be held on 10th December 2024

Signed _____ Dated _____

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