

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11th December 2018

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

Cllrs. M Bailey (Chair), L Jenkins (Vice Chair), G Richards, M Bowmer, R Jenkins, B Thomas, S Thomas, C Flynn
W Morgan, and G Ffrancon.

The Clerk welcomed Cllr Wezley Morgan to his first Council meeting, Wez and Steve O'Sullivan have been co-opted to fill the two vacancies on the Council.

255/2018: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies, S O'Sullivan, S Jones and C Williams

256/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

257/2018: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL: Nobody had requested use of this facility.

258/2018: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 13th November 2018 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th November 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved subject to the correction of Cllr Walkers name in item 245/2018.

A constructive meeting was held with the friends of Coed Gwilym Park and Council agreed to continue their investigation into the possibility of taking over the lease in conjunction with the friends. Running costs must be determined before a final decision can be taken.

259/2018: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL:

The floodlights at the front of the Hall have not yet been fixed despite promises from our electrical contractor so the Clerk was instructed to find someone else to carry out the necessary work. This includes the replacement of the emergency lights in the hall.

260/2018 COMMUNITY PLAY PARKS: The inspection report has been received and there are a few minor repairs to be carried out and these will be dealt with before the new season starts. Council will arrange an early meeting with the new manager of Forge Fach to discuss some issues with the park which is part of their responsibility under the terms of their lease.

261/2018 THE FUTURE OF THE POD IN CLYDACH: The Clerk reported that he had received an email from City and County of Swansea with detailed figures about the costs of the service under the proposed Service Level Agreement. The new figure proposed is £21,000 which is £3,000 more than the expected figure of £18,000 which Councillors had understood was a worst-case scenario. The breakdown was £15,000 towards the costs of the supervisor, £4,000 for vehicle hire, £1,500 for fuel and £500 for PPE and materials. Council was concerned at this increase and the Clerk was instructed to contact City and County of Swansea to see if some reduction could be made as such a large increase would result in a big increase in the precept. It was suggested that perhaps the local County Councillors could contribute from their pots. Council is still minded to continue with the new agreement but at a figure more in line with the figures quoted at the meeting with the POD.

262/2018 CLYDACH BUS SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Councillor who had asked for this item to be added to the was not in attendance when this matter came up for discussion and was deferred indefinitely.

263/2018 TO DISCUSS THE VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL: Wezley Morgan and Steve O'Sullivan have been co-opted to fill the vacancies on Council.

264/2018 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hall and Events Committee – This month's Halls meeting took place alongside the Audit and Planning meetings and the main points were:-

1. Council will obtain 2 Community Council Flags and poles for the two halls.
2. Council expressed disappointment at the way the stewarding of the Christmas event was handled by AMBERON especially at the price paid to them. Clerk will write and express Council's disappointment.
3. The Land Train was not fully operational, and a discount should be sought when the bill arrives. For next years event Council will book the reindeer to walk with the parade and it was agreed to hold the Christmas event next year on 30th November 2019.
4. It was agreed that the Christmas trees would be taken down on 5th January 2019 starting at 10.00 am. It's an arduous task usually in poor weather and when pricing for next year Council will look at hiring someone to carry out the work on their behalf.
5. Council approved the purchase of a set of tools for the Community Hall and the Caretaker was given a budget of £500. The Caretakers drill will also be replaced.
6. The chair has a flag which he will donate to the Church to replace the Union flag.
7. St. David's and Welsh Flags will be obtained in time for the 6 nations at the beginning of February and St David's Day. Council will investigate poles which allow the flag to rotate to stop them becoming entangled.

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- There are a couple of large holes in the village green and it was agreed that Council will obtain some topsoil and fill them in.
- It was agreed that the remaining selection boxes be shared between Ty Croeso and those individuals recommended by our Community Police Officer Suzanne Birch

Planning Committee

- 1b High Street, Clydach SA6 5LG – Change of Use from office to restaurant 2363/2018

Councillors expressed disappointment that the new development of 70 houses had recently been approved without any of the restrictions, conditions or recommendations made on behalf of the Community Council whose input would appear to have been totally ignored. The Clerk or Chair will write to the local authority.

Standing Orders were suspended at 9.00 pm.

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

Item

	Amount	
1. Wages	£2,772.01	BACS
2. Tax and NIC	605.79	BACS
3. Eurooffice – Ink + office sundries	183.37	BACS
4. Chubb – Alarm repair	128.04	BACS
5. PSM – Alarm monitor	176.40	BACS
6. One Voice Wales – Seminars	80.00	BACS
7. Tenderleaf – tree cutting	72.00	BACS
8. Welsh Audit Office - audit	377.25	BACS
9. CCS – Road closure	283.00	BACS
10. Eurooffice – Hall sundries	188.12	BACS
11. Quids In – Trees and lights	3,510.00	BACS
12. Quids In – Winter flowers	1,116.00	BACS
13. Gordon Playgrounds Inspection	120.00	BACS
14. Peter Lynn & Partners – Consultation	500.00	BACS
15. Refund to Cllr Bowmer – Wreath, bugler decs	113.90	cash
	£10,225.88	

ACTIONS:

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

265/2018: CORRESPONDENCE: –

- Noel James Comedy event is being held at the Sunnybank Working Men's Club not the Community Hall.
- Cllr Julie Davies has written requesting a leave of absence on the grounds of ill health and this was unanimously approved. Council wished her well through the Caretaker and hopes that she will make a full recovery soon to enable her to resume her involvement with the Community Council.
- Letter from Glais Neighbourhood Watch asking if Council would meet the cost of Neighbourhood watch signs in the area which falls under our responsibility and this was approved. 2 signs costs around £18.
- A card has been delivered from the Rainbows, Guides and Brownies with a cheque for £200 towards the cost of the hire of the hall which is greatly appreciated. The Clerk will send a thank you note.
- The hanging basket order form is in from Swansea, due for return by the end of March next year. Council is investigating the possibility of baskets being hung on the shops instead.

266/2018 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.

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267/2018 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8th January 2019 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm. The next Halls meeting will be held on Thursday 3rd January 2019 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: