

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

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

Cllrs. Matthew Bailey (Chair), J Davies, G Walker, L Jenkins, R Jenkins, I Whitehurst and M Bowmer

**137/2016: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs L Steel, T Holloway, B Gardner and A Jenkins.

**138/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Davies declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelen School and the Caretaker's salary and Cllr Walker in respect of all planning matters.

**139/2016: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** No-one had asked to make use of this facility

## **140/2016: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL**

The Clerk advised that there were no major issues to report. It was noted that the proposed theatrical course was not going ahead because of lack of interest and that we had lost some bookings because the hall had been provisionally booked. It was decided that as a result if the facility is requested again then it will be refused.

## **141/2016: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

City and County of Swansea had been in touch about the proposed taxi bay and indicated that they would only support a bay for Hackney cabs. They did say that the bus stop could be used for drop offs and pick-ups and if the camera caught anyone the ticket would be rescinded on proof that they had a booking. After discussion Council decided that they would prefer a bay. Also Council decided that they would like to have 3 bays at the bottom of the High Street with 1 hour parking and no return within 2 hours. Clerk will investigate the feasibility and cost.

## **142/2016: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH**

There has been an issue with the bins at the play park and the Clerk will raise this with the Pod. The inspection will be carried out shortly and the insurance is due for renewal. Clerk will contact Tony Nakonecnyj for a quote. The memorial bench can be ordered plus 4 for the village green.

## **143/2016: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

## **144/2016 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Cllr Walker reported that he had sourced toilets for our events which included insurance to avoid the issue we had last year. Clerk reported that he had so far been unable to arrange a meeting with the Health Centre. He will phone or call in to speak to Mike. The Clerk reported that he had ordered 31 baskets. Alan Hughes had indicated that 10 troughs had been ordered by Cllr P Smith but we want 6 more for Sunnybank and the Clerk will contact Alan to update and confirm the order. The Clerk will contact Swansea to see if some of the funding can be used for Pelican crossings in the village. Clerk will also contact Morriston to arrange a meeting to discuss the Christmas lights options further. It was agreed that Council needs a zero hours handyman to carry out various tasks during the year. Cllr Bowmer declared an interest as her husband would be interested. The post needs to be advertised. The path at the play park needs to be finished. Cllrs Bowmer and L Jenkins asked for authority to spend up to £350 on plants for the planters and for hanging baskets at the Community Hall which was approved. Nathan should be asked to repair the leaking toilet in the Gents. Clerk will write to the owner of 26 Beryl Road re the Knotweed.

## **145/2016: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Hall and Events Committee**

The awards ceremony and first community fund payments had been made at the presentation which had been well attended on 6<sup>th</sup> April. The plans for the fete and Clydach Rocks are well advanced. The Clerk will complete and return the form to Templetons. A replacement act is needed because of a triple booking.

### **b. Planning Committee**

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| 1. 5 Ramsden Road, Clydach – single storey side/rear extension   | 2017/0715 |
| 2. Quarr House, Quarr Road, Clydach – 2 plots in existing garden | 2017/0521 |
| 3. 24 Twyn Y Bedw Road, Clydach – provide off road parking       | 2017/0236 |

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

The new minimum wage is £7.50 and it was agreed that the deputy caretakers wage be increased to that rate. It was also agreed that the Caretaker's rate be increased to £8.50.

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| Item                                       | Amount           | VAT | Cheque Number |
|--|------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1. Wages                                   | £2,583.80        |     | BACS          |
| 2. Tax & NIC                               | £566.64          |     | BACS          |
| 3. Caretaker's outlays (Anniversaries etc) | £46.58           |     | BACS          |
| 4. BT                                      | £56.86           |     | BACS          |
| 5. Refund to Clerk (Travel)                | £17.10           |     | BACS          |
| 6. Refund to M Bailey (Youth disco)        | £99.37           |     | BACS          |
| 7. Refund to M Bowmer ( Sweets)            | £45.72           |     | BACS          |
| 8. Graigfelen Rates                        | £264.70          |     | BACS          |
| 9. Clydach Rates                           | £396.10          |     | BACS          |
| 10. Hanging Baskets                        | £3,515.00        |     | BACS          |
| 11. Scent with love                        | £55.00           |     | BACS          |
|  | <b>£7,644.77</b> |     |               |

#### ACTIONS:

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

#### 146/2016 SCHOOL CROSSINGS AND SCHOOL SAFETY

The Community Council has had no responses so far and the Clerk was instructed to contact the Schools and the Local Authority for information on any planned projects in Clydach

#### 147/2016 CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Clerk reported that an enforcement notice had been issued in respect of the container on Waverley Park which requires us to take action before the 5<sup>th</sup> of May otherwise we will have a month to remove the container.
2. We have received notice that from June we will not receive hard copies of the planning applications which affect Clydach.
3. The Clerk reported that 9 nominees were elected unopposed leaving 7 spaces to be filled after the 4<sup>th</sup> of May elections. We have 35 days from the date of the election to co-opt councillors.
4. Mrs. O'Sullivan contacted the Council re parking issues at her property and the Clerk was instructed to refer her to the Local Authority and the police.
5. Macmillan have a fundraising local event at the end of April
6. Student Carlie Andrews had contacted the Council to seek funding for her course. The Clerk was instructed to contact her and advise her that we were unable to help in this area.
7. The Clerk reported that we had received a circular regarding renewable energy funding.
8. The Clerk reminded Councillors that they had to submit their expenses return by June 2<sup>nd</sup> even if it is a NIL return.

**148/2016 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.

**149/2016 NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

*Signed Chair Community Council: .....*

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