

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11th July 2017.

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

Cllrs. L Jenkins (Chair), S Jones (Vice chair), J Davies, E Davies-Jones, G Ffrancon, M Bailey, M Bowmer, B Thomas, S Thomas, G Walker, I Whitehurst, R Jenkins, C Flynn, I Jones and G Richards

Councillors expressed their congratulations to the Chair on the birth of her grand-daughter and asked that she pass on their congratulations to Cllr A Jenkins.

49/2017: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr A Jenkins

50/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Davies declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelen School and Cllr Walker in respect of any planning matters

51/2017: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL No-one had asked to make use of this facility

52/2017: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Clerk advised that there were no major issues to report.

53/2017: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

Discussions are continuing and we hope to be able to report on progress by the next Council meeting. Cllr G Richards confirmed that he has put up parking signs in the village.

54/2017: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH

Cllr Flynn will take a video of the park to highlight the issues which require attention which include damage to the fence. A site meeting will be arranged if necessary.

55/2017: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 13th June 2017

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 13th June 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

56/2017 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Clerk reported that he had received a response from Cllr Paulette Smith which he read out to the meeting. The Clerk will respond thanking her for her reply. As far as the Community Council is concerned the matter is closed. The meeting decided that in addition to the Minutes a summary of Action Points will be prepared showing matters to be dealt with which should save time in future. It will identify those matters requiring attention and who will be dealing with them.

The Clerk will arrange a monthly meeting with Dai Duggitt and he could take a photo of what he has done for our records.

Arrangements for the fete and Clydach Rocks are well in hand. The security is in place with Cautela, same as last year. The benches are ordered, waiting for confirmation of a delivery date. The beer trailer is confirmed. There will be a delivery charge from Carmarthen of £112 (56 miles @ £2). It was suggested that a prosecco and strawberries stall would do well and possibly cocktails. The bales are ordered. The Scouts are confirmed. They should be asked to stay till 6 when the rugby juniors would take their place. Belly dancers are confirmed and we should offer them a slot between 1 and 2. Hog roast is booked. Scouts should be asked to assist with the clean up. Hoodoo Moon are booked from 6 till 7 and the Ukulele band from 7. Scott Jones will be the DJ and will sing. Cllr S Jones has a slush machine. Pam Cram has confirmed details for the service on the Sunday. The wristbands have been delivered, 1,000 each in red and blue and Cllr Bailey has prepared posters. Cllr Ffrancon will add Welsh content.

Following last month the Clerk will type up the committees list and distribute to Councillors. Knotweed on Waverley Park has been treated and Council is prepared to meet the costs of a second treatment. The City and County of Swansea can carry out the necessary work. The Clerk will ask them for a quote. We will wait 2 weeks to assess how whether the treatment has had any effect.

Cllr Walker asked for a copy of the letter from the group requesting help with the mountain biking at the skate park. The Clerk will have a meeting with the Church next door to discuss the request for the use of the hall on Sundays and will invite them to attend the next meeting. Cllr Bailey will pursue a quote for the ceiling work after the Clerk has checked whether the handyman is able to do the work.

Cllr Bailey was authorised to deal with the fence at the play park which will cost £906.80 plus VAT

57/2017 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Flynn reported on his meeting with the Health Centre manager who acknowledged there were issues which needed to be addressed. They are switching to a new system and it was suggested that a demonstration video might be helpful. There is a shortage of Doctors in the practice made worse until recently because of long term sickness. They deal with 65,000 appointments per annum. The new booking system should go a long way to resolving the issues but the manager said his door is always open to us. There will also be a new website and a Facebook page. The Clerk will draft a short report for Facebook to be approved by Cllr Flynn and the Health Centre.

The chair suspended standing orders at 9-00pm

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58/2017: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Hall and Events Committee

This has been covered under matters arising and in particular with reference to the Fete and Clydach Rocks

b. Planning Committee

1. 155 Kingrosia Park – Amendment of existing approved plan with new lower dormer extent. – 2017/1333
2. 3 Oakwood Drive – to lop one oak tree subject to TPO 2017/1446

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

Item	Amount	VAT	Cheque Number
1. Wages	£2,683.26		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£584.60		BACS
3. Caretaker's outlays	£6.32		BACS
4. Refund to L Jenkins	£25.98		BACS
5. Refund to M Bowmer	£52.84		BACS
6. Refund to J Davies	£26.47		
7. Dai Duggitt	£580.00		BACS
8. Graigfelen Rates	£264.00		DD
9. Clydach Rates	£394.00		DD
10. BT	£56.64		BACS
11. Scent with Love	£15.00		BACS
12. Refund to Deputy Caretaker	£4.79		BACS
13. Refund to Clerk	£54.00		BACS
14. Lyn Llewellyn	£400.00		BACS
15. N Bowden - Plumber	£470.00		BACS
	£5,617.90		

ACTIONS:

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

59/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Our second FOI request has been refused by the City and County of Swansea and it was agreed to leave matters as they are pending the outcome of our appeal.
2. Cllr Bailey reported on the titles of Cae Charles. The Solicitors have advised that no title has been registered so the Council needs to register the title on the Land Register to protect ownership.
3. The Clerk read out an email about the planters prices and after discussion he will contact the City and County of Swansea to find out how much they cost.
4. An invitation was received from the Lord Mayor to his fundraising event which unfortunately clashes with our fete so regrettably the Clerk will politely decline.
5. Code of Conduct training places have been booked for the Chair and Cllr M Bowmer. Clerk will email details.

60/2017 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.

61/2017 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 12th September 2017 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee at 6.30 pm. There will be an audit meeting on Tuesday 1st August at 6-30 pm as usual to authorise payments as there is no monthly meeting.

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The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: