

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 12th June 2018

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

Cllrs. L Jenkins (Vice Chair), J Davies, M Bowmer, I Whitehurst, G Ffrancon, C Williams and C Flynn

The meeting convened at 7.15 pm and in the absence of the chair the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair.

183 /2018: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs R Jenkins, M Bailey, A Jenkins and S Jones.

184/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting.

185/2018: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

No-one had asked to make use of this facility.

186/2018: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Clerk reported that Secured Alarm Systems had refurbished and upgraded the CCTV system which was now fully operational.

187/2018: FORGE FACH AND THE PLAY PARKS The Clerk will email Councillors to fix a new time for the painting of the park at Sunnybank

188/2018: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 15th May 2018

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10th April 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting and had been updated to reflect the amendments and corrections intimated to the Clerk. They were approved on a motion proposed by Cllr Bowmer and seconded by Cllr Ffrancon.

189/2018 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

1. Council has been offered a couple of old tyres and it was agreed to site these at the park at Forge Fach. Cllr L Jenkins will contact the individual concerned to organise delivery.
2. The plants in the planter at Sunnybank have been vandalised and the Clerk was asked to get in touch with Suzanne Birch to report the incident.
3. The chair has been in touch with the manager of the pod to express Council's disappointment with the service we are paying for. The bins are often overflowing and the emptying seems on occasion to be irregular. One solution put forward by the Pod was to reduce the number of bins but that would merely make things worse. The village needs more bins not less. The Clerk will write to manager of the Pod, the City and County of Swansea to request more bins and will copy in the County Councillors to ask for more bins.
4. There has been an issue in some parts of the High Street where commercial bins have been left on the pavement blocking the thoroughfare all day. The Clerk will write to City and County of Swansea to complain and see if anything can be done.
5. City and County of Swansea have advised that they can't take on the watering of our planters and Reeable have watered some. The Clerk will contact them to see if they can continue to do so while Council obtains quotes for taking on the work.
6. The area behind the hall has not been overlooked. Council has been given conflicting advice about the best course of action and it was suggested that it might be worth rotovating the area. The Clerk will investigate and report back at the next meeting.

190/2018: COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hall and Events Committee - The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk advised that it would not be necessary to bring forward the day of the meeting to a Monday, provided any items to be added to the Agenda were notified to the Clerk by the Thursday prior to full Council meeting then there would be no problem in adding them.

The Clerk updated the meeting regarding the water trough. Harold Davies who were originally going to move the trough for us declined to quote because they are concerned that it might crack and they did not want to take on the responsibility. The Clerk also contacted Neath Funeral Services and they will get back to him with costs in the next few days.

The proposal in the email from Cindy Hayward will be discussed with the Clerk.

The beacon is ordered and most of the arrangements are in place. The Hall has been reserved for a Community event. Cllr Bowmer raised the case of Demi, the Chair has indicated that he proposes to donate his allowance to the fund-raising page. Councillors were concerned that they might be creating a precedent, but this case is unique and it was ultimately agreed to contribute £250.

Lewis Hind from City and County of Swansea still awaits a response to move this matter forward but has been advised of the date of the next Council meeting and will report to Council by that date.

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The proposal for a Community video was discussed and it was agreed that in view of the amount involved 2 further quotes be obtained. Cllr Flynn will deal with this matter.

Ras yr Iaith – Cllr Ffrancon reported that the route had been changed and after further discussion the meeting decided not to take the minimum sponsorship package but make a contribution of £100.

Planning Committee

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| 1. | 38 High Street, Clydach SA6 5LG – Create 2 residential units above retail premises | 2018/0901 |
| 2. | Craigfelen Primary School SA6 5DP-Small classroom extension | 2018/1092 |
| 3. | 22 Pen Y Wern Road, Clydach SA6 5HD – 2 storey rear extension | 2018/1111 |
| 4. | Heol Dywyll, Clydach SA6 5SS -2 storey domestic dwelling + parking | 2018/1134 |
| 5. | Llys Y Nant, Glais SA7 9JB – Ground floor rear family room extension | 2018/1197 |
| 6. | 20 Park Road, Clydach SA6 5LT – three storey rear extension. | 2018/0868 |

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

The books and accounts are ready to be collected from our Auditor and will be submitted to BDO. The Auditor has not made any amendments to the figures originally reported by the Clerk and we now await any observations they may have.

Item

| | Amount |
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| 1. Wages | £2,771.81 |
| 2. Tax and NIC | 605.99 |
| 3. Chubb | 359.32 |
| 4. Refund to Caretaker | 41.78 |
| 5. Eurooffice | 203.24 |
| 6. Refund to Vice Chair | 29.18 |
| 7. Pitchcare | 597.60 |
| 8. CCS Hanging Baskets | 3,895.00 |
| 9. Secured Alarm Sys CCTV Graigfelen | 1,248.00 |
| 10. Secured Alarm Sys Alarm Maint | 456.00 |
| 11. Secured Alarm Sys CCTV Maint | 72.00 |
| 12. Secured Alarm Sys Alarm upgrade | 684.00 |
| 13. Secured Alarm Sys PURN appl | 52.18 |
| | £11,016.10 |

ACTIONS:

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

191/2018: CORRESPONDENCE –

1. The Clerk has a phone call from a resident complaining about a recent car event and in particular cars speeding through the village afterwards. He has reported the incident to the police and the Clerk asked him to email the Council with details but so far he has not done so.
2. Council has received a letter from Morryston Fire Station suggesting come Community Events to highlight the risks youths take by jumping off bridges into rivers. One recently injured his head on a concrete ledge. They feel the dangers could be highlighted. The Clerk will suggest they attend the fete and also ask if they can highlight the risk of wildfires.
3. Council has received a letter of thanks from Ty Olwen Trust for the donation from the Chair's allowance.
4. Council should shortly receive word from electoral services about the casual vacancy and we already have note of 2 individuals who may be interested.

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5. Coedffranc have invited Council to attend a free Health and Safety event on July 16th primarily on the subject of Vibration Regulations. Council did not think that this legislation affected us.

The Vice Chair suspended Standing Orders at 9.00pm

192/2018 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.

193/2018 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 10th July 2018 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: