

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

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

Cllrs. J Davies (Chair), P Morgan, G Richards, I Whitehurst, B Gardiner, I Jones, R Jenkins

**27/2016: COUNCILLOR PHIL DALLING** The Chair paid tribute to the long dedicated service to the Community of Cllr Dalling of over 40 years who sadly passed away last month. The meeting stood for a minutes silence to show their respect and appreciation for their former colleague.

**28/2016 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs M Bailey, N Honeyman, T Holloway, L Jenkins, L Steel and B Humphries.

**29/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Morgan declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelen Community Hall

**30/2016: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** No-one had asked to make use of this facility

## **31/2016: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Nothing much to report. The Hall is running smoothly and a new group has made a regular booking for Thursday evenings. Bouncefit. Also there had been a report from a member of the public that a rat had been spotted near the Hall. The incident had been reported to City and County of Swansea and appropriate treatment has been carried out.

## **32/2016: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

The Clerk spoke to the relevant department at City and County of Swansea who indicated that it would be possible to merge more than one notice of application for yellow lines into one to minimize cost if it was decided to pursue this avenue. Signs have been put up in an attempt to avoid abuse of the spaces for long stay parking.

## **33/2016: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH**

The sign has been delivered and a date will shortly be arranged for an official opening. Press will be advised.

## **34/2016: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

## **35/2016 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Cllr Richards will produce 4 banners to encourage drivers to respect the 30mph speed limit.

An early date should be arranged for the official opening of the play park.

**36/2016 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS** Councillor Morgan, Davies and the Clerk attended the recent SLCC AGM in Swansea. The meeting highlighted the upcoming challenges facing Councils with the proposed changes to Local Government, in particular the watch word might be risk assessment of everything as more and more services are devolved to Community Councils. Paul Egan spoke about training and it may be that we should be allocating a budget and make it compulsory for Councillors and the Clerk to attend training on an annual basis and in particular new Councillors should be obliged to take the induction course as part of the code of conduct. A number of stalls were showing services etc. and insurance, legal services, planters and benched Christmas lighting and bespoke software were of particular interest.

## **37/2016: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

All the necessary arrangements have been made for the upcoming fete and Clydach rocks. Bands need to be confirmed for the Fete and a meeting will be arranged for Monday to agree details. Also we need to make a decision about the Bucking Broncos which have already been booked for the Fete. When confirming the generator a domestic one would be better with the max no of 240 volt outlets. Ticket prices for Clydach Rocks have been agreed at £7 for adults, £4 for youths (12-17) with children under 12 free who must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Only drinks and food purchased on site can be consumed at Community Council events.

### **b. Planning Committee**

1. 41 High Street, Clydach – reapplication for mixed use from A1 to A3 2015/2067
2. 160 Swansea Road, Clydach – double extension to side and rear 2016/1178
3. 157 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – demolition of single story bungalow and new build of chalet style bungalow on same site 2016/1139

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

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The council approved the recommendations of the Audit and Accounts Committee for payment of the following invoices

Item	Amount	VAT	Cheque Number
1. Wages	£2,168.27		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£341.22		BACS
3. BT	£77.16		BACS
4. SWALEC	£223.97		BACS
5. SLCC Books	£68.95		BACS
6. Corona Energy	£115.04		BACS
7. Graigfelen Rates	£480.00		BACS
8. Clydach Rates	£254.00		BACS
9. Valley Group	£260.29		BACS
10. Dancover	£ 67.00		BACS
11. Lyn Llewellyn - Audit	£350.00		BACS
12. Eurooffice	£535.28		BACS
13. Owen Griffiths	£4,344.84		BACS
14. Keen Insurance Event	£575.83		BACS
15. Cwmla Forge	£300.00		BACS
	<b>£10,614.15</b>		

#### ACTIONS:

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

#### 38/2016 CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Clerk reported that BDO had highlighted a small error in the Annual Return. A cheque for £130.31 to SWALEC was presented on 31<sup>st</sup> March and as a result the balance in the current account is overstated and the other payments understated by that amount. The figures in the return require amendment and the meeting approved this alteration when the form is returned to the Clerk.
2. Bethan who produced the pantomime has approached the Community Council about running a drama group during the school holidays and putting on a play. The meeting agreed to allow them to use Graigfelen Hall for the group as the school will not be using it and the play could be staged at Clydach Community Hall. The Clerk will reply to Bethan.
3. E-mail about the Community minibus and the Clerk will contact Christina on her return from holiday.
4. The container at Waverley Park is still subject to discussions between ourselves and Swansea Council and it is understood that we will have to move it after the summer events.
5. The Clerk has received amended Financial Policies from OVW and these were adopted subject to circulation to Councillors. The Clerk has been advised that the amendments are purely cosmetic to suit Wales.

**39/2016 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.

**40/2016 NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee at 6.30 pm. There will be an Audit meeting as usual on August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 at 6-30pm

The meeting closed at 8-30 pm.

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*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*