

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 13th June 2017.

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

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

24/2017: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs I Whitehurst, I Jones, S Jones and G Richards

25/2017: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Davies declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelelen School, Cllr Walker in respect of any planning matters

26/2017: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL No-one had asked to make use of this facility

27/2017: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Clerk advised that there were no major issues to report. It was agreed that once a month the Clerk will carry out a visual inspection of the Hall. From October we will need to promote the availability of the hall once the school moves to use its own premises. We do have a booking schedule which will be embedded in the website and Facebook pages which will facilitate online booking. The Clerk will organise the PAC testing of the electrical equipment at the Hall

28/2017: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr Walker is pursuing the possibility of having three parking spaces at Hebron Road close to the Rugby Club to help alleviate the lack of parking for clients visiting the local businesses. Swansea Council has responded about the taxi bay to confirm that they would only support a bay for Hackney cabs. The local Co-op is willing to allow access through their car park to the taxi office and spaces in their car park will be made available to the public. The matter is currently with their Head Office.

29/2017: 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.

30/2017: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9th May 2017

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th May 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

31/2017: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF CO-OPTION MEETING 18th May 2017

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 18th May 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

32/2017 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

The Clerk will contact the Cricket Club and ask them to deal with the rubbish. Cllr Walker has already spoken to them to have it removed.

The Clerk will contact the schools again about the £5m funding available for school infrastructure improvements. Cllr Bowmer would like to represent the Council on the School board and the Clerk will contact them. Also he will prepare letters for each of the schools about awards and grants.

As Cllr G Richards was unable to attend the Clerk will contact him for an update on the signs.

Council agreed that with the closure of the flower shop the practise of sending flowers on significant anniversaries be discontinued.

33/2017 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Bowmer has had concerns raised about whether Councillor P Smith has spent all of the funds available to her and the Clerk will write to her asking for clarification. Council would welcome closer co-operation with her and would be delighted if she was able to attend any of our meetings.

Cllr Bailey will speak to the Council's solicitors about the title deeds of Cae Charles. Also it was agreed that 6 all-weather benches be ordered for the village green.

34/2017: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Hall and Events Committee

It was agreed that the belly-dancing group be invited to perform at the Summer fete. Cllr Walker will order the toilets and generator and the Clerk will investigate insuring such equipment. Payment to Dai Duggitt was approved subject to his issuing an invoice. Council will seek tenders for cutting the grass.

b. Planning Committee

1. 5 Ramsden Road, Clydach – Single storey side/rear extension 2017/0715
2. 47 Lone Road, Clydach – Dropping kerb 2017/0875

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- 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	£2,162.01		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£414.75		BACS
3. Caretaker's outlays	£26.47		BACS
4. Refund to L Jenkins	£105.00		BACS
5. Refund to M Bowmer	£30.00		BACS
6. Dai Duggitt	£220.00		BACS
7. Graigfelen Rates	£264.00		DD
8. Clydach Rates	£394.00		DD
9. BT	£56.64		BACS
10. Scent with Love	£15.00		BACS
11. Sean Bowmer	<u>£88.00</u>		BACS
	£3,775.87		

ACTIONS:

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

35/2017 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

One Voice Wales have prepared a model Social Media Policy which had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was agreed that we should adopt the policy. It was also agreed that the Council's policies be reviewed annually.

36/2017 COMMITTEES

It was agreed that Council vary the committees in line with the draft prepared by Cllr Bailey and Councillors indicated which committees they would like to serve on.

37/2017 CORRESPONDENCE

1. We've had a negative response to our Freedom of Information request to Swansea Council and the Clerk presented a draft response which was approved.
2. The Palmers phoned to thank the Council for the Anniversary flowers.
3. We had 2 applications for the handyman post and the Clerk will arrange a meeting to discuss the applications. The quote for resurfacing the path at Cae Charles was approved. The Clerk will advise
4. There is another instance of knotweed on the village green. Both areas have been treated but we have so far been unable to find out who was responsible and that makes it difficult to formulate a programme to eradicate the problem.
5. The Clerk reported that the Health Centre manager will be back next week and he will contact him on Tuesday to arrange an urgent meeting.
6. A request for help with the skate park for mountain biking and the construction of 'bumps' was enthusiastically heard and Council would be keen to support such a plan. Cllr Walker will meet the group to discuss how to progress the request.
7. The Scouts have sent us details of their proposals for upgrading the scout hall and asking for support for their application
8. The application from the belly-dancing group to perform at the fete was approved.
9. The clerk updated the meeting on the plans for the taxi rank. We are not going to get any support from the City and County of Swansea as they will only support a plan for Hackney cabs but there is a prospect of better news from the Co-op where their Head Office is considering a request for access through the car park to the proposed taxi office.
10. We've had an explanatory letter from the minister next door about their proposals for using the hall on Sundays.

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11. We have one quote for the ceiling repairs which seems high but we are sourcing other quotes which we expect to be more reasonable.
12. We received a phone message about the hedge at Hebron Road/Martin Street which is leaning into the street. The caller did not leave any details and the number was withheld, Clerk will contact Swansea to advise them of the issue.

38/2017 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.

39/2017 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 11th July 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:

Date: