

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

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

Cllrs. Matthew Bailey (Chair), J Davies, A Jenkins, I Whitehurst, G Richards, M Bowmer, G Walker, B Humphries and B Gardiner

**112/2016: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs T Holloway, R Jenkins and L Steel

**113/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Davies declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelefen School and the Caretaker and Cllr. Walker in respect of any planning matters.

**114/2016: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL** No-one had asked to make use of this facility

## **115/2016: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL**

The Clerk reported that there were no major issues to report. The plumber has carried out the installation of the new taps and serviced the boiler providing the required certificates. The thermostat in the office will be replaced during the half term holidays and the one in kitchen has been replaced.

## **116/2016: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

The City and County of Swansea has responded to our approach about the possibility of a taxi pick up point but there appears to be some confusion about our suggestion. A site meeting should resolve matters and the Clerk will contact the Council to set one up. Cllr Walker reported that positive progress was being made with regard to the provision of additional parking spaces in the village and negotiations are continuing. Cllr Richards reported that he had a quote for the provision of signs and the meeting approved the purchase of the larger signs.

## **117/2016: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH**

The park should be inspected before our next meeting to comply with the agreement before the insurance is renewed. Cllr Walker will liaise with the County Council.

## **118/2016: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved subject to the amendment of the dates for the pantomime and the awards.

## **119/2016 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

The Clerk will chase up the request to the Mond for a grant for help with a disabled swing. Cllr Walker expressed concern that some of the groups using the hall were over running and it was agreed that the Clerk prepare a letter reminding users that if they run beyond their allotted time then they may incur an additional charge. The meeting discussed the provision of a memorial bench to commemorate Cllr Phil Dalling who had served the Council for such a long period of time. The Clerk will circulate the Councillors with a few alternatives. Benches might also be supplied for the village green at Waverley Park. It was agreed that the Community Council subscribes to the service which keeps you notified of available grants which costs around £20. Cllr Bowmer raised the state of the ground at Waverley Park where permission had been granted for it to be used for football training. The meeting also discussed the knotweed problem at Waverley Park. The Clerk is waiting for the resident who raised this matter to get back in touch so we can progress to an agreeable solution. Council is prepared to treat the area as a gesture of goodwill without any admission of liability. Funding of £1,000 was approved for the Youth Council, the first meeting is arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> February.

## **120/2016: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

All the arrangements are in place for the pantomime and rehearsals are taking place in the hall. Those involved will let the Clerk know what additional requirements are needed for the stage. Paul Beynon will be back in the Hall shortly to install the CCTV and alarm system.

### **b. Planning Committee**

1. 24 Twyn Y Bedw Road, Clydach – 2 storey rear extension 2017/0236
2. Frood House, Clydach – Extension and provision of Bin storage area on access road 2017/0188

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

| Item | Amount | VAT | Cheque Number |
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| 1. Wages                               | £2,080.56        | BACS   |
| 2. Tax & NIC                           | £402.48          | BACS   |
| 3. Caretaker's outlays (Keys)          | £10.00           | BACS   |
| 4. BT                                  | £11.05           | BACS   |
| 5. Refund to Clerk (Flags and postage) | £73.43           | BACS   |
| 6. Flower Shop                         | £35              | BACS   |
| 7. Clydach Rates                       | £260.00          | D/D    |
| 8. Rates Graigfelen                    | £254.00          | D/D    |
| 9. Selco (refund to Cllr Walker)       | £39.08           | D/D    |
| 10. Fire & Safety Direct               | £73.14           | Cheque |
| 11. PHS                                | £290.05          | BACS   |
| 12. Eurooffice (Signs)                 | £42.00           | BACS   |
| 13. Eurooffice (Notice boards)         | £687.74          | BACS   |
| 14. CC Swansea – Ground rent           | £275.00          | BACS   |
|  | <b>£5,105.18</b> |        |

## ACTIONS:

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

## 121/2016 CORRESPONDENCE

1. John Dawson has contacted Council again about the old mill near the water depot. The Clerk had advised him to contact Welsh Water about the building and he has responded that the condition of the building has been reported to City and County of Swansea and their policy is to demolish in such circumstances. He asked that the matter be raised in case anyone might want the building to be preserved.
2. Owen Griffiths responded to the letter sent to him and the work has now been completed.
3. A letter of thanks has been delivered to 'Ironman'
4. We've had a letter from Welsh Hearts asking for support for a public defibrillator and it was agreed that we would like to help and it would be good to involve the Leon Heart Foundation in some way, perhaps the unit might be installed in the name of the fund. The Clerk will contact them to see if they would be agreeable.
5. We've had a reminder from Ty Croeso of their request for help and the decision was that they be invited to apply to the Community Fund. The Clerk had not contacted them as the fund was not in place at the time but would now do so as the online application process was now available.
6. We've been invited to renew our membership of One Voice Wales at a membership fee of £1,022 based on 3511 chargeable properties. The meeting unanimously approved the renewal which is due on 1<sup>st</sup> April.
7. Sue Bagley of Killay Community Council is investigating the feasibility of leasing Christmas Lights and will keep us advised of her progress

**122/2016 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.

**123/2016 NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*