

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 14th March 2017.

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

Cllrs. Matthew Bailey (Chair), J Davies, A Jenkins, L Jenkins, R Jenkins, P Morgan, T Holloway, M Bowmer, B Humphries and B Gardiner

124/2016: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs I Whitehurst and G Walker.

125/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Davies declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelen School.

126/2016: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL No-one had asked to make use of this facility

127/2016: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Clerk advised that there were no major issues to report. There is a need for more floodlighting at the Hall and when the contractor is upgrading the CCTV system he should install enough lights to protect the Hall and staff.

128/2016: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

Following the site meeting which was arranged following the February meeting the City and County of Swansea now appreciate that our proposal will have no impact on residents parking. There is however a 4 to 6 month delay in processing applications. The parking outside the shops at the cut in at the bus stop continues to be abused in spite of our trying to encourage the businesses to clamp down. The Clerk was instructed to write another letter advising that failure to improve the situation will result in our approaching the traffic wardens to enforce the restrictions on the parking sign.

129/2016: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH

The benches are now in place and look great. They are very sturdy and look as if they will last well and Councillors were encouraged to call in and have a look. There was a discussion about ways the park might be expanded and it was decided to discuss it again at the April meeting when it will be added to the agenda as a specific item. The Clerk will contact the POD to arrange for the bins which are now overflowing to be emptied

130/2016: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 14th February 2017

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 14th February 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

131/2016 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There is a need for railings near the old Compass pub to protect pedestrians from the traffic.

The Clerk had circulated details of commemorative benches and it was agreed that Council purchases the rustic wood bench in memory of the late Phil Dalling.

The Clerk will also find out what the costs would be for one of the automatic toilets.

The New Youth Committee has now held its first meetings and the response to far has been very encouraging. They would like to hold a disco in the hall which would be supervised by parents from 4 till 6 on a Sunday for 4 to 10 year olds. There is a skip outside the Chinese takeaway which is located on the pavement. Apart from the obvious hazard for pedestrians

Cllr Gardiner reported that she had received complaints that the Health Centre are not making it clear that at least one of the individuals seeing patients is not a doctor. The Clerk will contact the Health Manager to arrange a meeting to give us the chance to raise concerns which have been reported to Councillors.

132/2016: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Hall and Events Committee

Planning is well advanced for our upcoming event the first of which is the awards ceremony where it is hoped that we will also be able to hand over cheques from the Community Fund to successful applicants. There will be a meeting on 31st March to go over a short list. The chair will speak to Donna to see if the Bank are able to provide large cheques for presentation purposes. The fete is all booked up and the Clerk will shortly advertise tables for hire. The meeting authorised the purchase of new planters and the provision of flower baskets from Swansea. Cllrs L Jenkins and M Bowmer will check the number of baskets to order.

b. Planning Committee

1. 25 Western Road, Clydach – Amended plans for rear single storey extension 2016/0415
2. 38 Brynteg, Clydach – Two storey rear extension 2017/0389

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

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The Audit Committee had considered minor increases to the charges for Hall Users to take into account the increased costs facing the Community Council including staff and utility costs. The committee recommended a small increase of £1 per hour and also a charge for the use of the kitchen at Vardre Road to bring it into line with the charges at Graigfelen. The meeting approved the recommended increases.

Item	Amount	VAT	Cheque Number
1. Wages	£2,080.56		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£402.48		BACS
3. Caretaker's outlays (Hall sundries)	£169.58		BACS
4. BT	£55.24		BACS
5. Refund to Clerk (backdrops)	£114.77		BACS
6. Refund to L Jenkins (paints)	£21.45		BACS
7. CCS Neat Team	£7,200.00		BACS
8. G Thomas - Panto	£2,750.00		BACS
9. One Voice Wales	£1,022.00		BACS
10. Refund to M Bailey	£6.29		Cash
11. Refund to M Bowmer	£235.99		BACS
12. Nathan Bowden - Plumber	£380.00		Cheque
13. Welsh Water	£225.40		BACS
14. Eurooffice	£22.37		BACS
	£14,686.13		

ACTIONS:

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

133/2016 SCHOOL CROSSINGS AND SCHOOL SAFETY

The Community Council have been approached about concerns over this matter. There is apparently over £5m of funding available from the Welsh Government to improve the infrastructure and facilities around schools and the Clerk was instructed to contact the local schools to find out whether they have applied for any funding and also contact the local authority to ask what their proposals are.

134/2016 CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Clerk at Pontardawe is also investigating Christmas lights and will keep us in the loop. Cllr L Jenkins will give the Clerk some contact details at City and County of Swansea who were instrumental in the procurement of the lights for Morriston.
2. The Clerk read out and the meeting noted emails from Ioan Richards the artefacts at Clydach War Memorial Hospital.
3. Raymond Rowlands had been encouraged to contact the Community Council about parking in Martin Street outside his house by the police. This is not a matter which the Community Council has any authority over and this should not have been referred to us. It's a matter for Highways and/or the Police. Clerk will respond.
4. The Clerk has received the official notices of election which will be uploaded to our website.
5. Vale Inc have confirmed safe receipt of our grant application and advised that the committee's next meeting is in April.
6. Letty England has contact the Community Council about an upcoming procession in May and the Clerk has spoken to Suzanne Birch who has said she will deal with the matter.
7. We've had a letter from Welsh Air Ambulance seeking support. Our policy is to support local organisations.
8. The Clerk advised he had received a circular from Playforce promoting new units which encourage physical activity.
9. Notice has been posted about the upcoming breast screening programme.

135/2016 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

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convenient.

136/2016 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 11th April 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: