

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 8th November 2016.

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

Cllrs. Matthew Bailey (Chair), J Davies, P Morgan, R Jenkins, I Whitehurst, B Gardiner, M Bowmer and B Humphries

73/2016: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs L Jenkins, T Holloway, A Jenkins and L. Steel

74/2016: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Davies declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelen School and the Caretaker's contract.

75/2016: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL No-one had asked to make use of this facility

76/2016: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Clerk reported that the new insurance was in place. There had been a problem with the boiler which was diagnosed as a leak and Rhydian Owen carried out a service and resolved the problem. The Clerk raised the subject of the water bill for the Hall. The charge at Graigfelen is 2 and a half times the charge at Vardre Road and it was agreed that the Council would replace the taps with push button ones to reduce waste. There are already PIRs installed to restrict the filling up of cisterns.

77/2016: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE

The Clerk read a letter from Mr Murphy who intends to apply for a Taxi Office in the village. Mr Murphy intends to resurface a large area of land which he has acquired and is seeking the support of the Council with his application. He would need 6 or 7 spaces for taxis but he is prepared to allow the rest of the car park to be made available for the public to use to alleviate the shortage of parking. He also wants to have a specific taxi pick up point and is looking for a contribution from the Council towards the costs. The proposal met with general approval subject to certain safeguards being incorporated into any agreement/arrangement and further discussions will take place. It certainly seemed to be the most cost effective proposal presented to the Council so far. A meeting will be arranged with Mr Murphy.

78/2016: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH

The sign is now in place and an official opening will be arranged shortly. The purchase of replacement benches had been agreed and will be ordered and put in place soon.

79/2016: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 11th October 2016

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th October 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved subject to amending the starting point for the Remembrance Sunday parade to Fairfield.

80/2016 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Clerk will contact Pennard Council to clarify what if anything they pay for the Pod. A meeting will be arranged with the new man in charge. Cllr Davies will purchase the selection boxes for the Christmas event. Clerk will email Councillors seeking help with the Christmas market on 19th November. JM Entertainments will provide entertainment for 2 hours at the Christmas event for £140 without the inflatable grotto. Council will organise the planting of the bushes around the container at Waverley Park. Clerk will investigate the cost of the modern automatic public toilets.

81/2016: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Hall and Events Committee

1. The Fireworks display had been a huge success with universal positive feedback. For next years event more lighting needs to be in place as the viewing area was dark and this could cause problems for the spectators. The collection for the Community Fund raised £1,349.04 . Payment of the Pendragon invoice was approved.
2. The market takes place on 19th November and so far there are 14 bookings which is reasonable. Help will be required and the Clerk will email Councillors.
3. The Christmas event planning is now almost complete. Lanterns and lights should arrive in a few days and all the arrangements are in place for the parade and the Police are in support. JM Entertainments will provide entertainment for the kids for 2 hours for £140. Reindeer are booked and the Clerk will order trees from Gower.
4. A meeting had taken place in relation to the Mynydd y Gwair Wind Farm which is due to be in place by 2018. As part of the project a fund will be available to local communities from the end of 2018 and we will be kept in the loop as the installation progresses.

b. Planning Committee

1. 157 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – Demolition of bungalow and

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New build of chalet style bungalow on same site.	2016/3098
2. 22 Capel Road, Clydach – 5 new 3 bedroom dwellings.	2016/0761
3. Hebron Road, Clydach – Conversion to 2 flats	2016/3144
4. 155 Kingrosia Park, Clydach – New two storey extension	2016/3151

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	£2,152.21		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£330.83		BACS
3. Caretaker's outlays (Hall sundries)	£13.89		BACS
4. BT	£74.06		BACS
5. British Gas	£117.06		BACS
6. Clerk's outlays (Receipt books)	£7.58		BACS
7. Pendragon Fireworks	£3,600.00		BACS
8. Clydach Rates	£260.00		D/D
9. Graigfelen Rates	£254.00		D/D
10. Eurooffice	£129.32		BACS
11. Valley Signs	£56.40		BACS
12. Dai Duggett	£40.00		Cash
	£7,035.35		

ACTIONS:

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

82/2016 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Following the Clerk's email on the subject of utilities arrangements have been made to transfer all our supplies for both halls to British Gas. The new bank account is almost set up and payments will be made by direct debit which will result in a further discount on our bills. Forms are in for signature.
2. Christmas trees found by Melissa are currently out of stock but they expect them to be shipped in the week beginning 21st November. Might be too late for us? Cllr Davies and Bowmer will advise of alternative sources.
3. Friends of Primrose Park have requested the use our marquees for a summer fete in May or June next year free of charge. This park is in Llansamlet and the Community Council of Clydach is there to benefit the community of Clydach so it would not be appropriate to provide the marquees free of charge. At the moment they are not serviceable but Council would consider hiring the marquees but it would be at our usual rate and an appropriate bond would have to be part of the arrangement to protect us in the event of the marquees being damaged.
4. Joint code of conduct advertising scheme with other community councils to save money had been received and it was agreed we should join
5. Lights have arrived as has the lantern cord. Lanterns and lights should arrive any day now
6. Reindeer confirmed and James from JM entertainment can do 2 hours of entertainment for £140, no grotto.
7. Cllr Bowmer had written thanking the Council for the use of the hall for the wedding celebration in September and will make a donation to the Community Fund for the provision of the hall.

83/2016 TO APPROVE THE REVIEW OF EMPLOYEES CONTRACTS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Council unanimously approved the revised Job Descriptions and contracts for the Clerk/RFO and caretakers. A meeting will be arranged with all employees to carry out their annual review.

84/2016 TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2017/18

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Council unanimously approved a 4% increase to the Precept and agreed that they would increase by the maximum amount if the permitted amount was less than 4%.

85/2016 TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FOR 2017

The maintenance schedule for 2017 was approved with Dai Duggit to continue for the next financial year.

86/2016 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.

87/2016 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 13th December 2016 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: