

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 9th October 2018

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

Cllrs. M Bailey, L Jenkins (Vice Chair), G Richards, M Bowmer, C Flynn, R Jenkins, B Thomas, S Thomas, A Jenkins and I Whitehurst,

230/2018: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs J Davies and S Jones

231/2018: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Declarations would be made as and when necessary during the meeting. Cllrs Bailey, Ffrancon, Richards, Bowmer, B Thomas and S Thomas declared an interest in some of the awards from the Community Fund. Cllr Bailey declared an interest in respect of the payment to Reable.

232/2018: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

1. Mr Gordon Walker had expressed a wish to address the meeting and spoke about the decision of Council at their last meeting to give notice to the POD terminating the agreement with them. He asked that the Clerk read out an email from Darrel Joyce which he did and there followed a discussion on the decision. It was suggested that the last meeting may not have had all the relevant facts, but the Chair responded that the information he had given was taken from printed documents and messages and that these were at odds with the email from Darrel Joyce specifically regarding the new arrangements outlined in the new service level agreement. After further discussion it was agreed that a meeting be convened between representatives of Council and the POD to see if there is any scope for revisiting the decision and resolving the apparent disagreement.
2. Mr Roger Smith had written to the Clerk with several queries and the Clerk answered them all satisfactorily and suggested that Mr Smith might call to see him at the office when he would be pleased to provide him with a copy of the internal auditor's report which had been approved by Council at the July Monthly meeting. Mr Smith suggested that more detail might be provided in the minutes of the payments approved at meetings and it was agreed that this was a good idea and will be implemented in future for clarification.
3. Lisa Jenkins had submitted a request regarding the Council's accounts. The Clerk said all accounts were uploaded online for viewing and explained the balance as of end of year was to account for up to 12 months reserves and to comply with the forecast budget.
4. Stephen O'Sullivan asked why his application to join the Council had not been acknowledged. The Clerk was on leave. Chair gave his apologies

233/2018: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 11th September 2018 & MATTERS ARISING:

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th September 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved subject to amendment of the reference to the Cricket Club in correspondence which should refer to the Football Section of the Club.

234/2018: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL:

There was nothing to report since the last meeting except there was a problem with the new CCTV system and the Clerk will contact the suppliers to call and resolve the problem

235/2018 COMMUNITY PLAY PARKS: An inspection has been instructed and the outcome will be reported at the next meeting

236/2018 The 2018 ANNUAL RETURN: The Clerk reported that the Welsh Audit Office had completed their audit of the Community Council's accounts and had issued an unqualified certificate. The return is on display in the foyer and has also been uploaded to the Council website. The report from the Auditors includes some minor recommendations for improvement of the detail contained in the Council's minutes in particular to include specifically reference to the Accounting Statements and the annual governance statement, providing more detail when agreeing the budget and the precept including reference to the reserves and to ensure that where there are alternative statements in the return that the one which does not apply is deleted. The Clerk asked the meeting to approve the certificate and the report and this was carried unanimously

237/2018 TO DISCUSS THE VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL: The Clerk reported that Gordon Walker had resigned following the September meeting. As a result, there are 2 vacancies on the Council. The appropriate notice is being prepared and once that part of the process has been completed Council will hold a meeting to hopefully co-opt 2 new Councillors. So far Council has received three expressions of interest in filling the vacancies.

238/2018 COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hall and Events Committee – The minutes had been circulated and copies were made available, but the main points were :-

1. Applications to the Community Fund were considered and the following were recommended:
 - a. Four Seasons Market application was declined but it was recommended that they be offered free use of the hall for their events in lieu.
 - b. DJ Boxing for equipment for 5yrs plus £300.00
 - c. St John Ambulance full amount declined but recommended £200.00

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d. Clydach Cricket Club under 10s for goals and nets	£250.00
e. Clydach Cricket Club under 6s for new kit	£300.00
f. Forge Fach over 50s application declined but recommended for advertising	£100.00
g. Papur Bro Lias support printing of magazine	£300.00
h. FC Clydach Sponsorship for kit for 5 to 9-year olds	£300.00
i. Kelly Kennedy Memorial Fund to support counselling	£300.00

These payments were approved by the meeting. Councillors Bailey, Ffrancon, Richards, Bowmer, B Thomas and S Thomas declared interests in respect of b, d, e, g and h.

2. Arrangements were well in hand for the fireworks display on 4th November. The Mond had confirmed use of their car park and Council is waiting to hear from the Heath Centre. DW Thomas car park is in use so is not available.
3. The dead plants are to be removed and replaced with evergreens for winter. The rotten wooden planters are to be removed. The Clerk will price up additional planters for the winter.
4. The arrangements for this year's Christmas parade were discussed and it was decided that as the reindeer are booked on the date of our parade alternatives would be costed and if a suitable alternative were not available then Council would consider the land train or the local tractor which can pull a 'sleigh'. The Clerk will update the booking form for stalls and will seek permission from the local authority to use the car park as last year.
5. Real trees will be provided this year. Cost to the shops £10 and Council will investigate 'industrial lighting'.

Planning Committee

1. 16 Ynysymond Road, Glais – Application to lop oak tree which is subject of a TPO 2018/1918
2. Capel Sion, Glais – Change of use of Chapel to storage but retention of vestry 2018/1937
3. 2 Fford Tyn Y Coed. Clydach – Remove conservatory and small rear ext and replace with single storey ext 2018/2028
4. 131 Pontardawe Road, Clydach – Two storey side and rear ext. 2018/2071
5. 1 Brynamlwg, Clydach – Single storey bedroom, shower room with front porch ext for disabled person 2018/2076

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

Item

	Amount	
1. Wages	£2,232.73	BACS
2. Tax and NIC	430.76	BACS
3. Eurooffice – Ink and Hall sundries	218.50	BACS
4. LLIW Building materials, refund to G Walker	34.12	Cash
5. Wattech – spotlight hire	65.00	BACS
6. One Voice Wales – Seminar	40.00	BACS
7. Brandon Hire – Lighting hire	146.64	BACS
8. J B Heating – repair of leaking pipes	739.20	BACS
9. Reable – Monthly gardening and watering	355.00	BACS
	£4,261.95	

ACTIONS:

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

239/2018: CORRESPONDENCE: –

1. Jason Smith had contacted the Council about Parish maps which his company can supply for £200 with free updates for three years. The Clerk will ask for more information and a sample.

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2. Geraint Thomas contacted the Council to ask if the Hall would be available for a Christmas Comedy Cracker with Noel James and in principle Council is in favour subject to them working round Slimming World who have the Hall on Wednesdays till shortly after 7.

240/2018 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. There are some more convenient ones which have been circulated and Councillors are encouraged to attend as many as possible.

241/2018 NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 13th November 2018 preceded as usual by the Planning Committee and Audit Committee at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: