

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

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

Cllrs. J Davies (Chair), P. Morgan, L Jenkins, R Jenkins, M. Bowmer, K Bevan, D Owen, G Richards, G Walker and I Whitehurst

**129/2014: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs B Gardiner and P Dalling.

**130/2014: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllrs Morgan and Davies declared an interest in respect of the discussions relating to Graigfelen Community Hall, Cllr Walker declared an interest in respect of all planning matters.

**131/2014: POLICE REPORT:** PC Tony Davis gave the Police Report highlighting an upturn in the theft of tools. He also reported that there would be a speed campaign focussing on Pontardawe Road. He also indicated he was looking for volunteers to join a speed awareness project. Cllr Bowmer has volunteered and Tony is looking for one more. He highlighted upcoming events including the next PACT meeting which takes place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6-30 pm. The Council would like to host a Crime Prevention event.

**132/2014: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

No one had requested to make use of this facility.

**133/2014: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2014**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

**134/2014: THE FUTURE OF GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL AND FORGE FACH**

Council has been advised that the draft lease should be delivered next week. As far as Forge Fach is concerned we still await dates for the meeting over the play area and the Clerk was instructed to chase this up and contact Sarah Crawley and Ian Bynon directly. We have been advised that there are two parties who have expressed an interest in taking over Forge Fach but the process is still at a very early stage.

**135/2014: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Halls Committee** – Cllr Bowmer reported that she had purchased 35 trees for £12 each and that they would be put up on Saturday weather permitting. They will be switched on the following week in good time for the Christmas market. The cost of the trees was unanimously approved. An invoice will be provided by the date of the market.
- b. **Planning Committee**
  1. 204 Kingrosia Park, Clydach – Replacing shed at rear of garage 2014/1320
  2. 53 Oakwood Drive, Clydach – Conversion of garage to utility room and study 2014/1551
  3. 4 Ger Y Coed, Clydach – Change of use from unoccupied to occupied flat 2014/1435
  4. 4 The Copse, Graigola Road, Glais – Building of Wall and Gates for security 2014/1558.
- c. **Audit Committee** - *(all invoices for payment are scrutinised by the Audit committee prior to presentation to full council)*

The council approved the recommendations of the Audit and Accounts Committee for payment of the following invoices

Item	Amount	VAT	Cheque Number
1. Wages	£2,469.08		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£482.43		BACS
3. City and County of Swansea - Rates	£350.00		BACS
4. City and County of Swansea – Neat Team	£7,200.00		BACS
5. Clerk's Expenses	£25.00		BACS
6. Chair's Expenses	£27.00		BACS
7. Caretaker's Expenses	£6.21		BACS
8. H R Jones	£225.65		BACS

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9. Cllr L Jenkin's Expenses £27.53 BACS

ACTIONS: £10,812.90

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

## 136/2014 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. There was a request from Glantawe Lions to put up a poster about their Tree of Life. This was approved.
2. There was a request from the Gardening Club to site a small cupboard on the work surface behind the kitchen door. After due consideration due to the lack of space the Council reluctantly refused the request.
3. Email from SSAFA about the siting of a textile recycling bank. The Council is keen to support this and the Clerk will write with some suggestions.
4. There was an email from Mr Roger Smith re the plaques and stained glass window from the War Memorial Hospital. There are being held in safe custody in Community Centre. Mr Smith was present and was advised accordingly.
5. The Evening Post had requested if a Councillor would like to write a regular column in the paper and Cllr G Richards was nominated to take on this task.
6. The Council has received three quotes for replacing the flooring in the Hall and new Office and these will be considered at the next Halls meeting
7. There was an email from Fiona Lewis about the Police coming to the Hall and using the Committee Room. The Council had no objection to the proposals subject to minor adjustment and clarification of the likely timescale. The Clerk will reply.

**137/2014 STAFF AND MEMBERS TRAINING** – The Clerk continues to circulate Councillors with details of suitable training events. One Voice Wales has already been advised that we would be interested in hosting training and the Clerk will endeavour to arrange for this to take place when the next batch of seminars is being planned. In particular Councillors had indicated interest in Code of Conduct seminars and details will be distributed when there is a local venue.

**138/2014 NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014. The Planning Committee will meet at usual at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8-45pm

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*