

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 11th March 2014.

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

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

29/2014: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllr. J. Thomas

30/2014: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Morgan and Davies declared an interest in respect of the discussions relating to Graigfelen Community Hall and Cllr Walker declared an interest in respect of all planning matters.

31/2014: POLICE REPORT: The Police apologised for being unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk read the latest newsletter to the meeting highlighting the most recent statistics. The next PACT meeting has been arranged for Friday 14th March 2014 in the Community Hall starting at 6-30pm.

32/2014: DEVELOPMENT TRUST/COMMUNITIES FIRST REPORT: There were no developments to report. The matter is now in the hands of the City and County of Swansea and we have asked to be kept in the loop when any decisions are made. So far no further meetings have been arranged.

33/2014: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

No member of the public had requested the use of this facility.

34/2014: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 11th February 2014

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 11th February 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

35/2014: THE FUTURE OF GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The Chair reported that the Community Council had lodged an Expression of Interest with the City and County of Swansea along with the requested supportive documentation. The matter will be considered by the Evaluation Panel on 7th April 2014.

36/2014: CLYDACH WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Cllr Davies updated the meeting on the progress of the Partnership. The meeting was concerned at the lack of progress. A petition has been started and some publicity in the local press would be helpful. The matter was referred to the next Partnership meeting for discussion

37/2014: CLYDACH HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Cllr Owen reported that she had received complaints from constituents over difficulties with the appointment system and after discussion it was agreed to invite the practice manager to the next matter to discuss the matter further.

38/2014: MEMBERSHIP OF ONE VOICE WALES: The Clerk reported that the renewal papers for membership had been received and it was agreed that the subscription should be renewed. The subscription for the year is £934.

39/2014: MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. The Clerk raised the possibility of the Council acquiring a laminator which would cost around £30 and this was unanimously approved.
2. The Council would like to provide planters near the bus stop to continue the programme of brightening up the village.

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40/2014: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Halls Committee** – The meeting expressed their thanks to Cllrs Bowmer and L Jenkins for all their work in connection with the provision of Welsh flags in the village and the NEAT team for the planters. The meeting agreed to provide planters to the Schools with automatic entry into this years' Clydach in Bloom competition.

b. Planning Committee

1. 23 Factory Road, Clydach – Erect an attached garage. 2014/0309
2. 33 Woodside Crescent, Clydach – Single storey side extension 2014/0261
3. Pontardawe Road, Clydach – Change of use application 2014/0182

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	£1,987.01		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£532.13		BACS
3. Clerk's expenses	£6.95		BACS
4. BT Phone	£101.47	£20.29	BACS
5. Welsh Water	£308.37		BACS
6. HR Jones	£87.99		
7. Caretaker's expenses	£3.15		BACS

ACTIONS:

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

41/2014 CORRESPONDENCE:

3. The Clerk updated the meeting on the visit from the Police to assess the office which is due to take place on Thursday 13th March 2014
4. Letter from Phil Hale asking for a lockable cupboard. One other group has already asked for a cupboard and at the moment we do not have any spare capacity to offer any more space.
5. The Clerk read an email from City and County of Swansea notifying us of their WW1 commemoration programme and the Clerk will respond asking for poppy seeds
6. The Clerk advised that the Financial Regulations have been updated but we are not affected as ours already comply with the new practices. One Voice Wales will be updating their style shortly.

42/2014: COUNCIL POLICIES The Council's policies are reviewed regularly and the Clerk indicated that he expected to bring a few updated drafts for approval over the next couple of months

43/2014 STAFF AND MEMBERS TRAINING – The Clerk will continue 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.

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44/2014 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8th April 2014. The Planning Committee will meet at usual at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8-35 pm

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: