

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 12th November 2013.

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

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

110/2013: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs P. Dalling and D. Owen

111/2013: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr. Walker declared an interest in respect of all planning matters and Cllr Davies in respect of the discussions about Graigfelen Hall.

112/2013: POLICE REPORT: Tony Davies of South Wales Police attended with three colleagues and updated the meeting on the Christmas initiatives with the schools and the Fire Service, upcoming meetings and also gave a progress report about the spate of burglaries in the village. He also highlighted their annual Christmas project which distributed 55 presents last year. The Council agreed to make any surplus selection boxes available after the Christmas event on 11th December.

113/2013: DEVELOPMENT TRUST/COMMUNITIES FIRST REPORT: Cllr Morgan reported on a further meeting the Community Council had had with Sarah Crawley (Head of Poverty and Prevention, Swansea City Council), Caroline Carter (Community Regeneration, Swansea City Council) and Shaz Abedean (Northeast Cluster Asst Manager) following the winding up of the Trust. The Liquidator has not completed his enquiries but he has already discovered a considerable level of debt. It is understood that once he has completed his examination a prospectus will be made available so that interested parties can approach him. The Clerk will get the title deeds from the Solicitors

114/2013: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

No one had requested to use this facility.

115/2013: CLYDACH WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Cllr Morgan updated the meeting on the progress of the Partnership and the rejection of a grant application by Swansea Council.

116/2013: DEPUTY CARETAKER

The Clerk reported that a number of applications had been received although many were from outside the local area. The Clerk will contact those who live locally to find out whether they are still interested.

117/2013 ROOF REPAIR

The Clerk advised that a total of 4 contractors had inspected the roof but only one had submitted a quote. Because of other priorities the Clerk was instructed to contact the contractors to see if a temporary repair could be carried out now.

118/2013 OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The Clerk explained that a backup system had been purchased for the office computer and an upgrade to Windows 8 Pro. No response to the message left about the printer so the Clerk was instructed to pursue that with vigour.

119/2013 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 8th October 2013

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th October 2013 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved subject to adding that 'Council noted that there had been complaints about the Developers use of Hebron Cemetery'

120/2013: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning Committee

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1. **158 Lone Road, Clydach – Rear single storey extension 1524/2013**
 2. **Plot 1D Woodlands Avenue, Clydach – New dwellinghouse 1527/2013**
 3. **39 Vera Road, Clydach – Single storey rear extension 1424/2013**
 4. **92 Grove Road, Clydach – Detached garage to rear 1358/2013**
- b. **Halls Committee – The Council’s initiative with local businesses had been taken up by almost all the shops in the village. The Council agreed to match the outlay on trees in the sum of £350 and approved expenditure of £200 on Santa’s Grotto for the Christmas event in the Community Hall.**
- 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	£1,537.98		BACS
2. Tax/NIC	£621.44		BACS
3. Rates (December)	£343.00		BACS
4. NEAT Team CC Swansea	£7,200.00	£1,200.00	BACS
5. British Gas	£203.93		BACS
6. Carol’s Flowers	£105.00		102018
7. Chair’s Expenses	£26.00		BACS
8. Clerk’s Expenses	£156.46		BACS
9. Cllr Bowmer Expenses (Halloween)	£36.31		BACS

ACTIONS:

- Cllrs to sign agreed cheques
Clerk to distribute as required.

A sum of £60 was approved for a new Santa suit

Standing Orders were suspended at 9.00 pm.

A recommendation from the Audit/Finance Committee to increase the 2014/15 Precept by 2% was considered. Three counter proposals were also considered and after due discussion the recommendation from the Audit/Finance Committee was approved.

121/2013 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Clerk read a letter from Susan Jones seeking support for her daughter Elena who is training for the Commonwealth and Olympic Games. The Council is not able to assist by way of donation but will investigate to see if there is some other way of supporting her. The Clerk will write and suggest she contacts the Mond.
2. The Clerk will pursue an Asbestos survey as a matter of urgency.

122/2013 STAFF AND MEMBERS TRAINING – The Clerk will continue to distribute notice of suitable training modules. He advised that he had received an updated schedule from One Voice Wales which would be circulated in the usual way. The Clerk will offer the Community Hall as an alternative venue for seminars.

123/2013 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 10th December 2013. The Planning Committee will meet at usual at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9-30 pm

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The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: