

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 13th January 2015.

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

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

1/2015: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs D Owen. M Bowmer, P Dalling and K Bevan.

2/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Morgan and Davies declared an interest in respect of the discussions relating to Graigfelen Community Hall.

3/2015: POLICE REPORT: There was no report from the Police. The Clerk reported that the Police were very grateful to the Council for providing gift bags and selection boxes at Christmas. The speed trap initiative had been a success using school children to hold the speed guns seemed to have the desired effect. There were no tickets issued. There had been a report in the Evening Post stating that there had been 40 burglaries in the area and The Clerk was asked to contact the Police for more information and a breakdown of the incidents.

4/2015: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

No one had requested to make use of this facility.

5/2014: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 9th DECEMBER 2014

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 9th December 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

6/2014: THE FUTURE OF GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL AND FORGE FACH

Martin Jenkins will not be back at his office for at least three weeks and we had wanted his input in respect of the terms of the draft lease. The Clerk will copy the lease to One Voice Wales and ask for their guidance. The process for the preferred bidder for Forge Fach is well advanced. City and County of Swansea are keen for Clydach Community Council to extend the lease and after discussion in principle it was agreed that we had no objection subject to safeguards being incorporated into the lease to guarantee that the premises would continue to be made available to the Community in perpetuity failing which the lease would be terminated and the land revert to the Community Council. We would also like safeguards to be put in place with regard to the park area, to allow out of office hours access with designated parking spaces.

7/2015: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Planning Committee

1. 5 Capel Road, Clydach – New signage for new pizzeria – No objection

b. 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	£2,024.82		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£299.79		BACS
3. City and County of Swansea – Sleigh Hire	£180.00		BACS
4. Chair's Expenses	£82.98		BACS
5. Fire & Safety	£61.80		BACS
6. PHS Group	£269.14		BACS
7. SWALEC	£141.71		BACS
8. Tony Watson (Plumber)	£475.00		Cheque
9. British Gas	£661.41		BACS

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ACTIONS:

£ 4,230.32

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

8/2015 PRECEPT FOR 2015/16

The precept for the coming year has to be requested by the end of January. The Community Council has agreed to limit the increase in the amount requested to 1% and the Clerk will submit the form in good time in the sum of £94,572 (Ninety four thousand five hundred and seventy two pounds)

9/2015 CORRESPONDENCE

1. The booking for the sleigh next December has been provisionally confirmed provided the service is not cut.
2. A thank you card with a donation of £200 received from the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Clerk to send letter of thanks.
3. Letter from Welsh Government advising that the date for Local elections has been put back for one year to 2017 and as a result those currently in office are extended for one year.
4. West Wales Border Fancy Canaries Club has enquired about using the Hall. There would seem to be a number of issues. The Clerk will find out what they are currently paying.
5. There has been a formal request to use the Hall as a Polling Station on May 7th 2015.
6. The original contractor who looked at the flooring can lay the floor in the new office for £396 plus VAT and the Clerk will arrange for samples to choose the colour to match that in the kitchen and have the work carried out before the next meeting.
7. Receipt and thanks received from Ty Croeso in respect of the proceeds of the raffle.
8. Dave Charlesworth who did the Fish Ladder finally got in touch and the work is not yet complete. He will address the issues raised with him when they are completing the work.

10/2015 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.

11/2015 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 10th February 2015. The Planning Committee will meet as usual at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8-30 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: