

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 9th September 2014.

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

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

105/2014: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs R Jenkins and G Richards.

106/2014: 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 and Cllr Gardiner declared an interest in Planning item no 3.

107/2014: POLICE REPORT: No report was available from the Police. This may have been the result of annual leave. The October PACT meeting will be held on Friday 10th October 2014 at the usual time of 6-30pm.

108/2014: DEVELOPMENT TRUST/COMMUNITIES FIRST REPORT: The Council had received an e-mail regarding Forge Fach and the Clerk was instructed to forward the message to all Councillors.

109/2014: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:
No one had requested to make use of this facility.

110/2014: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 8th JULY 2014

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th July 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

111/2014: ANNUAL RETURN AND AUDITORS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Annual Return had now been approved by the Welsh Audit Office without any adverse comments and accordingly the next step in the process is for the Return to be approved by the Council, the form is then signed by the Chair and the Clerk and then submitted to the Welsh Audit Office. The accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were unanimously approved by the meeting and the Clerk will now submit the form to the Welsh Audit Office.

112/2014: CLYDACH WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

There have been no developments to report.

113/2014: CLYDACH HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Cllrs Davies and Walker met with the Practice Manager to discuss the concerns raised with the Community Council in particular over the appointments system. The Council is particularly concerned that it was misquoted in the local paper and it was suggested that some sort of joint statement might be agreed with the Centre and released to the Press. Cllr Morgan will draft an appropriately worded statement. It is hoped that the installation of extra telephone lines will help to reduce the waiting time on the phone.

114/2014: COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Halls Committee** – The Summer Fete had been a great success attracting positive comments throughout the village. Plans for the next events in the calendar are well advanced. The firework display will be on Saturday 1st November preceded by a BBQ. Entry will be free and the display will last for at least 15 minutes. Arrangements for the Christmas Market are also progressing and applications for stall tables will shortly be invited. The matter of Christmas Tree lights and trees was raised and the meeting unanimously approved allocating the sum of £200.

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b. Planning Committee

1. Pontardawe Road, Clydach – Retention of carwash and valet facility 2013/1398
2. 44 High Street, Clydach – Installation of air conditioning condenser to rear. 2013/1408
3. 58 Penydre Road, Clydach – Rear ground floor extension. 2013/1392
4. Meadowbrook Bungalow, Gellionen Road, Clydach – Rear ground floor shower room extension. 2013/1313
5. 13 Ramsay Road, Clydach – Lean to Conservatory to side of kitchen. 2013/1260

The only concerns the Committee had were in relation to the last 2 applications with regard to the impact on the privacy of the neighbouring proprietors. The committee's recommendations were approved by the meeting and the Clerk was instructed to write to the City and County of Swansea with the Council's comments.

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	£263.99		BACS
3. City and County of Swansea - Rates	£350.00		BACS
4. H R Jones	£16.24		BACS
5. Chair's expenses	£46.05	£7.68	BACS
6. SWALEC	£197.62	£9.41	BACS
7. Mazars	£510.00	£85.00	BACS
8. BT Internet	£57.60	£9.60	BACS

ACTIONS:

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

115/2014 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The Council has received a letter of thanks from the Sewing Group who meet here now on Monday afternoons while their normal venue is upgraded.
2. There have been a number of letters of appreciation from members of the public for the Fete.
3. There has been a request from Clydach Heritage Centre seeking help with the publishing costs of their Newsletter and the Council approved this in the approximate sum of £125 plus VAT

116/2014: COUNCIL POLICIES The Clerk is reviewing the Council's policies and indicated that he expected to bring a few updated drafts for approval over the next couple of months

117/2014 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.

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118/2014 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 14th October 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: