

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

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

Cllrs. J Davies (Chair), L Jenkins, P Morgan, G Richards, M Bowmer, M Bailey, I Jones, B Gardiner, N Honeyman, T Holloway, R Jenkins, I Whitehurst, B Humphreys and G Walker

**153/2015: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs P Dalling. The Chair welcomed new Councillor Brian Humphries.

**154/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Davies and P Morgan declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelen Community Hall. Cllr Walker declared an interest in respect of all planning matters and the work on the ground at Forge Fach. Cllr Bailey declared an interest with regard to the discussions about the play park and parking at Forge Fach.

**155/2015: POLICE REPORT:** There was no report from the Police. The meeting with the police still hasn't taken place but it is scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April when we hope to discuss those matters which are causing concern to the Council. The Clerk has been asked to provide details of the dates for the various events and although this has already been furnished to them he will reconfirm the dates.

## **156/2015: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

No-one had requested to make use of this facility.

## **157/2015: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL**

The Clerk reported that he had had his six monthly meeting with Polly Gordon about the Hall. There are no current issues except that the boiler has broken down. The Clerk has been given the contact details for a heating engineer and the problem should be rectified quickly.

## **158/2015: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

The problems with regard to parking in the village were discussed further. Dynamic Rock advised the name of the owner of the property and that a sum of £3,500 had been pledged from local businesses and other local sources towards the potential costs. There were two proposals to be considered a) that the Community Council contributes towards the cost of resurfacing the car park at Dynamic Rock subject to receiving appropriate binding assurances from the landowner and b) that the Community Council does not contribute to the cost of resurfacing the car park at Dynamic Rock but concentrate on pursuing the possibility of providing parking at Cae Charles. The majority vote was in favour of proposal b.

## **159/2015: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH**

The insurance for the park is now in place as part of the Community Council's combined policy. Local businesses and Virgin Media had helped along with other volunteers in making the park ready for use and the Clerk was instructed to send a letter of the thanks to Virgin Media volunteers. It was unanimously agreed that the park should be named Forge Fach Community Park with a sign in Welsh and English. Valley signs will be approached.

## **160/2015: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved.

## **161/2015: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Hall and Events Committee**

There is a need to promote the Council more, not just on Facebook and on our web page. We may need to employ a casual worker during the summer to control weeds etc. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the POD (NEAT Team) and will circulate their current weekly schedule. The Prince's Trust is a possible source of volunteers. Cllr Honeyman will provide contact details.

The line-up for Clydach Rocks is in place and the plans for the celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June are well advanced. The newest marquee has been ordered and should be delivered within 10 days.

The Clerk was instructed to complain about the state of the car park outside the Hall and ask if it was possible for signs to be erected in the village directing drivers to car parks. It was agreed that a meeting be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7-00 pm to discuss quotes for repairing the roof.

### **b. Planning Committee**

1. 50 Capel Road, Clydach – Rear extension, shower and utility room 2016/0419
2. 66 Hebron Road, Clydach – proposed extension to convert single storey building to 2 storey building.

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| 3. 123 Kingrosia Park, Clydach – proposed side conservatory                     | 2016/0348 |
| 4. 20 Waungron Road, Clydach – increase in ridge height and three front dormers | 2016/0481 |
|   | 2016/0443 |

The Planning Committee had no adverse comments on any of these applications.

**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	£2,608.74		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£527.01		BACS
3. BT Business	£63.26		BACS
4. Chair's Expenses Hall Sundries	£55.82		BACS
5. Clerk's Expenses	£76.99		BACS
6. Cllr Walker's Expenses	£44.15		BACS
7. Dancover	£543.36		BACS
8. Graigfelen Rates	£225.90		Cheque
9. Clydach Rates	£356.40		Cheque
10. Flowers	£15.00		Cash
11. SWALEC	£250.97		BACS
12. British Gas	£982.71		BACS
	<b>£5,750.31</b>		

#### ACTIONS:

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

The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 9-00 pm

#### 162/2015 CORRESPONDENCE

1. We have had a reply about the old school bell confirming that it is used during history lessons by the school
2. The Clerk reported that he had checked the rules about eligibility for Councillors and Preston Davies would be eligible to serve. He contacted him but he has replied to say that because of other commitments he won't be pursuing his interest. Brian Humphries had also expressed interest and asked to be contacted if a vacancy arises so he could now fill the remaining slot and of he is here tonight and has been co-opted.
3. Morryston Orpheus Choir declined our offer with regard to using the Hall.
4. We've had a message from Jeff Davidson regarding graffiti
5. Direct Debits. The Clerk has clarified the rules with regard to Direct Debits and OVW advise that they have been changed. The Clerk suggested that we take advantage of this change particularly with regard to rates and utilities.
6. Registration of the Council's title to Waverley Park now completed on the Land Register. We can now complete the Village Green application which should be formally approved. The Clerk has a meeting with Gareth on Thursday to go over the paperwork.
7. The Clerk had his bi-annual meeting with Polly Gordon last Thursday and everything seems fine. The Hall is almost breaking even and as the first 6 months figures includes a number of annual bills the second half should see us in the black.
8. A complaint has been made to Swansea about the container and we've had a notice to remove it within a month. The Clerk will contact the City and County of Swansea to see what options are available to us.

**163/2015 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.

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**164/2015 NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 followed by the AGM. The Planning Committee will meet as usual at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9-15 pm.

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*