

CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

Cllrs. J Davies (Chair), L Jenkins, M Bailey, M Bowmer, P Morgan, P Dalling, G Richards and G Walker

88/2015: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs D Owen, Gardiner and R Jenkins.

89/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllrs Davies and 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 quote for work on the ground at Forge Fach.

90/2015: POLICE REPORT: There was no report from the Police. There had been a PACT meeting in the Hall on Friday 9th October. Council asked the Clerk to contact the police to remind them of the upcoming events and to encourage them to publicise their events more widely to improve attendance which in turn would give the community greater contact with the police.

91/2015: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

No one had requested to make use of this facility.

92/2014: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL

The lease has now been signed and the Community Council assumed responsibility for the running and management of the Hall on 1st October. A number of contracts are in the process of being renewed or replaced including the insurance and alarm system. The clerk outline details of the insurance quote and the proposal from Ansvar was unanimously approved. Chubb cover the hall alarm system and it was agreed that we take over the contract which has been cancelled by the City and County of Swansea. The representative indicated that a four camera cctv system could be installed and maintained for £8.23 per week and the Clerk will seek a firm quotation for both Halls. Servicemaster have quoted for a deep clean of the Hall including the furniture and the meeting unanimously agreed to the work being carried out during half term week. This would allow the Council to hold an Open Day at the Hall on Friday 30th October to which the AM who played a major part in our taking over the Hall, the local County Councillors and existing and potential users of the Hall would be invited.

93/2014: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 8th September 2015

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 8th September had been circulated prior to the meeting and were unanimously approved subject to adding Cllr Morgan's declaration on interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfelen Hall.

94/2015: COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Hall and Events Committee

Plans for upcoming events are well advanced and the Community Council continues to seek ways of expanding the events. The Cricket Club confirmed they were happy to have the Fireworks display on their grounds and offered a contribution of £500 towards the cost of the display.

The sale of tables for the Christmas Fayre is slow and requires further promotion. Posters are being prepared and promotion will be stepped up on the Website and Facebook pages. The Clerk explained the quotes received for hiring reindeer for the Christmas event and the proposal to hire four deer from Winter Wonderland at Three Crosses was approved. The Clerk outlined quotes received for the purchase of trees for the village and he was instructed to order 50 small trees from Gower Trees plus one rooted 10 to 12 foot tree for outside the Community Hall. The trees are required for 21st November. A container is needed for the Council's marquees which can no longer be stored on the stage with the upcoming pantomime. Details of the pantomime are that it will be based on Cinderella with a local theme. We will be required to produce a couple of backdrops and auditions will take place early next year for potential participants aged 14 and over.

b. Planning Committee

1. Land at Hoel Eithrim – Construction of one detached dwellinghouse on former Local Authority storage site. 2015/1815
2. 5 Oakwood Rise, Clydach – removal and cutting back of trees. 2015/2023

The committee had no adverse comments about any of the applications subject to a professional arborist being involved in application no 2.

c. Audit Committee - (all invoices for payment are scrutinised by the Audit committee prior to presentation to full council)

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The council approved the recommendations of the Audit and Accounts Committee for payment of the following invoices

Item	Amount	VAT	Cheque Number
1. Wages	£2,057.76		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£300.07		BACS
3. Clerk's Expenses	£218.00		BACS
4. Caretaker's Expenses	£24.00		BACS
5. Integro Insurance	£221.17		BACS
6. C&CS Rates (8)	£357.00		BACS
7. Flowers	£15.00		BACS
8. BT Broadband	£74.40		BACS
9. British Gas	£168.10		BACS
10. SWALEC	£247.39		BACS
	£3,682.89		

ACTIONS:

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

95/2015 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Cllr Bailey outlined a new scheme for development of land for the benefit of the Community where grants are available and asked if the ground adjoining the Clydach Community Hall might be suitable. The suggestion was unanimously approved. On the same subject the Clerk said that there was new scheme starting soon funded by the money collected by Tesco from the sale of their plastic bags. Applications are to be made from 19th October and Cllr Bailey undertook to make the application. Also free wild seeds are available and the Clerk will make an application on behalf of the Council.
2. The Clerk read out Thank You cards from Emma Shepherd and Debbie from the Yoga class.
3. Quotes have been received for the remedial work required behind Forge Fach and after discussion the meeting approved the quotation from Cwmnantlleici Plant and asked the Clerk to contact them to have the work carried out as soon as possible.

96/2015 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.

97/2015 NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 10th November 2015. The Planning Committee will meet as usual at 6.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8-45 pm.

The above minutes are approved as a true record

Signed Chair Community Council:

Date: