

# CLYDACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Community Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

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

Cllrs. J Davies (Chair), P Dalling, K Bevan, M Bowmer, M Bailey, I Jones, R Jenkins, I Whitehurst and G Walker

**128/2015: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received on behalf of Cllrs L. Jenkins and N. Honeyman. The Clerk reported that Cllr D Owen had not attended a monthly meeting for over 6 months had accordingly disqualified herself from sitting as a Community Councillor. Work commitments abroad made it difficult and Cllr Owen expressed her regrets at being unable to devote as much time to the Community as she would have liked.

**129/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr. Davies declared an interest in respect of any discussions relating to Graigfele Community Hall. Cllr Walker declared an interest in respect of all planning matters and the work on the ground at Forge Fach. Cllr Bailey and Cllr Bevan declared an interest with regard to the parking at Forge Fach.

**130/2015: POLICE REPORT:** There was no report from the Police. The Clerk read out a response to the queries raised by Councillors at the January monthly meeting. In particular the response regarding the accident in November really didn't help Council. The reply stated that the details were subject to the Data Protection legislation but Council is not interested in the identity of the alleged driver involved but more to understand why someone who managed to rip a wheel off a vehicle, handed themselves into the police some five days later would appear to have escaped unpunished. The Clerk was instructed to ask for more information without infringing on any personal details. The police have not chosen a date for the next PACT meeting but will give the Council plenty of notice. Unfortunately attendance at recent meetings has been very poor. The Police forwarded an email in support of the Council's continuing concern over the parking problems at Quarr Road.

## **131/2015: TEN MINUTE PERIOD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:**

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

## **132/2015: GRAIGFELEN COMMUNITY HALL**

Everything is now in place and the Hall is now running smoothly. No further alarm call outs.

## **133/2015: PARKING IN THE VILLAGE**

The Clerk reported the Council had received a number of complaints about parking problems in the village specifically relating to businesses. Cllr Bailey explained the problems he had encountered with trying to ensure spaces were available for patrons using the facilities at Forge Fach and reluctantly as a result he has had to impose restrictions on the use of the car park by members of the public. He is aware that this has consequences for those who used to use the car park but his prime responsibility is to those using Forge Fach. If they cannot park then they will simply stop using the facility and it will fold. The meeting discussed various possible solutions which will hopefully alleviate the situation and the matter will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

## **134/2015: PLAY PARK AT FORGE FACH**

The insurance for the park has still to be agreed but Virgin Media and members of the public are meeting at the park on 11<sup>th</sup> February to paint the equipment in readiness for reopening for the public.

## **135/2015: REQUEST TO USE THE HALL ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

The Morriston Orpheus Choir has approached the Council to use the Hall on Wednesday and Sunday evenings starting in April. The main issue is organising the closing of the premises and setting up the Hall for the next user. Council approved the use subject to the choir putting the tables and chairs out for the OAPs when they have finished on Wednesdays and clearing the chairs away after they have finished on Sundays ready for the fitness group on Mondays. The Clerk will contact them and advise them accordingly. The charge was approved at £10 per hour.

## **136/2015: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

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

## **137/2015: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**b.** There are still some Christmas lights to be removed. St David's day is close and the Clerk was asked to

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order 50 Welsh flags and 12 St David's flags in time for the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Plans are well advanced for the upcoming events. The pantomime is on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February in the Community Hall.

b. **Planning Committee**

1. 15 Tygwyn Road, Clydach – 2 storey side, single storey rear extension with rear dormer.  
15/2497
  2. 26 Edison Crescent, Clydach – Ground floor rear and side extension 16/0071
  3. 12 Bryn Tirion, Clydach – Rear single storey extension 16/0109
  4. 31 Hebron Road, Clydach - application appeal in March 14/1906
- The committee had no adverse comments about these applications. The Appeal in respect of number 4 will be heard on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

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	£2,138.52		BACS
2. Tax & NIC	£332.76		BACS
3. One Voice Wales	£994.00		BACS
4. Caretaker's Expenses Hall Sundries	£72.04		BACS
5. Clerk's Expenses – Stage backdrops	£179.64		BACS
6. APT Roofing	£150.00		BACS
	<b>£3,866.96</b>		

**ACTIONS:**

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

## 138/2015 CORRESPONDENCE

1. One Voice Wales had written with a renewal notice for membership and the meeting agreed that the subscription of £994 was good value for all the assistance we receive and approved the renewal.
2. The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides had sent a thank you card for the provision of the Hall along with a donation cheque for £210. The Clerk was asked to send a thank you letter.
3. The Council's solicitor has advised that the process of registering the Council's title to the land at Waverley Park is well advanced and we now have a title number. He will be in touch when the process has been completed.
4. We have received intimation that the Hall at Vardre Road and Graigfelen will both be required for the elections in May and the Clerk will return the forms with the new details.
5. The roof was repaired and around 20 tiles had to be replaced at a total cost of £150.
6. Cllr Bailey had been approached about the possibility of having some defibrillators distributed around the village. There is a grant available provided we could give some locations and Cllr Bailey was asked to move the application forward as this would be a very valuable asset for the village

**139/2015 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.

**140/2015 NEXT MEETING** The next meeting of the full Council will be held at 7.00 pm. on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The Planning Committee will meet as usual at 6.30 pm.

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The meeting closed at 8-45 pm.

*The above minutes are approved as a true record*

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

*Date: .....*