

April 2021

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 14 April 2021 on Zoom.

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PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: M.WHITTER, L.PRICE, R.PRICE, A. WARREN, J. ABBOTT,
A. ROBERTS

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

51.1 All Councillors present.

52. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

52.1 There were no declarations of interest.

53. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

53.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were then agreed as a true record.

54. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

54.1 Minute 46.4 Payment made via Debit Card.

54.2 Minute 47.2 Bench will be arriving tomorrow.

54.3 Minute 47.4 Lisa Austin has been informed and the reply was to please bare with her. Borough Councillor Roberts will contact her.

54.4 Minute 47.5 The dog warden patrols on a regular basis. Borough Councillor Roberts has requested additional bins.

55. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

55.1 The clerk met with Mr Richard Curzon from the company Landtech. The company were recommended by Borough Councillor Roberts as they are used by RCT. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the problem and the treatment of the knotweed at the allotment. A thorough inspection was undertaken and the proposal was as follows for a 3 year treatment

Year 1 Treatment to be carried out between August and mid October £450

Year 2 £350

Year 3 £350

It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact the company to go ahead with the treatment of the knotweed according to the advice and quotation received.

55.2 The new keys have been distributed to plot holders and the new locks will be placed on the gates on Saturday by H. Jones

55.3 The insurance claim for the damaged fence has been approved by Admiral Insurance and should be in the bank account shortly.

55.4 Borough councillor Roberts requested another skip which was ordered and March 23. This was filled and has been collected.

55.5 There is a bench in the office that is unallocated and it was RESOLVED: that this be placed in a suitable area of the allotment. The clerk will liaise with H. Jones

56. EVENTS

56.1 After a lengthy discussion, in light of the pandemic, it was RESOLVED: that a date be set for the Annual Forestry Run Wednesday 25 August and the clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

57. CORRESPONDENCE

57.1 Notice of Audit has been received and it was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Mr Jason Morgan to carry out the Internal Audit.

57.2 There is one applicant for the post of Outdoor Assets Caretaker Mr Huw Jones. It was RESOLVED: that the post be offered to Mr Jones as he has been a casual member of staff for several years. The clerk will prepare a contract for him.

57.3 Mr Andreas Buch retracted his application for the councillor vacancy. Mr Andrew Draper has submitted an application but unfortunately it was received after the closing date. It was RESOLVED: that the position be re advertised on the website and notice board with a closing date of Friday 30 April and Mr Draper's application will be kept on file.

57.4 Borough Councillor Roberts has been approached by members of the public requesting a memorial bench for the whole of the village in memory of those who have lost their lives during the pandemic. They wanted to contribute towards the cost. After a discussion it was RESOLVED: that an order be placed with David Ogilvie Engineering for a Bespoke Country Dedication Bench, green in colour and decorated with yellow hearts, daffodils and a rainbow. It will also have a plaque for an inscription. It will be positioned on the green area to the rear of the council office and will be funded from the Windfarm money as the cost will be between £4000-£6000 depending on design.

57.5 Borough Councillor Roberts received correspondence from Saving Lives in Wales regarding heart Defibrillators. After discussion it was RESOLVED; that the council continue to support the need for defibrillators and training by issuing annual S137 grants to Gilfach Goch and Tonyrefail Community Defibrillators.

57.6 A. Warren was concerned that the Karate Club had not returned an application for a Windfarm Grant as discussed in the previous meeting. Borough Councillor Roberts reported that they had not met at all during the pandemic and it was RESOLVED: that they be given an annual S137 grant application form this year.

58. REPORT / COMPLAINTS

58.1 The clerk reported that she attended the SLCC Branch meeting on Zoom Wednesday 17 March. They were pleased to see Gilfach Goch Community Council represented.

58.2 The clerk reported that she has serious concerns with regards to the office pc. The pc is running on Windows 7 and is encountering problems especially with Internet Explorer and security issues due to lack of support and provided the councillors with a quotation from Extrascope. It was RESOLVED: that an order be placed for the upgrade at £570.50 and the purchase of Microsoft Office 365 annual subscription £94.80.

58.3 J Abbott expressed concerns regarding an area at the end of Glenavon Terrace by the flats and the steps leading onto High Street being used as a dumping ground. It was RESOLVED; that the clerk look into the matter.

59. FINANCIAL REPORT

59.1 Bank Balance as at 31.3.2021 £93869.12

59.2 Invoices

59.2a Map UK (Allotment Locks and Keys) CIL £101.63

59.2b Map UK (Allotment Locks and Keys) CIL £120.41

59.2c Orbital Fastners (Allotment Signage) CIL £13.04

59.2d Zoom (D Walters) £14.39

59.2e Cwm Rhondda Waste Management CIL £210

59.3 End of Year Reports

59.3a End of Year Report was approved for financial year 2020/2021

59.3b CIL End of Year Report was approved for financial year 2020/2021

59.3c Annual Budget was approved for financial year 2021/2022

60. ACCOUNTS

60.1 Cheques authorised

002622 H Jones £280

002623 D Walters £1266.96

002624 D Walters £14.39

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60.2 Bank Transactions for March

<u>March Expenditure</u>		
Centregreat	£1968	Chq 2621
H Jones	£280	Chq 2622
Dawn Walters	£1266.96	Chq 2623
Dawn Walters	£14.39	Chq 2624
G4S Care & Justice	£18.05	Allotment Signage
SSE Swalec	£66	Electricity
HMRC	£570.40	
B T	£64.39	
Cwm Rhondda Waste	£210	Skip Hire
David Ogilvie Engineering	£1239.60	WW1 Bench
Just Giving	£100	Donation
Map UK	£101.63	Allotment L & K
Map Uk	£120.41	Allotment L & K
Orbital Fastners	£13.04	Allotment Signage
<u>March Income</u>		
Allotments / Garages	£250	

61. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

61.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will be the AGM on Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom this will then be followed by the normal monthly meeting.

