

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 12 April 2023 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir Mercher 12 Ebrill 2023.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: A.WARREN L.PRICE R.PRICE A.DRAPER
J.ABBOTT J.REES D.ATHWAL

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS RICHARD WALTERS GGCA

113. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

113.1 No apologies were received.

114. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNCIL – TO RECEIVE ANY REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

114.1 No members of the public in attendance.

115. SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO MEET WITH ANDEW ROBERTS TO DISCUSS CONCERNS AND ISSUES AT THE ALLOTMENT

115.1 Andrew Roberts did not attend.

116. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

116.1 There were no declarations received.

117. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

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118. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

118.1 Minute 104.1 Bus stop flags on Gelliarael Road are in the process of being returned along with others.

118.2 Minute 107.1 To be discussed under agenda item 9.

118.3 Minute 109.1 The clerk reported that she has made an insurance claim £3301.66 for the damaged bus shelter panels as per quotation received from Bus Shelters Ltd. It was RESOLVED: that the council await the outcome before placing the order.

118.4 Minute 109.4 A meeting has been rearranged for Tuesday 25 April at the council office.

118.5 Minute 109.7 Borough Councillor Roberts requested more dog waste bins for High Street. RCT are sorry that there are none available now and with the government austerity cuts aren't sure when they will have any. If any become available, they will issue some in the area.

119. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

119.1 On the top Holly Street plots - A row of Hawthorn (sourced for free) has been planted along one edge to help with biodiversity. The woodchip paths have been marked out and dug out and the area turfed. The excess mud and turf have been transported to the fence opposing the community orchard to create a wind barrier for the trees. Richard Walters is also planning on putting hedgehog boxes in it. The woodchip paths have been edged ready to be filled. Free woodchip supply has been sourced from Miskin Tree Services. The probation service has been providing manpower to help with the plot and path creation. On the Llewellyn Street side plots - An 18m corrugated fence has been dug out due to being a potential injury risk. Plot areas have been marked out to enable new tenants to start work on their plots. A suitable spot has been located for the deployment of Beehives.

119.2 The clerk reported that it had been difficult to get companies to visit the allotment to quote for the removal of the debris and the two quotes are as follows Clear it Services £4500 inclusive of VAT and Pritchards £6380 + VAT. The problem is with the tonnage that is to be cleared as both companies are unsure of the actual weight of the debris. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make further enquiries with both companies regarding excess weight and wait for the weather to improve so that the debris dries and will weigh less.

120. OFFICE RENOVATIONS

120.1 The committee of the OAP hall are unwilling for the storeroom to be considered for office use. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk inform the committee that the community council are unable to accept the building on these terms and conditions.

120.2 An update was received from Michael Cude of RCT regarding the White Hut. He has received the disposal form from corporate estates and it will be sent to his head of service shortly for authorisation and then a case will be set up through the property information team. Councillor Warren mentioned the concrete tiled roof of the building and that Borough Councillor Roberts was going to seek advice of its safety. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact her for written confirmation.

120.3 Two quotations were received from S Jones regarding works on the slate. It was RESOLVED: that quotation number Q34 for £1326.43 be accepted and will be implemented along with the repair works to the dram.

121. WEBSITE

121.1 It was RESOLVED: that the clerk work with Councillor Draper for a new provider according to One Voice Wales guidelines.

122. CORRESPONDENCE

122.1 Six applications were received for financial contributions towards coronation celebrations. It was RESOLVED: that they each receive £150.

122.2 Borough Councillor Roberts made a request for the following expenditure from the Windfarm budget - £1000 Gilfach Goch Ladies Bowls (equipment and transport costs), £1000 Gilfach Goch OAP Association (transport for 2 summer outings) and Gilfach Goch Foodbank (£100 Easter chocolates). It was RESOLVED: that the payments be made.

122.3 Borough Councillor Roberts received a request from Evanstown community councillor, Sheryl Wasley, regarding working together to hold a Christmas event at the memorial bench along with purchasing a large, decorated tree. It was RESOLVED: that this be agreed.

122.4 SSE new contract for 12 months has been received and it was RESOLVED: that it be renewed.

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123. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

123.1 Councillor Draper reported on the community orchard and that all went to plan at the site in High Street. He will write a letter of thanks to Maria Toogood for her help and advice with the project. One bench will be positioned there soon and a further two at the waterfall area. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk contact Borough Councillor Roberts for advice on how to request permission for the positioning of the benches at the waterfall area and that S Jones be contacted for quotations for the works required.

123.2 Councillor Draper reported on the Hydropower working group. The clerk suggested that Dale Hart, Walters Pennant, be contacted for support.

123.3 Councillor Warren reported that he had attended the Code of Conduct Training provided by One Voice Wales.

123.4 Councillor R Price reported that he had been notified of an issue with a tree at Hendreforgan Crescent. It was RESOLVED: that no action would be taken.

124. FINANCIAL REPORT

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| 124.1 | Bank balance as of 31.03.23 | | £94286.87 |
| 124.2 | Invoices / Receipts | | |
| 124.2a | RCT | Buffet re Bench Ceremony | £144 |
| 124.2b | Screwfix | Protective clothing | £103.97 |
| 124.2c | Jeans Hardware | Brush | £9.20 |
| 124.2d | S H Electrics | Pat Testing | £50 |
| 124.2e | One Voice Wales | Training | £35 |
| 124.2f | Post Office | Envelopes | £2.49 |
| 124.2g | Post Office | Stamps | £3.80 |
| 124.2h | RCT | Dropped kerbs | £5000 |
| 124.2i | N Wilson | Hydropower Report | £75 |
| 124.2j | Travis Perkins | Allotment paths | £390.24 |
| 124.2k | RCT | C Orchard Completion Statement | £245 |
| 124.2l | C B & C Supplies | Disinfectant | £15.12 |
| 124.2m | Afan Landscapes | Allotment fencing | £10955.21 |

125. ACCOUNTS

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| 125.1 | Cheques authorised | | |
| | 002689 | Dawn Walters | £1067.12 |
| | 002690 | Huw Jones | £364.80 |
| | 002691 | Russell Scully | £1097.28 |

125.2 Bank transactions for March

| | <u>March Expenditure</u> | |
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| Dawn Walters | £1067.12 | Cheque 002689 |
| Huw Jones | £364.80 | Cheque 002690 |
| Russell Scully | £1097.28 | Cheque 002691 |
| Zoom | £15.59 | |
| HMRC | £455.89 | |
| BT | £40.66 | |
| Screwfix | £103.97 | |
| Jeans Hardware | £9.20 | |
| S H Electrics | £50 | |
| One Voice Wales | £35 | |
| Post Office | £6.29 | |
| RCT | £5000 | |
| N Willson | £75 | |
| Travis Perkins | £390.24 | |
| RCT | £245 | |
| Central Bar & Catering Supplies | £15.12 | |
| Afan Landscapes | £10955.21 | |

| | <u>March Income</u> | |
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| Garages | £10 | |
| Allotment | £150 | |

125.3 Money already earmarked

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| Dropped Kerbs | £0 |
| New Basketball Area | £40000 |
| Bus Shelters | £1888 |
| Events | £1132 |
| Windfarm | £0 |
| S137 Grants | £0 |
| Allotment | £0 |
| Office Refurbishment | £30000 |
| Election Costs | £0 |
| TOTAL | £73020 |

Commitments

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| Salaries (including oncosts) | £0 |
| Unpresented Cheques | £0 |
| TOTAL | £0 |

Income not yet received

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| Windfarm | £0 |
| Precept | £0 |
| Allotment & Ground Rent | £0 |
| TOTAL | £0 |

125.4 Bank Reconciliation

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| Balance @ 31.03.2023 | £94286.87 |
| Earmarked + Commitments | £-73020 |
| Income not yet received | £+0 |
| BAL: | £21266.87 |

125.5 The end of year figures were agreed and the budget for 2023/24 was approved.

126. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

126.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting, which will be the Annual General Meeting followed by the monthly meeting, which will take place on Wednesday 10 May 2023 at the Council Office.

