

## February 2022

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 on Zoom.**

***Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir Mercher 9 Chwefro 2022.***

### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

#### **93. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

93.1 A ROBERTS

#### **94. SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM CHELSEA HALL AND HER FREE LITTLE LIBRARY PROJECT**

94.1 Chelsea Hall did not attend the meeting.

#### **95. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

95.1 No declarations were received.

#### **96. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

#### **97. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

97.1 Minute 85.1 The neckrest for the chain of office is proving to be a difficult task for the seamstress but is attempting to handsew one.

97.2 Minute 85.3 The stile behind Glamorgan Terrace has been replaced with a gate.

97.3 Minute 85.4 The poppy signage is complete and will be delivered shortly.

97.4 Micro Hydro Energy Scheme to be discussed in reports.

**98. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

98.1 Mr Elfed Hughes is a new plot holder. He has a plot that has been made available by the clearance that has taken place and he is delighted.

98.2 Miskin Tree Services prepared information regarding options for the continuing treatment of the problematic brambles at the allotment. After a lengthy and indepth discussion with several factors considered it was RESOLVED: that the option of spraying will take place in the Spring. Plot holder Helen Probyn Williams has expressed concerns with regards to this option and felt strongly that it should be the decision of the plot holders but of course it is the councillors that are the decision makers and Helen will be informed of the decision along with all current plot holders.

98.3 The clerk will arrange a meeting with the members of the Allotment Association in March and discuss the plans for the proposed spend of £5000 in the next financial year.

**99. OFFICE RENOVATIONS**

99.1 The plans were agreed. R Price had concerns with regards to one of the new doors opening inwards. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries with Terry Hughes and instruct him to prepare the necessary paperwork and documents to proceed to the next stage. The number of years that documents held at the office need to be retained for will need to be confirmed.

**100. CORRESPONDENCE**

101.1 Planning applications were read and noted for the following

101.1a Developments on the land of the Former Blandy Arms 174 High Street CF39 8SH

101.1b 27 Ffordd Llanbad CF39 8FL. Rear dormer loft conversion

101.1c Land adjoining Highwinds Elm Street CF39 8TH. Development of a single detached bungalow.

101.2 Borough Councillor Roberts has requested that we purchase an electronic bingo machine for the Day Centre in High Street. The day centre was given a cheque for £500 on 13.11.19 but it was never cashed due to the fact that the Day Centre do not have their own bank account and this cheque has now been returned. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk purchase the bingo machine to be donated to them.

101.3 An update has been received regarding the memorial bench and it should arrive by the second week in March.

101.4 A discussion took place regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and it was RESOLVED: that the community council would not be doing anything specific but could possibly help any events taking place in the village should a request be received.

## **102. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

102.1 A Draper reported on the Micro Hydro Energy Scheme. He has been in conversation with Huw Irranca Davies and will hopefully have some more information by the next meeting.

102.2 H Jones Outdoor Assets Caretaker has expressed concerns with regards to some of the bus shelters that he cleans. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk investigate his concerns and proceed with the works / replacements required.

102.3 On the request of Borough Councillor Roberts the clerk expressed concerns on behalf of the community council via email to Cwm Taf Health Board regarding the continued issues at the Well Pharmacy and to Stagecoach regarding the lack of heating on the public transport. Both have acknowledged receipt of the emails but no reply has been received regarding the matters raised. J James believed that it is Welsh Government guidelines that the windows remain open on the public transport due to COVID.

102.4 The community council and Borough Councillor Roberts received an email from Richard Walters at the GGCA regarding the Skateboard Park and the renovations needed there. Richard is aware that there is a new Skateboard Park to be opened soon in Tonyrefail and is concerned that the many that use the park will go there. The clerk sent an email to Lisa Austin RCT along with a request for an update on the proposed play area at the top of High Street. The reply was that there had been a problem preparing for tender for the Skateboard Park but should be in place shortly and plans are being prepared for the new play area and should be available to be shared soon.

102.5 J James expressed great concerns with regards to the traffic and parking problems at Glenavon Terrace and the implications that could result from these concerns. All councillors agreed that drivers have no respect for the double yellow lines in the village and that policing is very rare. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk and Joan contact the Highways Department at RCT.

**103. FINANCIAL REPORT**

|        |                             |                        |           |
|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| 103.1  | Bank balance as of 31.01.22 |                        | £70476.52 |
| 103.2  | Invoices / Receipts         |                        |           |
| 103.2a | Zoom                        |                        | £14.39    |
| 103.2b | Cartridgesave               |                        | £37.63    |
| 103.2c | IT Geeks 4U                 | Annual fee for website | £272.50   |

**104. ACCOUNTS**

|       |                    |              |         |
|-------|--------------------|--------------|---------|
| 104.1 | Cheques authorised |              |         |
|       | 002659             | Dawn Walters | £964.36 |
|       | 002660             | Huw Jones    | £342.08 |

104.2 Bank transactions for January

**January Expenditure**

|                 |         |               |
|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| Dawn Walters    | £964.36 | Cheque 002659 |
| Huw Jones       | £342.08 | Cheque 002660 |
| Zoom            | £14.39  |               |
| HMRC            | £378.54 |               |
| RCT Council Tax | £111    |               |
| Cartridgesave   | £37.63  |               |
| Itgeeks4u       | £272.50 |               |
| BT              | £28.30  |               |

**January Income**

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| S Euston                | £10  |
| Garage / Allotment Rent | £415 |

104.3 Money already earmarked

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Dropped Kerbs       | £5000         |
| New Basketball Area | £40000        |
| Bus Shelters        | £12738        |
| Seats               | £273          |
| Events              | £5207         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>£63218</b> |

Commitments

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Salaries (including oncosts) | £9803        |
| Unpresented Cheques          | £0           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>£9803</b> |

Income not yet received

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Windfarm                | £10200        |
| Precept                 | £0            |
| Allotment & Ground Rent | £540          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>£10740</b> |

104.4 Bank Reconciliation

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance @ 31.01.2022    | £70501.52       |
| Earmarked + Commitments | £-73021         |
| Income not yet received | £+10740         |
| <b>BAL:</b>             | <b>£8220.52</b> |

**105. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

105.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 6.30pm on Zoom.