

January 2022

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 on Zoom.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir Mercher 12 Ionawr 2022.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

81.1 No apologies received.

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

82.1 Chelsea Hall did not attend the meeting and it was RESOLVED: that Chelsea be invited to the February meeting.

83. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

83.1 Declarations were received.

84. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

85. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

85.1 Minute 72.1 The neckrest for the chain of office should be made shortly. The seamstress has been busy with weddings.

85.2 Minute 72.2 There have been changes to the Rules of the Highway Code but A Draper reported that there was no change in Rule 243.

85.3 Minute 72.3 Borough Councillor Roberts has made further enquiries regarding the stile to the rear of Glamorgan Terrace.

85.4 Minute 72.8 The clerk reported that a sample of the poppy signage still hasn't been received. Several members of staff at the print shop have been off work due to covid.

85.5 Minute 76.2 The donation has been made.

85.6 Minute 76.5 A Draper will report on this in February's meeting.

85.7 Minute 76.6 Tree Planting – It was RESOLVED: that the community council could not continue with the project on the grounds that the requirements could not be fulfilled by the stated deadline of December 21 2021.

85.8 Minute 77.4 All Christmas lights were working until there was a problem with a series of street lights in Cambrian Avenue. Once this was rectified the light opposite the old Co-op needed to be reset but unfortunately Centergreat were closed for the Christmas period.

86. ALLOTMENT / GARAGE CHARGES FOR 2022/23

86.1 It was RESOLVED: that the annual rental of a plot at the allotment remain at £25 and that the ground rent for the garages be increased by £5 to the sum of £95 per annum.

87. OFFICE RENOVATIONS

87.1 The clerk reported that she met with Terry Hughes on Monday 10 January. Terry lives in Meadow Street and is a self-employed structural engineer who worked for RCT CBC for several years. Terry can arrange for plans to be drawn for a single storey extension at a cost of £550. Planning permission will be required and building regulation approval. The cost of this would be £230. Terry will complete all the necessary paperwork. An asbestos report might be required due to the artex ceiling. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk work with Terry on the proposal as he has full knowledge of the building rules and regulations.

87.2 Corey Elkins of the fire service has apologised for his late reply due to covid. A document has been received which explains that as the building has less than 5 employees they would not need to visit.

88. CORRESPONDENCE

88.1 The community council have been awarded a grant of £1,111.11 towards complying with the measures in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the purposes of supporting digital democracy and public participation in relation to holding multi-location meetings.

89. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

89.1 The clerk met with Dawn Davies on Wednesday 22 December regarding the RCT Enterprise Investment Fund. Unfortunately the community council had been contacted in error and it was the GGCA that should have received the communication and as we are a council we would not be eligible for any grant towards the improvement of premises.

89.2 Helen Probyn Williams, a plot holder at the allotment, has concerns with regards to the proposed spraying of the brambles which is due to take place in the Spring. Miskin Tree Services will be providing the work free of charge. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk speak with Miskin Tree Services to see if there is an alternative method.

89.3 J Abbott expressed concerns raised by the general public regarding the poor service provided by the Well pharmacy in the village. All councillors agreed that there are problems here. A Roberts reported that the Community Health Council are aware of the issues. There is a possibility that there may be an additional pharmacy in the village in the future.

89.4 M Whitter raised the matter of a bike track for the village. A Roberts reported that it is the responsibility of the Welsh Government and a company named Sustrans are the development officers. The problem that the village faces is the ownership of the land.

90. FINANCIAL REPORT

90.1	Bank balance as of 30.12.21	£72225.32
90.2	Invoices / Receipts	
90.2a	Dawn Walters December Salary	£964.36
90.2b	Huw Jones December Salary	£342.28
90.2c	Zoom	£14.39
90.2d	Chris Humphreys Nearly Wild Show	£350
90.2e	Tesco Christmas	£43.98
90.2f	Marie Curie Donation	£50
90.2g	Peter Simmons Construction Dropped Kerb	£2360.10
90.2h	Miskin Tree Services	£2800
90.2i	Central B & C Supplies Disinfectant	£6.84

91. ACCOUNTS

91.1 Cheques authorised

No cheques authorised. Salaries paid via online banking due to clerk having Covid.

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91.2 Bank transactions for December

	<u>December Expenditure</u>	
Royal British Legion	£100	Cheque 002658
Dawn Walters	£964.36	
Huw Jones	£342.28	
Zoom	£14.39	
HMRC	£378.34	
Tesco	£43.98	
Central B & C Supplies	£6.84	
RCT Council Tax	£111	
Nearly Wild Show	£350	
Marie Curie	£50	
Miskin Tree Services	£2800	
Peter Simmons	£2360.10	

	<u>December Income</u>
S Euston	£10
RCT Precept 3	£7000

91.3 Money already earmarked

Dropped Kerbs	£5000
New Basketball Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£12738
Seats	£273
Events	£5207
TOTAL	£63218

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£11488
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£11488

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£10200
Precept	£0
Allotment & Ground Rent	£965
TOTAL	£11165

91.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.12.2021	£72225.32
Earmarked + Commitments	£-74706
Income not yet received	£+11165
BAL:	£8684.32

92. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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