

July 2021

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

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS.

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

25.1 A. WARREN, Borough Councillor A. ROBERTS.

26. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

26.1 There were no declarations of interest.

27. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

28. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

28.1 Minute 16.1 New contract requested by the clerk as she is concerned that Audit Wales will request this after receiving the Internal Audit Report.

28.2 Minute 16.8 A drawing of the memorial bench should be available early August. I will keep you all informed.

28.3 Minute 17.2 The Annual Return was signed by myself and Chair and has been sent by Recorded Delivery.

28.4 Minute 20.3 Completed today. The original date was cancelled.

28.5 Minute 21.1 BT problem still hasn't been resolved. Andrew's son, Twm, has been helping with enquiries. He is an employee of BT.

28.6 Minute 21.2 Lisa Austin of RCT is working on the Basketball Area but has encountered an access problem at the moment. Borough Councillor Roberts

met with an officer from the RCT Highways Department and works regarding the Dropped Kerbs will be completed. There will also be a rail on the top half of Elm and Wood Street.

28.7 Minute 21.3 Wording has been amended and sent to the company.

29. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

29.1 An email was distributed on June 25 2021.

29.2 New gated entrances and insurance repair will be done this weekend.

29.3 A letter has been issued to the GGCA re a 5 year lease as part of the Keep Wales Tidy Application for a nature pack which has been successful. The pack is valued at £20000 and will be delivered at intervals during now and December so there will be a considerable amount of work taking place on their plot. It was RESOLVED: that a dropped kerb be placed at the entrance of this area.

29.4 After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: that a plaque be placed on the bench situated at the allotment in memory of all the hard working citizens that have done good work there in the past. A Draper will assist with the wording.

29.5 There have been concerns from residents of Llewellyn Street regarding brambles and knotweed at the allotment that are getting close to their gardens. It was RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to the residents of the houses concerned regarding the planned works schedule.

29.6 Huw Jones will be issued with protective clothing with the lettering GGCC so that it is clear that he is a member of community council staff when at the allotment and also whilst cleaning the bus shelters.

30. EVENTS

30.1 Arrangements have been made with Mrs Margaret Gough for use of the pavilion.

30.2 Signage has been received today and will be displayed in the areas previously discussed.

30.3 Trophies have been purchased for the winners in the relevant categories displaying the year 2021.

30.4 The mayor of Bridgend, Councillor John Spanswick will be attending along with Mr Roger Harrison who will be driving him.

30.5 An invitation will be sent to Tonyrefail Community Council addressed to the Chair or nominee.

30.6 Invitations will be delivered to Edwina Jones, Geinor Evans and Debra Watts.

30.7 Previous invitations have been sent to The mayor of RCT, Susan Morgan and to Huw Irranca Davies. The clerk will follow up.

30.8 There will be no buffet this year only tea, coffee and bottled water which will be served outdoors.

30.9 The required signage for the day will be provided by L Price and the clerk thanked her for this.

30.10 Tonyrefail Community Council wish to hold this year's Firework Display at Ty'n y Bryn Park and they have written to the council for approval.

31. CORRESPONDENCE

31.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

31.1a 14-16 Cambrian Avenue CF39 8TB. Change from commercial to residential.

31.1b Meadow Lane CF39 8TE. Construction of a bungalow.

31.2 Borough Councillor Roberts requested that a donation be made to a charity "100 Miles For Eryn". Eryn is a very poorly 4 year old suffering from recurring cancer and is currently at Great Ormond Street Hospital. It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £100 be made to the charity.

31.3 A document regarding the Consultation on Qualifications of Clerks in Wales was discussed. The clerk expressed concerns that she doesn't hold the required qualifications and would struggle to find time to work towards them. L Price was under the impression that it would only apply for new appointments and not clerks that are currently in post.

31.4 A thank you letter was received from Tonovus Cancer Care with details of the leaf which is now on their Mobile Support Unit and will remain for 2 years.

31.5 Correspondence was received from WHP Telecoms Ltd detailing Proposed Communications Installation For Cellnex at Gilfach Goch Arqiva Site Gilfach Farm CF39 8SS. Borough Councillor Roberts has previously stated that this

has not yet been submitted to RCT for planning permission and will need to be closely scrutinized.

31.6 The clerk has been invited to attend a meeting at the GGCA on Friday 23 July where Mr Mike John will speak about the Book of Remembrance and it's distribution.

32. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

32.1 The clerk attended a Zoom meeting of RCT Town and Community Councils on Friday 11 June 9.30-11 where the focus was on future council meetings being held via a hybrid system. Thousand of pounds have been spend on the chambers at Clydach Vale in order to facilitate this. The clerk thanked all councillors for agreeing to continue with meeting via Zoom as there are councils where not all councillors are in agreement and many clerks are facing technical issues and additional costs. Tonyrefail Community Council have purchased a video conferencing system.

32.2 Welsh Council Audit have informed us that last year's audit 2019/2020 has been forwarded to Audit Wales for completion as there as so many outstanding due to the pandemic.

32.3 S137 Grant Forms are now available via the website. There is also a notice on the noticeboard and at the GGCA. All last year's applicants have been sent a form with the closing date Friday 27 August.

32.4 A Smart Meter was fitted at the office on 30 June and will now take automatic electricity readings.

33. FINANCIAL REPORT

33.1	Bank balance as of 30.6.21	£92300.02
33.2	Invoices / Receipts	
33.2a	Postage (Audit)	£5.92
33.2b	S Jones (Allotment Bench)	£552.54
33.2c	Gem Security Alarm (Annual maintenance)	£101.77
33.2d	Cwm Rhondda Waste Management (Skip)	£210
33.2e	Central Bar and Catering Supplies (Disinfectant)	£6.84
33.2f	Jeans Hardware (Raffle tickets and Safety pins)	£3.60

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33.2g	G4S Parc Sign Shop (Signage for Forestry Run)	£75
33.2h	RCT (Ground rent for bus shelter Hendreforgan)	£5
33.2i	Zoom (Reimbursement D Walters)	£14.39
33.2j	Trophies and Medals (Trophies for F Run)	£34.39
33.2k	S Jones Allotment Gates (CIL)	£1715.09
33.2l	S Jones Allotment Fence Repair (Insurance claim)	£425.26
33.2m	Trophies and Medals (F Run R Up Trophies)	£22.93

34. ACCOUNTS

34.1 Cheques authorised

002633	Jason Morgan	£320
002634	Dawn Walters	£14.39
002635	Dawn Walters	£964.36
002636	Huw Jones	£285
002637	S Jones	£552.54
002638	Dawn Walters	£964.36
002639	Huw Jones	£285.20
002640	Dawn Walters	£14.39

34.2 Bank transactions for June

	<u>June Expenditure</u>	
Jason Morgan	£320	Chq 002633
Dawn Walters	£14.39	Chq 002634
Dawn Walters	£964.36	Chq 002635
Huw Jones	£285	Chq 002636
One Voice Wales	£371.18	
Extrascope	£42.58	
Extrascope	£798.36	
HMRC	£364.33	
Council Tax	£111	
Postage	£5.92	

	<u>June Income</u>	
S Euston	£10	
Allotment Tenant	£25	

34.3 Bank transactions for July

	<u>July Expenditure</u>	
S Jones	£552.54	Chq 002637
Dawn Walters	£964.36	Chq 002638
Huw Jones	£285.20	Chq 002639
Dawn Walters	£14.39	Chq 002640
C R Waste Management	£210	
Gem Security	£101.77	
C Bar & C Supplies	£6.84	
Trophies plus Medals	£34.39	
G4S Parc Sign Shop	£75	
Jeans Hardware	£3.60	
HMRC	£364.13	
Council Tax	£111	
RCT Land Charge	£5	
Crowd Funder	£100	
S Jones	£425.26	
S Jones	£1715.09	
Trophies plus Medals	£22.93	

July Income

S Euston	£10
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34.4 Money already earmarked

Dropped Kerbs	£5000
New Basketball Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£12738
Seats	£273
CIL	£3723
Windfarm	£6000
Grants	£6000
Events	£7886
TOTAL	£81620

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£20143
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£20143

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£5000
Precept	£14000
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1040
TOTAL	£20040

34.5 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.7.2021	£87341.45
Earmarked + Commitments	£-101763
Income not yet received	£+20040
BAL:	£5618.45

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

35.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will be the Annual Grants Meeting followed by the monthly meeting and will take place on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 6.30pm at the Council Office if Government Guidelines advise. At present remote meetings, wherever possible, are still recommended. If this is not possible the meeting will be held on Zoom.