

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 13 July 2022 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir Mercher 13 Gorffennaf 2022.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

MARIA TOOGOOD – Keep Wales Tidy

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

26.1 D.ATHWAL

27. SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM MARIA TOOGOOD KEEP WALES TIDY RE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

27.1 Report was received regarding community orchards and other nature packs that were available.

28. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

28.1 No declarations were received.

29. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

30. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

30.1 Minute 21.3 The bench is being moved from the GGCA on Friday to one of Manning Construction's stores for safe keeping. Its positioning has been delayed due to shortage of materials and Covid issues with staff.

30.2 Minute 22.2 The clerk reminded councillors of the Remuneration Payments.

30.3 Minute 22.3 A Draper will forward the pages of the Annual Report to the clerk for translating.

30.4 Minute 22.6 The area has been dealt with effectively by RCT.

31. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

31.1 The clerk met with Borough Councillor Roberts and Huw Jones on Saturday 11 June and decided that the following would show good will of the council regarding the plot currently rented by Mr K Cantwell. Mr Matthew Edwards will take over tenancy. He had concerns with regards to the direct access from the allotment into his property. This access was created by Mr Cantwell directly from the property therefore it is Mr Edwards' responsibility to block this access if he so wishes. This plot is a large area and the charge for this plot as of January 2023 will be £50 or it will be split into 2. Mr Edwards is aware of these factors.

31.2 The clerk has made plot holders aware that they will need to deal with their green waste themselves due to ongoing issues with the council's scheme. It was RESOLVED: that skips be positioned at certain times of the year and the plot holders contribute towards the cost of the hire. R Price suggested that we offer large compost bins.

31.3 It was RESOLVED: that S Jones be awarded the work of relocating the 2 benches, which have been obsolete for some time at the rear of the office, as per quotations.

31.4 The clerk reported that she was disappointed with one family who are renting 3 plots in prime position at the bottom gate where all the land was cleared and made good as they've done nothing at all there and the weeds have now taken over. She has spoken to the family who assured her that they will be starting work shortly. The clerk told them that they should have at least covered the area as soon as was possible with sheeting to prevent this happening. The situation will be monitored over the coming weeks.

31.5 There are 3 new plot holders.

31.6 The next meeting of the Allotment Association will be held on Wednesday 27 July 6pm at the council office.

31.7 A complaint was received regarding brambles exiting the fencing. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk investigate and request that it be dealt with by the Outdoor Assets caretaker if possible.

32. OFFICE RENOVATIONS

32.1 Planning permission has been approved. The clerk has offered 4 companies the opportunity to tender for the works. S Baker, Paul Price, Manning Construction and ALS Building Services and informed them that the tender needed to be returned by Wednesday 13 July 2022. The only tender returned was from ALS Building Services £40038. A Warren pointed out that it did not include new electric wall heaters. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk inform the other 3 companies that no tenders would be considered after Friday 16 July 2022. If nothing is received, then the work will be awarded to ALS Building Services and the clerk will discuss the new heaters.

32.2 Fire extinguishers and signage have been installed by Chubb and will receive an annual inspection. A risk assessment will be carried out once the office renovations are completed.

32.3 Dane from Cambrian Avenue (recommended by A Draper) inspected the dram but was unable to offer a lower price than S Jones for the works needed. It was RESOLVED: that S Jones be awarded the work and commence following completion of the office renovations.

32.4 Griffiths Memorials of Trealaw came and viewed the slate memorial. It is beyond repair and deemed unsafe. The cost of a new slate memorial and the removal of the existing slate would be £13545.60. It was RESOLVED: that this expenditure wasn't good use of public money and that the building company could possibly deal with its removal during the office renovation works. The plaque will be repositioned on the dram.

33. EVENTS

33.1 Borough Councillor Aurfron Roberts has received and accepted her invitation to the Annual Forestry Run.

33.2 The offer of Christmas trees to public buildings this year was received with thanks and all that were offered were delighted.

33.3 The clerk reported that she attended a meeting at the fire station on Tuesday 5 July with Corey Elkins and Stephen Powell. The date for the firework display is Friday 4 November at Ty'n y Bryn Park. Rhondda radio will cover the

event and Urban Markets will be at the venue. Several factors were discussed, and it was RESOLVED: that the clerk request a full detailed report and costings of the event

by the September meeting.

34. CORRESPONDENCE

34.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

34.1a South Wales Fire and Rescue Gilfach Goch Station CF39 8UH single storey extension and reconfiguration of site entrance.

34.2 A letter was received from Tonyrefail Community Council asking whether Gilfach Goch Community Council would be willing to rotate the Minor Authority Governor representation at YGG Tonyrefail between each of the community councils. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk seek advice from Governor Support RCT before replying.

35. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

35.1 Grant forms will be made available with a closing date of Friday 26 August.

35.2 The dragon monument at Glenavon Terrace will be repaired shortly.

35.3 The hedge between Bethel church and the GGCA is overgrown and is dangerous as the pavement there is very narrow. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk request that this be dealt with.

35.4 There are concerns regarding the positioning of the bus top on top of the Bog lane and the dangers of exiting the lane when a bus is stationary. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk inform RCT Highways.

35.5 The bus shelter opposite the Bog lane, which has only recently received replacement panels and a deep clean has been vandalized again. H Jones has removed all the graffiti that he could.

35.6 The litter bin at the top of the steps near Glenavon Terrace has been removed. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries.

36. FINANCIAL REPORT

36.1	Bank balance as of 30.06.22	£85110.97
36.2	Invoices / Receipts	
36.2a	Zoom	£14.39
36.2b	RCT CBC	£5
36.2c	Extrascope	£94.80
36.2d	Trophies plus Medals	£168.12
36.2e	Miskin Tree Services	£3168.80
36.2f	SWALEC	£230.23
36.2g	G4S	£9.60
36.2h	Rhondda Radio	£50
36.2i	Gem Security	£87.35
36.2j	G4S	£20

37. ACCOUNTS

37.1	Cheques authorised	
	002670 Dawn Walters	£964.36
	002671 Huw Jones	£342.08

37.2 Bank transactions for June

<u>June Expenditure</u>		
Dawn Walters	£976.26	Cheque 002670
Huw Jones	£364.80	Cheque 002671
Zoom	£14.39	
HMRC	£398.96	
BT	£28.18	
RCT Council Tax	£111	
RCT Ground Rent (Bus Shelter)	£5	
Extrascope	£113.76	
Trophies plus Medals	£168.12	
Gem Security	104.82	
Rondda Radio	£50	
G4S	£11.52	Posters
G4S	£24	Banners

<u>June Income</u>	
S Euston	£10
Allotment Rent	£112.50

37.3 Money already earmarked

Dropped Kerbs	£5000
New Basketball Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£11900
Events	£11780
Windfarm	£2772
S137 Grants	£7000
Allotment	£1229
Office Refurbishment	£30000
Election Costs	£4000
TOTAL	£113681

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£16079
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£16079

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£4798
Precept	£71620
Allotment & Ground Rent	£887
TOTAL	£77305

37.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 30.06.2022	£85110.97
Earmarked + Commitments	£-129760
Income not yet received	£+77305
BAL:	£32655.97

38. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

38.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 14 September 2022 6.30pm at the Council Office. It will be the Grants meeting followed by the monthly meeting.