

**Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 on Zoom.**

***Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir Mercher 10 Mawrth 2021 ar Zoom.***

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS.

**42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

42.1 Borough Councillor Aurfron Roberts.

**43. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

43.1 There were no declarations of interest.

**44. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

**45. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

45.1 Minute 34.1 Borough Councillor Roberts confirmed that the work will be done at the end of March.

45.2 Minute 25.1 All payments have been received except for Mr S. Euston who made a request vis Borough Councillor Roberts to pay monthly instalments via Direct Debit.

45.3 Minute 35.2 See Reports and Correspondence.

45.4 Minute 36.1 Closing date for Outdoor Assets Caretaker April 9 2021 and interviews will be held on Zoom.

45.5 Minute 37.1 Thank you letter received.

45.6 Minute 37.4 Donation made via Debit Card and Thank you received.

45.7 Minute 37.5 Donation made via BACS.

45.8 Minute 38.1 Amended.

45.9 Minute 38.2 Not on the Agenda as Borough Councillor Roberts has requested that the old Co-Operative building on Cambrian Avenue be gifted to the Community Council.

#### **46. CORRESPONDENCE**

46.1 The guide to the new Local Government and Elections act which was circulated last week states that from May the minutes of all Council meetings will need to be published electronically within 7 days of the meeting. Obviously this will be draft minutes in this timescale.

46.2 Borough Councillor Roberts wishes to inform members of the Council that the request for this year's funding was a 16% reduction on last year and that the RCT Council Tax rise for this year is 2.65% and is the lowest in Wales.

46.3 Borough Councillor Roberts requested that we issue a payment of £1000 (which is the amount left in the Windfarm money for this financial year) to the GGCA in respect of hire of premises for the karate club. After a discussion it was RESOLVED: that this was not good financial practice and that the specific form would need to be completed requesting funding for this purpose and the payment, if approved, would be made to them. The clerk confirmed that the relevant form has been given to Borough Councillor Roberts for completion by the karate club.

46.4 Borough Councillor Roberts requested that a donation be made to the daughter of Mr. Andrew Rees, a resident of High Street. The Just Giving Page has details of the charity. It was RESOLVED: that a payment of £100 be made. The clerk stated that she hadn't been able to find more details of the charity before the meeting but will wait for Borough Councillor Roberts or L. Price to possibly help.

46.5 Two quotes have been received in respect of new gated entrances required at the Holly Street Allotment. Sovereign Steel provided a quote totalling £1950 + VAT which was for single gates and H&S Jones provided a quote totalling £1715.09 which was for double gates. It was RESOLVED: that the work be awarded to H&S Jones. This is part of the CIL budget.

46.6 A quote was received from H&S Jones for the repair of the damaged fence panel at the Holly Street Allotment. The damage was done by Mr H Dowden of Llewellyn Street and the clerk was informed of the damage by Mr. Michael Brooks who visited the office to pay his allotment rent who was concerned regarding health and safety. Mr Dowden will forward the quote to his insurance company. It was RESOLVED: that the quote be put on the council's letter headed paper for the payment, if approved, to come to the council and then a payment will issued to H&S Jones.

**47. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

47.1 There were no candidates for the councillor vacancy. Mr Andreas Buch has informed the clerk that he would like to be considered for co-option. It was RESOLVED: that an advert be displayed locally regarding the vacancy with a closing date of 2 April 2021.

47.2 The WW1 Bench has been ordered with David Ogilvie Engineering. The total being £1239.60 which is inclusive of VAT. A payment of £500 has been made to the council by the Gilfach Goch War Memorial Trust which is their contribution towards the bench. The bench will be delivered to the GGCA and will have a mount for a plaque to be placed at a later date as there is a problem with decision making regarding the wording. It was RESOLVED: that the invoice be paid prior to 31 March 2021 via BACS.

47.3 The bus shelter at the top of High Street / opposite Fairview has been damaged and the whole panel needs replacing at a cost of £261.50. The Bus Shelter Company will be in the area within 6 weeks to carry out the work.

47.4 M. Whitter requested that the clerk contact Lisa Austin at RCT regarding Holly Street Park to request an additional or larger waste bin and an update on the promised bench. M Whitter reported that it is pleasing to see so many people using the facility but waste is a problem.

47.5 J. Abbott expressed concerns regarding dog mess especially in the High Street area. The clerk was instructed to contact the dog warden and to request additional dog waste bins.

**47.6 Allotment Update**

The GGCA will take control of the top allotment

All tenancy agreements have been signed and payments received. Everyone is looking forward to working with us and forming an Allotment Association in the near future. They were also grateful for the Allotment Rules Document.

Kevin Cantwell's licence to treat knotweed has expired and there are no courses available to attend at the moment due to the pandemic in order to renew his certificate. The clerk is waiting for details from Borough Councillor Roberts.

The signage has been collected and is with H Jones for display.

A skip has been in place and has been filled. The skip will be collected on Monday 15 March 2021.

**48. FINANCIAL REPORT**

48.1	Bank balance as of 26.02.21	£99651.99
48.2	Invoices approved	
48.2a	Zoom (reimbursement D. Walters)	£14.39
48.2b	G4S Care and Justice Services (Allotment signs) CIL	£18.05
48.2c	Cwm Rhondda Waste Management (Skip) CIL	£210
48.2d	David Ogilvie Engineering (WW1 Bench)	£1239.60

**49. ACCOUNTS**

49.1	Cheques authorised		
	002617	D Walters	£1266.96
	002618	H Jones	£280
	002619	E Jones	£556.87
	002620	D Walters	£28.78
	002621	Centregreat	£1968

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49.2 Bank Transactions for February

**February Expenditure**

Red Valley Enterprises	£180	Chq 002616
Dawn Walters	£1266.96	Chq 002617
H Jones	£280	Chq 002618
Edwina Jones	£556.87	Chq 002619
Dawn Walters	£28.78	Chq 002620
B T	£63.24	
Extrascope	£184.14	Printer
HMRC	£1607.65	(inc. 6 months Employers NI)
M & S	£10	Flowers J Lewis
Wales Air Ambulance	£250	Donation
Urdd Gobaith Cymru	£100	Donation

**February Income**

Allotments / Garages	£715	
Gilfach Goch War Memorial	£500	Contribution towards bench

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49.3	Money already earmarked	
	Dropped Kerbs	£5000
	New Basketball Area	£40000
	Bus Shelter Repairs	£623.80
	CIL	£5945.95
	Windfarm	£1000
	Commitments	
	Salaries including Employers NI	£2116.50
	Utilities (C.Tax, BT, Water, Electricity Estimate)	£ 680
	Unpresented Cheques	£1968
	WW1 Bench	£1239.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6004.10</b>
	Income not yet received	
	Allotment rent	£100
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£100</b>
49.4	Bank Reconciliation	
	Balance @ 26.2.2021	£99651.99
	Earmarked + Commitments	£58573.85-
	Income not yet received	£100+
	<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£41178.14</b>

**50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

50.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 6.30pm via zoom.