

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

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

**PRESENT**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

**106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

106.1 A. ROBERTS A.WARREN

**107. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

107.1 No declarations were received.

**108. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

**109. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

109.1 Minute 94.1 A Draper and the clerk have spoken to Chelsea regarding her idea of a Free Little Library in the village. The clerk arranged a meeting at the office but half an hour prior to the meeting the clerk received an email stating that she had forgotten that she had a hair appointment. The clerk rang and spoke to Chelsea and informed her that she would be available to help when she is ready.

109.2 Minute 97.1 The neckrest has been received at a cost of £20. The clerk paid cash and it was RESOLVED: that the clerk be reimbursed via cheque. The clerk will now attempt to get the chain repaired.

109.3 Minute 97.3 The poppy signage has been received.

109.4 Minute 101.2 The bingo machine has been presented to the Day Centre by Borough Councillor Roberts.

109.5 Minute 102.3 A reply has been received from the Engineering Department at Stagecoach stating that all buses are regularly checked that the heating temperature is correct but it can take a while for buses to warm up in very cold weather. A reply has been received from Cwm Taf regarding the pharmacy and their plans for improvement.

**110. ALLOTMENT UPDATE**

110.1 There is only one plot holder that has decided not to renew their agreement and that is Philip Noble.

110.2 An Allotment Association meeting will be held at the GGCA on Friday 18 March at 12.30. I have invited Nicholas Evans of Miskin Tree Services to attend.

110.3 Green Waste Collection will be made available for the allotment. The clerk will manage the sacks as requested by Borough Councillor Roberts.

**111. OFFICE RENOVATIONS**

111.1 R Price had concerns regarding the new door opening inwards. The clerk has received confirmation that the door can open outwards. He also had concerns regarding document retention. The clerk has made enquiries and an email sent to all councillors regarding this.

111.2 All necessary paperwork for the extension is being prepared by Terry Hughes.

**112. CORRESPONDENCE**

112.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

112.1a 11 Elm Street CF39 8TH. Proposed 2 storey rear extension.

112.2 An email was received from Ty Hafan. It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £200 be made.

112.3 An email was received from Rhydian Jones of the Fire Service regarding a wellbeing area and safe havens. It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £100 be made to the Gilfach Goch Fire Station. The clerk was instructed to obtain more information on how the donation would be used.

112.4 Borough Councillor Roberts had informed the clerk that there is a proposal for a cycle path between Gilfach Goch and Tonyrefail.

112.5 One Voice Wales membership will be renewed in April.

112.6 The clerk received notification of the 2021-22 NJC National Salary Award. The salary was noted and it was Resolved: that the clerk be paid the arrears.

112.7 Purdah will take effect as of 25 March and details have been emailed to councillors.

112.8 Quotations have been received regarding 2 bus shelters. It was RESOLVED: that the bus shelter repair go ahead but A Draper had an idea of a new FUNKY bus shelter to replace the one on top of Tonyrefail Hill and will make enquiries.

112.9 A request was received from Kim Willis and Friends of the Community regarding an Easter celebration at Swyn yr Afon at a cost of £1500. It was RESOLVED: that the council fund this as requested and payment will be made directly into the Swyn yr Afon tenants social fund.

112.10 Conclusion of Audit Reports for March 2020 and March 2021 were read and noted. The reports will now be published on the website and noticeboard.

### **113. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS**

113.1 The clerk and Borough Councillor Roberts attended a site meeting today with Andrew McGowan, Senior Engineer Traffic Management RCT, regarding the issues at Glenavon Terrace. A brief report has been received regarding proposed improvements following the meeting. The clerk was instructed to contact Rhydian Jones of the Fire Service for advice regarding emergency service vehicles accessing the Terrace at certain times.

113.2 The clerk reported that she will attend the SLCC local branch meeting of clerks on Thursday 14 March at 1pm on zoom and will meet on 22 March with Anthony Gough of Centregreat to discuss the proposed amount of £5000 budgeted for Christmas 2022.

113.3 J Abbott expressed concerns regarding a large pothole on top of Meadow Street. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk report the matter.

### 113.4 A Draper reported on the Micro Hydro Energy Scheme

Climate crisis, soaring energy bills that will hit the poor the hardest, the urgent need to reduce reliance on climate-harming fossil fuels and the prospect of an insecure and/or sharply reduced energy supply from Russia demand we redouble our efforts to find alternatives. Renewable energy is more important than ever.

The Welsh Government’s Energy Saving Trust sets out 30 steps to be achieved in any successful hydropower project. Each step should be completed before passing on to the next. That means the project can be halted at any stage if it is found to be unviable.

- Step 1. Develop the vision.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 2. Seek advice .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 3. Communicate.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 4. Find a site.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 5. Initial scoping.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 6. Establishing a legal entity .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 8. Pre-feasibility study.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 10. Secure the site.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 11. Full Feasibility study .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 12. Confirm grid availability .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 13. Pre-planning consultation.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 15. Fix the project size.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 18. Planning application .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 19. Water use licence application .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 20. Grid application.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 21. Identify funding sources .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 22. Develop full financial model .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 23. Identify and contact suppliers.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 25. FIT pre-accreditation .....**Error! Bookmark not defined.
- Step 28. Construction.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.

The councillors and clerk thanked Andrew for taking the time to discuss this and as this is a scheme that was attempted by the village several years ago but was unsuccessful Andrew will attempt to contact those who were involved in the project.

**114. FINANCIAL REPORT**

114.1	Bank balance as of 28.02.22		£71656.09
114.2	Invoices / Receipts		
114.2a	Zoom		£14.39
114.2b	C Bar & C Supplies	Disinfectant	£13.68
114.2c	Centregreat	Xmas Lights	£5076
114.2d	T & A Club Supplies	Bingo Machine	£171.60

**115. ACCOUNTS**

115.1	Cheques authorised		
	002661	Dawn Walters	£964.36
	002662	Huw Jones	£342.08

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115.2 Bank transactions for February

**February Expenditure**

Dawn Walters	£964.36	Cheque 002661
Huw Jones	£342.08	Cheque 002662
Zoom	£14.39	
HMRC	£378.54	
T & A Club Supplies	£171.60	
Central Bar & Catering Supplies	£13.68	
Centregreat	£5076	
BT	£23.28	

**February Income**

S Euston	£10
Garage / Allotment Rent	£530

115.3 Money already earmarked

Dropped Kerbs	£5000
New Basketball Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£12738
Seats	£273
Events	£977
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£58988</b>

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£8118
Unpresented Cheques	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8118</b>

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£2601
Precept	£0
Allotment & Ground Rent	£0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2601</b>

115.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 28.02.2022	£71656.09
Earmarked + Commitments	£-67106
Income not yet received	£+2601
<b>BAL:</b>	<b>£7151.09</b>

**116. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

116.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will be the Annual General Meeting followed by the monthly meeting and will take place on Wednesday 11 May 6.30 at the council office.