

December 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 13th December, 2017 at the Council Office.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

52.1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs A. Roberts.

Standing orders were then suspended to receive a report from Mr Jason Morgan.

Mr Morgan then proceeded to inform members of the ongoing help he is providing the clerk with regards to the council's accounts. He then informed members of the possibility that he take on the responsibility of preparing the accounts and a monthly balance sheet, but if this was the case he would then not be able to complete the annual internal audit. A short discussion then took place, and Mr Morgan was then thanked for providing a detailed report and for attending the meeting. The clerk was then instructed to agenda this item for the next meeting. The meeting then continued as per the standing orders.

53. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8th November, 2017 were then agreed as a true record.

54. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

54.1. Regarding minute 42.1 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had received confirmation from Grans Scape that funding for the purchase of two defibrillators has been successful, and that the sum of £2,484.00 has been awarded. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact PC Davies asking that he go ahead and order the two defibrillators, and the clerk also reported that as yet permission to place one of the units outside either the shop or the Chinese restaurant on the Hendreforgan Estate had still not been received, but numerous residents had offered to have the unit placed outside their house, and that permission would have to be sought from Trevallis before this could be done. The clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

54.2. Regarding minute 42.3 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that the new notice board had been received and would be installed in due course.

54.3. Regarding minute 42.5 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had met with RCT and that permission had been given to place a bus shelter at this location, the clerk also reported that she had met with a representative from the bus shelter company and the quotation received would be read in correspondence.

54.3. Regarding minute 48.6 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she has now had all the electrical equipment in the office PAT tested as per the risk assessment.

55. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

55.1. The confirmation from Grant Scape was then read and noted.

55.2. A letter from the Welsh Office regarding section 137 Expenditure limit for 2018-19 was then read and noted.

55.3. A request for financial assistance for next year's Llangollen Eisteddfod was then read and noted.

55.4. A reply letter from the Mothers Union St Barnabas Church was then read and noted. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That the clerk sends a reply letter informing them of the Councils views.

55.5. A thank you letter from Gilfach Goch RFC, was then read and noted.

55.6. The invoice for the PAT testing was then read and noted. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That the invoice is paid and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

56. PRECEPT FOR 2018-19

56.1. The clerk then provided members with her finance report informing members of the money received, money spend to date and the expected expenditure to 3/3/2018. After a lengthy discussion where the possibility of several new projects were discussed including the purchase of outside gym equipment, a new basketball/football court for the top of High Street, and the possibility of applying for access to a new bike path were all discussed. Money for the annual forestry fun run, additional equipment for Holly Street park, additional Christmas lights, and an artificial Christmas tree for the outside of the office, the purchase and installation of Christmas trees for all the “shops” within the village were also included in the discussion. It was then decided to set the precept for the next financial year at £40.000, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

57. NEW BUS SHELTER

57.1. The clerk then reported on the meeting she had had with a representative from the bus shelter company where the repair of a broken panel on the shelter opposite the Griffin Inn lane, the “turning around” of the shelter outside the Legion Club, the new shelter in Oak Street and the new shelter on the Hendreforgan Estate were all discussed. The clerk then provided members with quotations for all the above. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That we go ahead with the repair, the turn around and the purchase of both shelters, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

58. AUDIT REPORT/RISK ASSESSMENT

58.1. The clerk then reported that as stated in correspondence she had had all the electrical equipment within the office PAT tested, as per the risk assessment and that she had obtained a "Declaration of Interest at Meetings Form" which will now be added to the agenda as per the Audit requirements. The clerk was also instructed to agenda the Audit Report for the next meeting.

59. GILFACH GOCH & EVANSTOWN MEMORIAL FUND

59.1. The clerk then reported on a meeting she and Councillor Warren had attended recently regarding the refurbishment of the Cenotaph in Evanstown and the addition of plaques with the names of all the young soldiers that lost their lives in the first and second world wars. Due to the Cenotaph being in Bridgend Borough Council, to qualify for funding from the War Memorial Fund, the Borough would have to adopt the Cenotaph to be able to apply for funding from the War Memorial Fund. The Cenotaph is registered with them so this should not be an issue. During the meeting, it was suggested by Councillor Warren that we use the Community Council's bank account to facilitate any money raised, but after seeking advice from Mr Jason Morgan, it was clear that this would not be possible. Another meeting is scheduled to take place in January, where the possibility of holding a public meeting is to be decided. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a donation of £1,000 is awarded to the fund.

60. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS

60.1. Councillor Mrs Abbott that reported on the amount of dog mess on the pavement leading down to Glenavon Terrace. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact RCT requesting that a dog poo bin be placed in this area to alleviate the problem.

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60.2. The clerk then reported that the wooden bench at the top of the valley had been vandalized and that all the broken wood has been removed.

60.3. It was then reported that the street light near to numbers 7 & 8 on the Hendreforgan Crescent is out of order, the clerk was then instructed to contact the street lighting department in RCT requesting that this be repaired.

60.4. The clerk was then instructed to place on the agenda of next month's the need to speak with Borough Councillors Mrs A. Roberts regarding the building of a garage on the Hendreforgan Crescent.

60.5. The need for the double yellow lines outside Cwm Gwyrdd Medical Centre was then discussed.

60.6. The clerk was then requested to place on the agenda of next month's meeting the possibility of Mr J. Morgan taking over the accounts.

60.7. The clerk was then requested to place on next month's agenda the possibility of the clerk attending an accounting course in the New Year.

61. FINANCIAL REPORT

61.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report and reminded members that the final instalment of this year's precept would be received at the end of December.

62. ACCOUNTS

61.2. The accounts were then signed and the following cheques authorised for payment:

02405	D.C. Electrics	£ 60.00
02406	SSE	£ 148.02

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002407	N. Blake	£ 286.08
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61.3. The following bank transactions also took place:

BT	£ 53.68
E. Jones	£ 450.00
HMRC	£ 66.00
RCT	£ 130.00

62. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

62.1. Due to the Clerk being away, the next meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council will take place on Wednesday 17th January, 2018 at the Council Office.