

February 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 14th February, 2018, at the Council Office.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK

77. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

77.1. Apologies for absence were received from Mrs A. Roberts.

78. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

78.1. No declarations of interest were received.

79. MINTUES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

79.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th January, 2018 were then read, and it was pointed out to the clerk that the date of the next meeting should read FEBRUARY, and not MARCH the clerk apologised for the oversight on her part, and the minutes were then agreed as a true record.

80. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

80.1. Regarding minute 67.2 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported on a site meeting she had attended along with Councillors M. Whitter, Mrs J. Lewis & Mrs A. Roberts, and representatives from RCT regarding the refurbishment of the children's play area in Holly Street. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the amount of money available for this play area, and after the discussion it was RESOLVED: That this Community Council increase the amount of money set aside from £10,000 to £20,000 and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

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80.2. Regarding minute 72.1 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that there were still two (2) ground rents for the garages at Llewellyn Street still outstanding, and that she would be sending further letters requesting prompt payment early next week if no payment is received in the meantime.

80.3. Regarding minute 73.1. from the last meeting, it was then reported that the street lights in Glenavon Terrace are still not working, the clerk was then instructed to contact RCT one again.

80.4. Regarding minute 73.2 from the last meeting it was the reported that vehicles are still parking to the rear of High Street causing an obstruction, after discussion the clerk was again requested to contact RCT regarding same.

80.5. Regarding minute 73.3 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had taken a look at the site where the report of rubbish is being left, but stated she could not see any evidence of this, after a short discussion it was reported that the rubbish is in fact being left right at the top of the path near the gate, the clerk then stated that she would take another look and report this to RCT.

80.6. Regarding minute 73.4 from the last meeting, Councillor Whitter then reported that the path in question has been partially dug up and filled in with wood chipping making the path marginally better.

80.7. Regarding minute 73.5 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that RCT had looked into this problem, and that on this occasion they would be dealing with this problem, but they are of the opinion that the water board are responsible.

80.8. Regarding minute 73.6 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had contacted the bus shelter company and that the repair of the shelter was due the week commencing 5th March. The cost of replacing the missing panel would be £159.48.

80.9. Regarding minute 69.1 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had spoken to Councillor Mrs A. Roberts regarding this and that Councillor Mrs Roberts would be contacting the house owner.

81. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

81.1. A letter from BT stating that our 2 year contract was due to expire was then read and noted, the clerk then reported that she had secured a further 2 year deal at nearly the same cost as the past two years.

81.2. Two planning applications were then read and noted

81.3. A request for financial assistance from the Teenage Cancer Trust was then read and noted. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a donation of £50 is given, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

81.4. A request for financial assistance from Tenovus Cancer care was then read and noted. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a donation of £50 is given and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

81.5. A letter from Mrs L. Owen from the Allotments Association was then read and noted. After a lengthy discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Mrs Owen informing her of the Councils views.

81.6. A re-submission of a planning application was then read and noted.

81.7. The invoice for this year's instalment from Centregreat 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.

81.8. A letter from Lloyds Bank regarding the clerk being able to view the Council's bank statements on line was then read and noted. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That the form is signed by two (2) other council members as per our bank requirements.

Standing orders were then suspended to receive a short report from Mr S. Davies from the Tonyrefail Defibrillators.

The clerk then reported that she had spoken to Grant Scape who is providing the funding for the purchase of two (2) defibrillators and that the Community Council would initially pay for the purchase, and that once Grant Scape had received confirmation of this purchase along with the application form, they would then re-reimburse the Council. Mr Davies then suggested that a phot of the Council presenting him with the cheque be taken to add to their face book page.

82. AUDIT REPORT

82.1. After discussion the clerk was instructed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

83. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

83.1. The clerk then reported that she had contacted Xmas Plus the company who supply the Christmas decorations, and had been informed that they will know what type of decorations are available to purchase at the end of March. The clerk was then requested to place this item on the agenda for the April meeting.

84. CLERKS TRAINING

84.1. The clerk then reported that she had been unable to find any courses that cover just basic book keeping, but that Mr Morgan had spoken to the clerk of Ynysbwyl Community Council regarding this and that she would contact him regarding a course she had attended. This item is also to be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting.

85. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS

85.1. A short discussion then took place regarding increasing the double yellow lines outside the doctors surgery.

85.2. The parking on double yellow lines outside Hedreforgan Primary school was also discussed, and the clerk stated she would contact the local PCSO to report this.

85.3. The clerk then reported that Mr Blake, our odd job man has now retired from his main occupation, she had contacted the HMRC regarding this, and she had been informed that until told otherwise by them that she was still to deduct income tax from Mr Blake's monthly wage.

85.4. The clerk then reported on a recent meeting she and the Chairman had attended regarding the Evanstown and Gilfach Goch War Memorial Fund.

85.5. The clerk then reported on a conversation she has had with Councillor Mrs Roberts regarding the Taff Ely Wind Farm grants. After a short discussion it was RESOLVED: That the clerk sends out a grant application form to all the organisations on the list supplied my Councillor Mrs Roberts for discussion in next month's meeting, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

86. FINANCE REPORT

86.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report

86.2. The following cheque were then authorised for payment:

2410	Centregreat	£ 4,792.20
2411	N. Blake	£ 280.00
2412	Tonyrefail Defibrillator	£ 2,500.00
2413	Teenage Cancer Trust	£ 50.00
2414	Tenovus Cancer	£ 50.00

86.3. The following transactions also took place:

Tesco	£ 48.00
BT	£ 65.66
E. Jones	£ 450.00
HMRC	£ 70.00
Allotment and Ground Rent Received	£ 705.00

86.4. Bank Transactions

Balance in Bank @	31/1/2018	£ 72, 121.23
Money recd:		£ 705.00
Money spend:		<u>£ 8,305.86</u>
Balance in bank @	28/2/2018	£ 64,520.37

86.5. Money already earmarked:

Annual Forestry Fun Run	£ 2,500.00
Holly Street play Area	£ 20,000.00
Outside Gym	£ 10,000.00
Christmas Tree	£ 1,000.00
Christmas Lights	£ 5,000.00
Christmas lights for shops	£ 1,500.00
Purchase and repair of bus shelters	£ 12,000.00
Clerks Wages X 14	£ 6,300.00
Mr Blakes wages x 14	£ 5,360.00
Insurance	£ 2,500.00
Utilities	£ 5,400.00
Grants/Donations	<u>£ 6,000.00</u>
TOTAL:	£ 77,560.00

87. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

87.1. The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 14th March, 2018 at the Council Office.