

January 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 17th January, 2018 at the Council Office.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

63.1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A. Warren and Mrs A. Roberts.

64. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

64.1. No declarations of interest were received.

65. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

65.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23th December were then read, and it was pointed out to the clerk that the item numbers were out of sequence, the clerk apologies for this oversight on her part, and the minutes were then agreed as a true record.

66. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

66.1. Regarding minute 54.1 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that the notice board has now been received and has been placed in front of the Council Office.

66.2. Regarding minute 57.1 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had now received all the correct paperwork regarding the bus shelters and that the repair of the missing panel at Hendreforgan will now take place next week.

66.3. Regarding minute 60.1 from the last meeting it was then reported that a dog "poo bin" has now been installed on the pavement leading down to Glenavon Terrace.

66.4. Regarding minute 60.3 from the last meeting, it was then reported that the light is now been repaired on Hendreforgan Crescent.

67. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

67.1. A letter from Mrs L. Owen from the Allotments Association was then read and noted.

67.2. A reply email from Lisa Austin from RCT regarding the Holly Street play area was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Ms Austin to request that a site meeting be arranged to discuss the play equipment earmarked for this play area.

67.3. A letter and invoice from RCT regarding our contribution to the road crossing outside Swn Y Afon 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.

67.4. A letter from RCT regarding the precept for the next financial year was then read and noted.

68. AUDIT REPORT

68.1. A short discussion then took place on the recent audit report, specifically the Council's web site, after discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Mr A Buch requesting that he amend the details regarding which Councillor represents which ward, the clerk was also requested to agenda this item for the next meeting.

69. REQUEST FOR A GARAGE ON HENDREFORGAN CRESCENT

69.1. It was then reported that there are garages on the land to the rear of Hendreforgan Crescent at the present time, but the resident at no 4 Hendreforgan Crescent has applying for and been denied planning permission. The reason for this is unclear, a short discussion then took place and the clerk was instructed to contact Councillor Mrs A. Roberts regarding same.

70. ANNUAL RETURN MR J MORGAN

70.1. A short discussion then took place regarding Mr Morgan taking over the Council's accounts. After the discussion it was RESOLVED: That Mr Morgan does not take over the preparation of the accounts, as his expertise and valued serve would be best suited to completing the annual internal audit.

71. CLERK TRAINING

71.1. The clerk then reported that as yet, she had been unable to find a basic bookkeeping course, after a short discussion the clerk was instructed to enquire with two other colleges.

72. ALLOTMENT/GARAGE RENT

72.1. A short discussion then took place regarding the ground rent for the garages and for the allotments situated in Llewellyn Street. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That the ground rent for the garages is increased by £5.00 to £85.00 each and that the ground rent for the allotments is increased by £10.00 to £110.00. The clerk was then instructed to take the necessary action.

73. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS

73.1. It was then reported that the street lights are not working by Glenavon Terrace, the clerk was then instructed to contact RCT requesting that they be repaired.

73.2. It was then reported that vehicles are parking to the rear of 221/223 High Street, this is causing an obstruction and delivery vehicles are experiencing difficulties, it would also cause a problem if an emergency vehicle need to gain access.

73.3. It was then reported that rubbish is being dumped at the top of High Street, near Rose cottages.

73.4. The clerk was then instructed to contact RCT requesting that the path from Holly Street to the bottom of Thomas Street be cleared as at present it is unsafe to use.

73.5. It was then reported that the culvert to the rear of High Street is overflowing with rain water that is coming down from the mountain, it is then running under the main road and exiting through the wall in onto the school yard, where the local youth club is being held casing problem's.

73.6. The clerk was then reminded that the bottom panel is missing from the bus shelter at the top of High Street, the clerk was then instructed to contact the bus shelter company requesting that it be replaced.

74. FINANCAIL REPORT

74.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report, and stated that the final instalment for this year's precept has now been received.

75. ACCOUNTS

75.1. The following cheques were then authorised for payment:

02408	N. Blake	£ 226.10
02409	RCT	£15,000.00

75.2. The following transactions also took place:

Tesco	£ 33.85
E. Jones	£ 450.00
B.T.	£ 53.16
RCT	£ 130.00
Post Office	£ 19.50
HMRC	£ 66.40

75.3. Bank Transactions:		
Balance in bank @ 29/12/2017		£ 88, 100.24
Money Received:		Nil
Money Spent:		£ 15,979.01
	Balance @ 29/1/18	£ 72,121.23

75.4. Money already earmarked:		
Annual Forestry Fun Run:		£ 2,500.00
Holly St, Play Area:		£ 10,000.00
Outdoor 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
	Total:	£ 42,000.00

76. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

76.1. 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.

