

## January 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at the Council Office.

### PRESENT

**COUNCILLORS: M. WHITTER, A. WARREN, R. PRICE, MRS L. PRICE, MRS J. LEWIS AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS A. ROBERTS.**

### IN ATTENDANCE

#### THE CLERK

#### **72. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

72.1. There were no apologies received.

#### **73. MEMBERS DECLARATON OF INTEREST**

73.1. No declarations of interest were received.

#### **74. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

74.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were then read and it was pointed out to the clerk that she had omitted to add that item 51.5 from the last meeting should have also included that the clerk had informed Ms Austin that the money made available from Grantscape could be apply for directly by Ms Austin. The minutes were then agreed as a true record.

**75. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

75.1. Regarding minute 64.2 from the last meeting Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts then reported on the meeting she had with the water board and the fire service regarding the lack of water pressure in Hendreforgan Crescent

75.2. Regarding minute 65.2 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that as yet she had not received any reply from Howell Williams as BCBC, and that a reply email had been received from Huw Irranc-Davies stating that he stands by his previous email.

75.3. Regarding minute 65.7 from the last meeting the clerk the reported that she had received the completed grant from which will be read in correspondence.

75.4. Regarding minute 68.1 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had been in contact with PSV the insurance company for Stagecoach and that she had been informed that as the council own the damaged bus shelter, we can make arrangements for it to be removed if required. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact the Bus Shelter Company requesting their advice regarding its repair or removal.

75.5. Regarding minute 68.2 from the last meeting the clerk then confirmed that the P.A.T. testing can be carried out every other year.

75.6. Regarding minute 68.3 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had received a reply from Ms Austin regarding the Holly Street play area which will be read in correspondence.

75.7. Regarding minute 68.4 from the last meeting Borough Councillor Mrs A, Roberts reported that Mr Owen the Flooding Officer with RCT would be looking into the reason for the water running from the mountain and into the old High Street School yard.

**76. MR N. BLAKE**

76.1. The clerk then proceeded to inform members that Mr N. Blake our handyman had recently undergone an operation and that he would be unable to fulfil his duties for between 4-6 months. A lengthy discussion then took place, and after the discussion the clerk was instructed to pass on members good wishes to Mr Blake and that a notice be placed in the Council notice board advertising for a sort term relief handyman.

**77. CORRESPONDENCE**

77.1. The clerk then read out a reply email from Ms Austin regarding the play area in Holly Street and the basketball park at Hendreforgan. After a short discussion the clerk was instructed to send a reply email.

77.2. The clerk then read the completed grant allocation form from Swyn yr Afon Sheltered Accommodation, but unfortunately no balance sheet was included. The clerk was then instructed to contact them again requesting that they submit a completed balance sheet before any decision is made.

77.3. The clerk then read a letter from the Teenage Cancer Charity requesting financial assistance. After discussion the clerk was then instructed to check when the Council last made a donation to this organisation.

**78. PRECEPT 2019/20**

78.1. The clerk then provided members with a copy of the Council's budget sheet for their perusal. After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: That the precept for the 2019/20 financial year be set at £51,000.00 and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

**79. GROUND & ALLOTMENT RENT**

79.1. The clerk then informed members that the ground rent for the garages at Llewellyn Street and the allotments at Holly Street were due for renewal at the end of January. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That the rent for the garages remain the same as last year and that the rent for the allotments also remain the same as last year and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

**80. COUNCIL WEB SITE**

80.1. The clerk then reported that she had emailed Mr Buch regarding the Council's decision to opt for option 2 and that she had invited Mr Buch to the Council meeting. Unfortunately she had not received a reply and after discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Mr Buch again.

**81. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS**

81.1. The clerk was then reminded that the Council has not yet paid for the Poppy Wreaths for the Remembrance Sunday. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a donation of £100 to be given to the Royal British Legion, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

81.2. Borough Councillor Mrs Roberts then reported that all the pavements in Oak Street are to be re-surfaced within the next few weeks.

**82. FINANCIAL REPORT**

82.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report and stated that the final instalment of this year's precept had been received.

**83. ACCOUNTS**

83.1. The following cheques were then authorised for payment:

02480	British Legion (poppies)	£ 100.00
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83.2. The following bank transactions also took place:

Tesco Stores	£21.09
BT	£ 67.89
E. Jones	£ 450.00
Co-op group	£ 17.60
The Post Office	£ 24.12
RCT	£ 134.00
Final Precept	£ 13.333.33

83.3. Money already earmarked:

Outside Gym	£ 10.000
Dropped Curbs	£ 5.000
Centregreat	£ 3.000
Clerks wages	£ 900
Utilities	£ 2000

83.4. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance @ 31/12/2018	£ 52,015.40
Money already earmarked:	<u>£ 20,900.00</u>
BAL:	£ 31,115.90

**84. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

84.1. The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019 at the Council Office.