

July 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 11th July, 2018 at the Council Office.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

21.1. Apologies for absence were received from Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts.

22. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

22.1. No declarations of interest were received.

23. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

23.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2018 were then read and it was pointed out that in minute 19 d Financial Report, it should read: up to £3,000 two tenders and above £3,000 three tenders, not as stated. The clerk apologies for this oversight on her part, the minutes were then agreed as a true record.

24. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

24.1. Regarding minute 14.2 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported on a conversation she had had with Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts regarding the ownership of the old toilet in Garden Village. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact RCT requesting that they take responsibility of the site as they have done on previous sits and arrangement be made to clear up this unsightly area on a regular basis.

24.2. Regarding minute 14.4 from the last meeting it was then reported that the cars in question have now been issued with tickets requesting that they be removed.

24.3. Regarding minute 15.1 from the last meeting the clerk was then instructed to send a copy of the code of conduct to all members.

24.4. Regarding minute 16.2 from the last meeting the clerk then reported on the conversation she had had with Ms Cook regarding the Brighter Journeys support group. After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: That no financial assistance is given at present, but the clerk was instructed to send a reply letter, to Ms Durham informing her of the Council's views and that a grant application form is sent for inclusion in the Grants meeting in September.

24.5. Regarding minute 18.1 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that the metal bench at Fairview has now been replaced.

24.6. Regarding minute 18.2 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had not received any reply from Mr Buch regarding our web site, after discussion the clerk was instructed to send a letter informing Mr Buch of the Council's wishes.

24.7. Regarding minute 18.3 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had not received any information from Councillor Mrs A. Roberts regarding this, and after discussion the clerk was requested to contact Councillor Mrs A. Roberts again.

24.8. Regarding minute 18.4 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that as yet no reply has been received regarding the lack of a school crossing patrol at Abercerdin School. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Mr Chris Elmore Am.

24.9. Regarding minute 18.5 from the last meeting the clerk then reported on a conversation she had had with the department in RCT responsible for the "traffic wardens", after discussion the clerk was instructed to contact the Inspector responsible for this area and also to send a letter to the Chief Constable requesting clarifications on parking.

24.10 Regarding minute 19.1.a from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had now received the relevant documentation from the Mynydd Portref Wind Farm, and she had passed this information on to Mr J. Morgan for the internal audit.

24.11. Regarding minute 19.1.b. from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had contacted RCT regarding them having a SLA with Centregreat, and although they don't have a SLE, they do use this company.

24.12 Regarding minute 19.1.e from the last meeting, after discussion the clerk was instructed to place the Standing Orders, the Financial Regulations and the duties of the RFO on the agenda of the May meeting which takes place after the annual AGM.

25. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

25.1. A letter from Inter Link regarding the Taff Ely Wind Farm community fund for 2018/19 was then read and noted. The clerk was then instructed to send a copy to Councillor Mrs L. Price, and Councillor A. Warren.

25.2. A reminder that the annual service was due on the office alarm was then read and noted. The clerk then reported that she had made arrangements for the service to be carried out on Thursday. It was also agreed that the invoice for the service be paid.

25.3. A planning application was then read and noted.

25.4. Two letters from RCT regarding the Rights of Way were then read and noted.

26. ANNUAL FORESTRY FUN RUN

26.1. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the forthcoming annual forestry fun run. The clerk then reported that all the medals have been ordered, she had received confirmation from the Pembroke Birds of Prey that they would be attending, as would Ms R. Griffiths who does the face painting. It was then decided that if need be a short meeting would be called prior to the event to discuss any unforeseen issues.

27. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

27.1. The clerk then reported that she had spoken to Mr M. Anderson in RCT regarding the possibility of erecting Christmas Lights on some of the lamp posts, and Mr Anderson had stated that he would need to know all the numbers of all the possible lamp posts before he could confirm as to whether or not we could use them. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That unfortunately we would not purchase any more lights this year due to the increased costs and difficulty with erecting them.

28. AUDIT REPORT

28.1. The internal audit report was then read and noted, and after discussion it was RESOLVED: That the audit report is accepted, and the clerk was instructed to include in these minutes confirmation that she had reported to Council members that she had paid an electricity bill with the debit card, but had forgotten to minute the report.

29. OUTSIDE GYM

29.1. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the best location to place the gym equipment. The ideal location would be on the grass area off the main road, in Cambrian Avenue. It was agreed that maybe 4 or 5 pieces would fit in the area quite comfortably. The clerk was then instructed to contact RCT regarding the ownership of the land, and this item is to be placed on next month's agenda.

30. COUNCIL WEB SITE

30.1. The clerk then reported that to date she had not yet received any correspondence from Mr A, Buch regarding the council web site. The clerk was then instructed to write a letter to Mr Buch informing him of the Council's views.

31. HOLLY STREET PLAY AREA

31.1. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the recent site meeting at Holly Street Park with Council members and Ms L. Austin from RCT. At the site meeting it was decided that the park be extended slightly, and RCT may be able to contribute more funding to the project. This item is also to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

32. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES

32.1. The clerk then informed members of the requirements needed for the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales. After discussion the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

33. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS

33.1. A short discussion then took place regarding the possibility of having a Christmas tree outside the Council Office.

33.2. Councillor R. Price then informed members that it would appear that the land to the rear of Hendreforgan Crescent was going up for auction. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Borough Councillor Mrs A Roberts requesting information regarding this.

33.3. It was then reported that during "drill night" every Wednesday with the fire station opposite Hendreforgan Crescent, the water pressure is greatly reduced. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Dwr Cymru informing them of this problem

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33.4. The clerk was then instructed to write to Mrs J. Buch requesting that an overhanging tree be cut back as it is causing an obstruction to pedestrians using the pavement.

33.5. A short discussion then took place regarding the ongoing problem of cars parking on the junction at High Street causing an obstruction and also parking in the disabled bays adjacent to the centre. The clerk was then requested to report this problem to the local PCSO.

33.6. The clerk then reported that the annual grants meeting was due to take place in September, and after discussion it was RESOLVED: That the grants meeting take place before the next meeting in September, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

34. FINANCIAL REPORT

34.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report and reminded members that the next instalment of the precept was due at the end of August.

34.2. The following cheques were then authorised for payment:

002440	N. Blake	£ 280.00
002441	Gem Security	£ 93.13

34.3. The following bank transactions took place:

BT	£ 64.53
E. Jones	£ 450.00
HMRC	£ 70.00
RCT	£ 134.00
Coggins	£ 250.00
Tesco	£ 7.17

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34.4. Money already earmarked:

Annual Forestry Fun Run	£ 2,500
Holly Street Play Area	£ 20,000
Outside Gym	£ 10,000
Christmas Tree (office)	£ 1,000
Christmas Trees for shops	£ 1,500
Dropped Curbs	£ 5,000
Centregreat	£ 3,000
Clerks Wages x 9	£ 4,050
N. Blake's Wages	£ 2,520
Utilities	£ 4,500
Grants/Donations	£ 6,500

34.5. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance at 30/7/2018	£ 56,827.14
Money already earmarked	<u>£ 60,570.00</u>
	BAL: _ £ 3,742.86
Precept X 2	<u>£ 26,666.00</u>
	BAL: £ 22,923.14

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

35.1. The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will be the Annual Grants Meeting which will take place on Wednesday 12th September, 2018, it will then be followed by the normal monthly meeting.

The clerk then reminded members that no meetings are held in August, due to the summer recess.