

JUNE 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 13th June, 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

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

12. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

12.1. No declarations of interest were received.

13. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

13.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th May, were then read and it was pointed out to the clerk that minute 9 Financial Report, should read: The first instalment of this year's precept has already be received, as has the reimbursement from Grantscape. The clerk apologies for the oversight on her part, the minutes were then agreed as a true record.

14. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

14.1. Regarding minute 6.1. from the last meeting, the clerk then re iterated that unfortunately, due to the added cost of adding plugs to the Christmas Lights, and to obtaining permission from RCT as to which lamp posts we can use, that we do not precede with the purchase of the original extra lights. However, the clerk was instructed to contact RCT requesting information as to which lamp posts we can use, and to contact the Christmas Plus company to enquire as to which lights if any they still have available. This item is also to be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting.

14.2. Regarding minute 8.1. from the last meeting, after discussion the clerk was requested to contact Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts requesting that RCT take responsibility for the upkeep of the old urinal in Garden Village, and that arrangements be made for its refurbishment as soon as possible. A suggestion was also made that our handyman carry out the refurbishment and that we then send an invoice to RCT for reimbursement.

14.3. Regarding minute 8.3. from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that a "No Dogs Sign" has now been placed at the Glenavon Terrace entrance to the play area at High Street.

14.4. Regarding minute 8.4. from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had contacted Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts to report this ongoing problem, and had been informed that it was in hand. After discussion where it was reported that cars are still being repaired at High Street, the clerk was instructed to contact Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts again, and that she also inform the local PCSO of this issue.

14.5. Regarding minute 8.5. from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had contacted Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts to report this problem, and had been informed that it was in hand. After discussion where it was reported that a resident has now dismantled a car in the lane, the clerk was instructed to contact Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts again, and that she also report this to the local PCSO.

14.6. Regarding minute 8.6 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had contacted Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts regarding the "Playground" sign and has been informed that it was in hand.

15. CODE OF CONDUCT

15.1. A short discussion then took place regarding the Code of Conduct for Community Council's . After the discussion it was RESOLVED: That members accept the Code of Conduct and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action

16. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

16.1. An electric bill form SSE was then read and noted.

16.2. A reply letter from Ms Durham (Brighter Journeys) was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Ms Cook in the GGCA requesting further information before a decision is made to award any donation.

16.3. The clerk then read out an email she had received from RCT regarding a Public Spaces Protection Order. After discussion the clerk was instructed to visit all our play area's and report back to RCT via email.

16.4. A letter from the National Coastwatch Institution requesting financial assistance was then read and noted. The clerk was then instructed to send a reply letter.

16.5. An invoice from RCT for the land on which one of our bus shelters is placed 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.

16.6. An invoice from Mr J. Morgan for completing the internal audit this year 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

17. ANNUAL FORESTRY FUN RUN

17. The clerk then reported on the progress she had made for the annual forestry fun run. The clerk reported that she had purchased two (2) gazebos, she has also receive confirmation from Bridgend Borough Council on the use of the park and the pavilion, confirmation has also been received that Huw Irrance-Davies is available to attend this year, as is Mr Steve Powderhill the Mayor of RCT, Ms Raylana Griffiths is also available for the face painting, the local fire service has indicated that they will also be attending as has the local PSCO's who have also confirmed that a police vehicle and hopefully police dogs/horses will also attend. The clerk then reported that she had contacted Pembroke Falconry regarding a bird's of prey display, and that the cost would be £240, after discussion it was RESOLED: That the clerk confirm the booking and was instructed to take the necessary action. It was also reported that confirmation has also been received from the company who has supplied the bouncy castle in the past is also available to attend this year, and that they are also able to provide a bungee rope, unlimited free "slush", candyfloss, and popcorn for the cost of £ 450.00. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That we confirm with the booking with the company and Councillor Mrs L. Price reported that she would be happy to do this. The clerk also reported that she had received confirmation that the local scouts group would also be attending, as is a representative from the defibrillators' organization. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding various other points, and after the discussion the clerk was requested to contact BCBC again requesting permission to use the rugby field, that we only provide drinks for the competitors this year and not the bags of sweet's and crisps. The clerk was then instructed to order 100 new medals for the competitors this year, and winner and runner up trophies for all the age groups. The clerk was then instructed to place this item on the agenda for next month's meeting.

18. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS

18.1. The clerk then reported on a meeting she had had with a resident of Fairview regarding the condition of one of the benches. After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: That the remaining bench we have in store is used to replace the old green metal bench that is in a dangerous condition, and that the bench causing the complaint be left where it is. The clerk was then instructed to take the necessary action.

18.2. The clerk then reported that unfortunately, the information she has been sending to Mr Buch our web site manager is not being added to our web site, and that this is one of the Welsh Office requirements. After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: That the clerk contacts Mr Buch informing him that due to various issues we no longer require his services as our web site manager, also what is the legal position regarding our domain name. The clerk was also instructed to place this item on next month's agenda.

18.3. Councillor M. Whitter then reported on a conversation he had had with Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts regarding the possibility of using a grass area at the top of Holly Street as a car park, this would hopefully alleviate the double parking on the junction to the main road. After the discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts regarding same.

18.4. A short discussion then took place regarding the lack of parking outside Abercerdin School, and also the lack of a school crossing patrol. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact BCBC regarding this ongoing problem.

18.5. A short discussion then took place regarding the ongoing problems of parking outside the local Co-Op in Garden Village and the parking outside Hendreforgan School. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact RCT and the Chief Constable informing them of these ongoing problems and requesting that a "traffic warden" be made available to patrol these areas periodically.

19. FINANCIAL REPORT

19.1. The internal audit report was then discussed at length, and after discussion it was RESOLVED: That the audit report is accepted, but the issues raised in the report are to be discussed further.

a. The £5,000 grant awarded to Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts from the Mynydd Portref Wind Farm, was discussed and the clerk was instructed to contact them requesting written confirmation of the amount.

b. The Company who install and take down our Christmas lights and have done for many years CentreGreat, are also used by the Borough Council, and it was the Borough Council who recommended them. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact the Borough Council to enquire as to whether or not they have SLA with them.

c. The clerk was then instructed to agenda the Assets of the Council at the next A.G.M. meeting, and every year thereafter.

d. The way the council discusses any tender's it may require was then discussed, and in future the threshold will be as follows:

Up to £1,000, one tender, up to £3,000 two tenders, and above £4,000 three tenders.

e. The clerk was then instructed to place the following items on next month's agenda
Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Duties of the RFO.

19.2. The following cheques were then authorised for payment:

2437	N. Blake	£ 298.14
2438	RCT	£ 5.00
2439	J. Morgan	£ 240.00

19.3. The following bank transactions also took place:

VAT Return	£ 2,409.18
BT	£ 55.74
HMRC	£ 70.00
E. Jones	£ 450.00
RCT	£ 134.00
Lidl	£ 119.98

19.4. Bank reconciliation:

Balance at 30/4/18	£ 73,219.51
Money recd:	<u>£ 2,409.81</u>
BAL:	£ 75,629.32
Money spent:	<u>£ 4,947.66</u>
BAL:	£ 70,681.66

19.5. Money already earmarked:

Annual Forestry Fun Run	£ 2,500
Holly Street Play Area	£ 20,000
Outside Gym	£ 10,000
Christmas Tree	£ 1,000
Christmas Lights	£ 5,000
Christmas Trees for shops	£ 1,500
Clerks wages x10	£ 4,500
N. Blake's wages	£ 2,800

Cont:	Utilities	£ 4,500
	Grants/Donations	£ 6,500

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

20.1. The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on WEDNESDAY 11th JULY, 2018 at the Council Office.