

March 2018

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

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

87.1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Warren.

88. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

88.1. No declarations in interest were received.

89. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

89.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th February, 2018 were then agreed as a true record.

90. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

90.1. Regarding minute 80.1 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had received a reply from Ms Austin in RCT and that unfortunately as yet she had been unable to make a start on the project . She did however ask for confirmation as to how much money would be available. After a short discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Ms Austin again providing her with the figures we have at present, and the clerk was also instructed to write to Mr Dale Heart from Walters Group Engineering to enquire as to whether he would be in a position to help us make up the short fall.

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90.2. Regarding minute 80.2 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that all the outstanding monies from the ground rent as now been received.

90.3. Regarding minute 80.3 from the last meeting it was then reported that the light in Glenavon Terrace is in fact faulty and will be repaired as soon as a replacement part is received.

90.4. Regarding minute 80.5 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts had requested that a “ No Tipping” sign be placed at the top of the valley.

90.5. Regarding minute 80.8 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that the repair of the damaged bus shelters would now commence early in April.

90.6. Regarding minute 85.2 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had spoken to the PCSO regarding the parking outside Hendreforgan School, and that a traffic warden had visited the area one morning, but the following day cars were again parked on the double yellow lines.

91. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

91.1. A planning application from RCT was then read and noted.

91.2. An email from Mrs J Cook from the GGCA was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to send a reply letter and a grant form to Mrs Cook.

91.3. An email from the events department at RCT was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to send a reply informing them that the Council have no objections to this request.

91.4. An email from Came & Company regarding our insurance renewal was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to send a reply stating that the meeting could go ahead, but that any recommendations would have to be referred back to the Council.

91.5. An invitation at join One Voice Wales was then read and noted.

91.6. A thank you letter from Tenovus was then read and noted.

91.7. A thank you letter from Teenage Cancer was then read and noted.

91.8. Information regarding the forthcoming “Walk for Life” Kidney Wales was then read and noted.

92. TAFF ELY WIND FARM GRANT APPLICATIONS

92.1. The following grant applications were then read:

- a. Gilfach Goch OAP Welfare fund

Councillor Mrs A. Roberts declared an interest and took no part in the discussion.

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £1,000 is awarded.

- b. Parents and Friends Hendreforgan Primary School

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £500 is awarded.

- c. Gilfach Goch Football Club

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £1,000 is awarded.

- d. 1st Gilfach Goch Scouts Group

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £400 is awarded.

- e. Jigsaw Community Courses

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £500 is awarded.

- f. Moriah Chapel

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £300 is awarded.

- g. Gilfach Goch Watercolour Society

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £200 is awarded.

- h. Garden Village Ladies Art and Craft Class

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £200 is awarded.

- i. Garden Village Ladies Guild

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £200 is awarded.

- j. Messy Monsters Day Nursery

After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a grant of £300 is awarded.

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The clerk then reported that she had not received the grant form back from “Little Fingers” play group, and from Bethal Methodist Church. Councillor Mrs J. Lewis then confirmed that she had posted back the grant form, but it would seem that it has not been received by the clerk. After discussion it was RESOLVED. That the clerk provide another form for Councillor Mrs J. Lewis, and that she contact “Little Fingers” play group as to whether or not they have received the form, and that this item is to be placed on the agenda for next month’s meeting.

93. AUDIT REPORT

93.1. A short discussion then took place and it was RESOLVED: That the audit report is accepted and there is no need for it to be placed on the agenda again.

94. CLERKS AUDIT TRAINING

94.1. The clerk then reported that she had been unable to contact the clerk in Ynysybwll, but that she had located a book keeping course through the SLCC, but that they were only held in England. A short discussion then took place and the clerk was instructed to contact a local accountant to enquire as to whether or not they would be able to help the clerk with the completion of the end of year account.

95. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS

95.1. A short discussion then took place regarding the garages situated in Hendreforgan Crescent.

95.2. The grass path leading from the top of the steps in Oak Street to the “kissing gate” to the rear of Cambrian Ave was then discussed. After discussion Councillor Mrs Roberts stated that she would contact the engineers in RCT requesting that this path be tar marked over, and if not, would it be possible for the Community Council to do this?, this item is to be placed on next month’s agenda.

95.3. The clerk then reported that she had received the invoice from Mr Steve Davies for the purchase of the two defibrillators, and that she had send all the relevant paper work to GrantScape for the reimbursement of the payment. The two defibrillators are now read for installing at their relevant locations, and hopefully this will be completed shortly.

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95.4. The clerk was then instructed to send a thank you letter to Dr G. Evans thanking him for his dedication to the residents of Gilfach Goch during the sent snow. Dr Evans stayed in Gilfach Goch the whole time the snow was on the ground, and his dedication is admirable.

95.5. The clerk then reported that she had received the electricity bill which had increased by a considerable amount since last year. After discussion the clerk was instructed to pay the invoice, but to calculate exactly how much electricity the heaters are using, they be switched off until the next meeting.

95.6. The clerk then reported that during the recent bad weather a leak had occurred in the outside toilet. The leak has been reported to the water board and the clerk is awaiting a date when it is to be repaired.

96. FINANCIAL REPORT

96.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report.

96.2. The following cheques were then authorised for payment:

2415	N. Blake	£ 252.00
2416	SWALEC	£ 1,170.39
2417 to 2426	Wind Farm Grants	£ 4,500.00

96.3. 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 13	£ 5,850.00

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Mr Blake's Wages x 13	£ 4,500.00
Insurance	£ 2,500.00
Utilities	£ 5,400.00
Grants/Donations	£ 6,000.00

97. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

97.1. The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on WEDNESDAY 11th APRIL 2018.