

## MAY 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at the Council Office.

### PRESENT

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

### IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK

#### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1. An apology for absence was received from Councillor M. Whitter. Due to Councillor Whitter not being in attendance, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Mrs L. Price chaired the meeting.

#### **2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

- 2.1. No declarations of interest were received.

#### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 3.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 were then agreed as a true record.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

4.1. Regarding minute 101.2 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had now received the annual renewal quotation from Zurich, and that we were in a long term agreement with them, so we are unable to accept the quotation from Came & Co. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That the invoice for the renewal is paid and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

4.2. Regarding minute 101.5. from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that we had now received the re-imburement from GrantScape for the purchase of the two defibrillators.

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4.3. Regarding minute 101.6 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that as yet she has not looked in to the purchase of a new heater for the office.

4.4. Regarding minute 105.1 from the last meeting, a short discussion then took place regarding the ongoing problem of the parking outside the local Co-Op store and the parking outside Hendreforgan School. The clerk was then instructed to contact Borough Councillor Mrs Roberts to enquire as to whether or not she has spoken to the Chief Constable regarding this issue.

4.5. Regarding minute 105.6 from the last meeting, it was then confirmed that the “pot holes” in Meadow Street have now been repaired.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

5.1. A letter from BDO the external auditor’s was then read and noted. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That we ask Mr Jason Morgan to carry out the internal audit again this year and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

5.2. A grant form from Brighter Journeys was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Ms Durham requesting confirmation on the correct name of the organisation and an up to date set of accounts.

5.3. A invoiced from Welsh Water was then read and noted.

5.4. A request for financial assistance from Bobath Wales was then read and noted. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a donation of £100 is given and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

5.5. Two (2) planning application for Rosehill Terrace were then read and noted.

5.6. A thank you letter from Bethel Methodist Church was then read and noted.

## **6. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

6.1. The clerk then read out a list of all the ex-hire Christmas decorations that were available from Christmas Plus.

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After discussion it was RESOLVED: That we purchase twenty (20) lights, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

**7. ANNUAL FORESTRY FUN RUN**

7.1. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the annual forestry fun run, and after discussion it was RESOLVED: That we hold the event on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, and as this is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the event, we invite the First Minister, the Mayor of RCT, Chris Elmore, the Police Commissioner, the Fire Chief, and Mrs G, Evans and Mrs G, Watt. The clerk was also requested to contact the local PCSO's the local fire station, the local scouts, and the local play groups. The clerk was also instructed to purchase another two (2) marquee's. It was also decided to have the follow: face painting, bouncy castle, police horses/dogs, a climbing wall, birds of prey, a fire engine, and possibly a carousel. It was also decided that we again this year have the free refreshments for the competitors, and a light buffet for all the dignitaries invited. A risk assessment is also to be carried out, and the need for advertising was also discussed. The clerk was also requested to agenda this for the next meeting.

**8. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS**

8.1. The condition of the old urinal opposite the old post office in Garden Village was again discussed, and after the discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts requesting that RCT clean up this area.

8.2. The double parking outside the local Co-op store and the parking outside Hendreforgan School was again discussed and the clerk was instructed to contact Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts again this ongoing problem.

8.3. The clerk was then requested to contact Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts requesting that a " No Dogs Sign" be placed at the Glenavon Terrace entrance to the children's play area in High Street.

8.4. The clerk was then instructed to contact RCT regarding cars that are being repaired a High Street, Gilfach Goch.

8.5. The clerk was then instructed to contact RCT regarding cars blocking the back lane of High Street up towards Blandy Terrace.

8.6. The clerk was then instructed to contact RCT requesting that a "playground" sign be placed at the entrance to Glenavon Terrace to try and stop the speed of traffic traveling up this road.

**9. FINANCIAL REPORT**

9.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report , stating that she has now applied for this year's VAT refund, the first instalment of this year's precept will be received at the end of April, and that Grantscape will be reimbursing the amount paid for the two (2) defibrillators within the next few days.

9.2. The following cheques were then authorised for payment:

02431	N. Blake	£280.00
02432	Bus Shelters Ltd	£ 864.30
02433	Bobath	£ 100.00
02434	Zurich Insurance	£ 1,873.64
02436	Bus Shelters Ltd	£ 11,164.46

9.3. The following bank transactions also took place:

BT	£ 62.26
E. Jones	£ 450.00
HMRC	£ 70.00
RCT	£ 130.00
Grantscape	£ 2,48.00 Recd
Dwr Cymru	£ 56.71
Precept	£ 13,333.34 Recd

9.4. Bank reconciliation:

Balance at 31/3/18	£62,171.93
Money Recd:	<u>£ 15,817.34</u>
BAL:	£ 77,989.27
Money spent:	<u>£ 4,769.76</u>
BAL:	£ 73,219.51

9.5. 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 x11	£ 4.950
N. Blake's wages x11	£ 3,080
Utilities	£ 4,500
Grants/Donations	£ 6,500

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

10.1. 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> June, 2018 at the Council Office.