

## **November 2018**

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at the Council Office.

### **PRESENT**

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

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

#### **THE CLERK**

#### **48. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

#### **49. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

49.1. No declarations of interest were received.

#### **50. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

50.1. The minutes of the grants meeting that was held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 were then read and it was then pointed out to the clerk that she had omitted to include a grant application from the Dementia Friendly Hub who's application was deferred until the group had opened a bank account. The clerk apologised for this oversight on her part and the minutes were then agreed as a true record. The minutes of the normal monthly meeting were then read and it was pointed out to the clerk that item 40.8 it should read Chris Elmore MP and Huw Irranca- Davies Am and not as stated, the clerk apologised for the oversight on her part, and the minutes were then agreed as a true record.

**51. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

51.1. Regarding minute 39.3 from last meeting, the clerk then reported that as yet she had not received any reply from Mr A. Buch regarding our web site. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Mr Buch once again.

51.2. Regarding minute 39.4 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had forwarded the reply email from BCBC regarding the lack of a school crossing patrol at Abercerdin School, to both Chris Elmore MP and Huw Irrance-Davies AM but to date, no reply has been received.

51.3. Regarding minute 40.3 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had contacted various other electricity suppliers but SSE our current supply were the most competitive. The clerk then confirmed that after seeking advice from all Councillors via email, she had confirmed the 2 year contract with SSE.

51.4. Regarding minute 40.5 from the last meeting the clerk then provided members with an up- date on the lack of water pressure residents are experiencing during the local fire services “drill” night. Councillor Mrs Price then reported that she had spoken to a member of the fire service who had reported that the water board is liaising with the local fire station and that the fire station have reported that the time it takes for their “tank” to fill is causing some concern. Councillor Mrs A. Roberts then stated that she would contact the water board to hurry up this ongoing problem.

51.5. Regarding minute 43.1 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that the refurbishment of the children’s play area at Holly Street has now commenced, and that Ms Austin from RCT has requested that we send in our contribution as soon as possible. After discussion the clerk was instructed to send a cheque in payment as requested.

51.6. Regarding minute 44.1 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had contacted the local PCSO regarding the ongoing parking problems at Glenavon Terrace and that the PCSO was going to contact Councillor Mrs Abbott direct. Councillor Mrs Abbott then reported that as yet she had not had any contact with the PCSO. The clerk was then instructed to contact the PCSO asking that she contact Councillor Mrs Abbott direct.

51.7. Regarding minute 44.2 from the last meeting, it was then reported that Councillor Mrs A. Roberts had contacted BCBC regarding the old Jenmore site, but to date no action has been taken, the clerk was then requested to contact them once again.

51.8. Regarding minute 44.3 from the last meeting it was then reported that the OAP day centre was probably not the ideal location to display the historical documents, and that maybe they would be benefit from being displayed in the Dave Lawrence suite at the GGCA.

51.9. Regarding minute 44.4 from the last meeting it was then reported that it has to be at least 10 years before any recognition of the artist Howell Davies be commemorated. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That the clerk include this item on the agenda of the meeting after next year's AGM.

51.10 Regarding minute 44.5 from the last meeting all Councillors present expressed what a good attendance there was at the Remembrance Sunday Service and that the refreshments that were supplied by the Council were greatly appreciated. The clerk was then instructed to ask that all the "poppies" now be removed from the lamp posts. A short discussion then took place regarding the possibility of having different memorials for next year's Remembrance Sunday.

51.11. Regarding minute 44.6 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that the seat has now been made safe.

51.12. Regarding minute 44.7 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had spoken to Mr Blake our bus shelter cleaner, who had informed her that the shelters appear "cloudy" due to them being a polycarbonate and not glass.

51.13. Regarding minute 44.8 from the last meeting the clerk then reported on the problems she had experience with HMRC regarding the refund for Mr Blake. After discussion the clerk was instructed to pay Mr Blake all the money he was due, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

## **52. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

52.1. Confirmation of our renewal with SSE for our electricity was then read and noted.

52.2. The water bill was then read and noted.

52.3. The clerk then read out a letter she had received from the Gilfach Goch War Memorial Committee requesting financial help. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That a donation of £1,000 be given as previously agreed, and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

52.4. The clerk then read out an email she had received from Mr David Quinn regarding the "Happi Project" he is involved with. The clerk was then requested to provide copies of the information to the Councillors present and to provide a copy to the GGCA.

52.5. The clerk then read out a planning application received from RCT.

52.6. The clerk then read out a letter she had received from the Brighter Journeys support group requesting that another cheque be provided due to the original one being rejected by the bank, after discussion the clerk was instructed to provide another cheque.

52.7. The clerk then read out a letter from HMRC which stated that they had paid the refund due to Mr Blake twice, and was requesting that it be paid back to them. After discussion the clerk was instructed to pay back the money as was requested.

**53. OUTSIDE GYM**

53.1. Councillor Mrs A. Roberts then reported that she had contacted RCT and that permission had been granted for us to place 4/5 pieces of outdoor gym equipment on RCT land. A short discussion then took place regarding the best location for the equipment and it was then decided that the land in front of Glenavon Terrace was the best location. The clerk was then instructed to contact Ms L Austin from RCT requesting if she can be of any assistance with the project, also that the clerk provide a notice that can be distributed to all the residents in Glenavon Terrace to ask for any objections to this proposal.

**54. COUNCIL WEB SITE**

54.1. This item has already been discussed in Matters Arising from the Minutes.

**55. HOLLY STREET PLAY AREA**

55.1. This item has already been discussed in Matters Arising from the Minutes

**56. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

56.1. The clerk then reported that she had been unable to contact the person who sold the Christmas trees in the forestry in Llantrisant, but that she had contacted Pugh's Garden Village and had obtained a quote for the purchase of a 10ft Christmas tree at a cost of £ 99.99. After discussion it was RESOLVED: That the clerk purchase the tree, and purchase outdoor decorations and lights, and use the Councils debit card. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding having an official switch on of the Christmas tree lights, it was also suggested that we provide light refreshments and that we hold a carol service at the same time, it was also decided that we have the use of the OAP hall opposite the Council office to accommodate anyone that wishes to attend. The clerk then reported that she had also arranged for our Christmas motifs to be erected on the lamp posts and that they be switched on on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**57. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS**

57.1. It was then reported that the pavement outside 122 and leading up to the Festival club in High Street is cracked and dipping and in need of urgent repair. The clerk was then instructed to contact RCT and request that this be repaired.

57.2. It was then reported that the street lights opposite Hendreforgan School is flashing when switched on. The clerk was then instructed to contact RCT informing them of this.

57.3. The clerk then informed member that Mr Blake had worked extra hours this month, and after discussion it was RESOLVED: That Mr Blake be re-reimbursed for the extra hours he has worked.

57.4. The clerk then reported that she had sought permission from Councillor Mrs Price to purchase an oil filled heater she had recently seen.

57.5. The clerk then reported on a conversation she had had with Mrs M. Gough regarding the key for the pavilion in the Welfare Park for the Remembrance Sunday Service. After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: That in future the clerk has no contact with Mrs Gough and that in future the clerk contact Mr R. Jones regarding the key.

57.6. The clerk was then reminded to contact all the people previously visited to confirm whether or not they still require a Christmas tree for the outside of the business.

**58. FINANCAIL REPORT**

58.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report and reminded members that the last instalment of the precept for due at the end of December.

**59. ACCOUNTS**

59.1. The following cheques were then authorised for payment:

02468	N. Blake	£ 1,053.20
02469	RCT (park)	£ 20,000.00
02470	Brighter Journeys	£ 200.00
02471	G. G. War Memorial	£ 1,000.00

59.2. The following bank transactions also took place:

BT	£ 54.00
E. Jones	£ 450.00
RCT Rates	£ 134.00
Tesco	£ 6.00
Dwr Cymru	£ 47.20
HMRC Refund	£ 703.20
HMRC Refund	£ 353.20

59.3. Money already earmarked:

Outside Gym	£ 10,000
Christmas Trees (shops)	£ 1,500
Dropped Curbs	£ 5,000
Centregreat	£ 3,000
Clerks Wages x 4	£ 1,800
N. Blake's Wages x 4	£ 1,400

Utilities

£ 3,500

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59.4. Bank Reconciliation:

Balance @ 31/10/18 £ 64,094.80

December Precept: £ 13,333.33

BAL: £ 77,428.13

Money already earmarked: £ 26,200.00

BAL : £ 51, 228.13

Outstanding cheques: £ 1,500.00

BAL: £ 49, 728.13

**60. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

60.1. The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on WEDNESDAY 12th December, 2018 at the Council Office.

