

October 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 10th October, 2018 at the Council Office.

PRESENT

COUNICLLORS: M. WHITTER, A. WARREN, MRS L. PRICE, MRS J. LEWIS, MRS J. ABBOTT, & BOROUGH COUNCILLOR MRS A ROBERTS.

IN ATTANDANCE

THE CLERK

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

36.1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R. Price.

37. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

37.1. No declarations of interest were received.

38. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

38.1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th July, were then agreed as a true record. No meeting was held in September.

39. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

39.1. Regarding minute 24.1 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had contacted RCT and requested that this area be cleaned up, but to date, it has not been completed. The clerk was then requested to contact RCT again regarding this problem.

39.2. Regarding minute 24.2 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had send a grant application form to Ms Durham, which will be discussed in the following grants meeting.

39.3. Regarding minute 24.6 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had received a reply from Mr Buch, will be read in correspondence.

39.4. Regarding minute 24.8 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had received a reply from BCBC which will be read in correspondence.

39.5. Regarding minute 24.9 from the last meeting the clerk then reported that she had contacted the local Inspector and reported this ongoing problem.

39.6. Regarding minute 25.2 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that the annual service on the office alarm has now been carried out.

39.7. Regarding minute 26.1 from the last meeting, all members agreed that the annual forestry fun run was a great success again this year.

39.8. Regarding minute 27.1 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had had a conversation with the clerk from Tonyrefail Community Council regarding the purchase of a large Christmas Tree for the outside of the office. The clerk was then instructed to place this item on next month's agenda.

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39.9. Regarding minute 33.2 from the a last meeting, Borough Councillor Mrs A, Roberts then provided members with an update of the position regard the land to the rear of Hendreforgan Crescent.

39.10. Regarding minute 33.3 from the last meeting, the clerk then reported that she had met with a representative from the water board, and that “loggers” would be placed with in the area to monitor the water usage.

40. CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was then read and noted:

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

40.2. A letter and poster from Royal Mail regarding “ Scam Mail” was then read and noted, the clerk then reported that she had placed the poster in the notice board.

40.3. A letter from our electricity supplier SSE informing that our contract with then is due for renewal at the end of November was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to look for an alternative supplier and this item is to be placed on the agenda for next month’s meeting.

40.4. A reply email from Mr Buch regarding our web site was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to contact Mr Buch asking that he outline three (3) options including the costs regarding the Council taking over the running of our web site.

40.5. Confirmation from the water board regarding the addition of the “loggers” to monitor the water pressure was then read and noted.

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40.6. Confirmation of a credit received from SSE was then read and noted.

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

40.8. A reply email from BCBC regarding the lack of a School Crossing patrol at Abercerdin School was then read and noted. After discussion the clerk was instructed to send a copy to Chris Elmore Am, and to Huw Irranca Davies MP.

41. OUTSIDE GYM

41.1. The clerk then reported that she had been in contact with RCT regarding the ownership of the land off Cambrian Ave, and had received confirmation that the land is owned by RCT. A short discussion then took place regarding the possibility of placing some of the gym equipment at this location and some on the grass area in front of Glenavon Terrace. Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts then reported that she would contact RCT regarding the best way forward to have these items installed.

42. COUNCIL WEB SITE

42.1. This item has been discussed in in matters arising.

43. HOLLY STREET PLAY AREA

43.1. Borough Councillor Mrs A. Roberts then updated members on the developments of Holly Street play area. The delay in starting the refurbishment is due to there being a back log of work on other RCT projects. Hopefully the work will commence in November. The clerk was then instructed to inform Ms Austin that a grant from Grantscape is also available.

44. REPORTS/COMPLAINTS

44.1. Councillor Mrs Abbott then reported on the ongoing problem of parking on the bend at Glenavon Terrace. It was reported that at least 1 vans were parked causing an obstruction last weekend. After discussion it was agreed that Borough Councillor Mrs Roberts look into the possibility of issuing parking permits to residents. The clerk was also instructed to inform the local PCSO.

44.2. Councillor Mrs Abbott then reported that she had noticed that the old Jenmore building at the bottom of Coronation Road, had again be vandalized and bricks had removed, allowing entry to be gained. It was reported that the building is still privately owned, and Borough Councillor Mrs Roberts stated that she would contact BCBC regarding same.

44.3. Councillor Mrs Lewis then reported that she had received a request from a resident in Gilfach, if there was any where that old historical documents relating to life in Gilfach Goch could be displayed for people of the valley to view. A short discussion then took place, and Borough Councillor Mrs Roberts stated that she would contact the OAP day centre to enquire as to whether or not they can be displayed there.

44.4. Councillor Mrs Lewis then reported on a conversation she had had with Miss M. Thomas regarding the renowned Artist, Howell Davies who was born in Gilfach and who had sadly passed away earlier this year. Miss Thomas had suggested that as he was such a renowned artist, that maybe the possibility of having a "Blue Plaque" installed on the outside of the house where he was born would be a fitting tribute to him. After a short discussion Borough Councillor Mrs Roberts stated that she would look into the possibility of this.

44.5. Councillor Warren then requested that the "Poppies" be placed on various lamp posts again this year in time for Remembrance Sunday. Councillor Warren also reminded the clerk to re visit the business within the valley regarding having the small Christmas trees outside their premises.

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44.6. Borough Councillor Mrs Roberts then reported that she had received a complaint regarding the seat at the top of the valley. The clerk then reported that she had looked at the seat and that a bolt was protruding from the ground. The clerk was then instructed to contact Mr Blake requested that the seat be made safe.

44.7. Borough Councillor Mrs Roberts then reported that she had received a complaint regarding the condition of the panels in the bus shelters. The clerk was then instructed to contact Mr Blake informing him of this and to request as to what detergent if any he is using.

44.8. The clerk then reported that as Mr Blake had now retired from his full time work, he was eligible not to pay any tax, the clerk stated that she had been in contact with HMRC, who had advised her what tax code Mr Blake's should now be, she had also been informed that Mr Blake was now due a tax refund, and that either the Council could give the refund or it can be claimed back directly from HMRC. After a short discussion the clerk was instructed to claim the refund back from HMRC first, and when that has been received, Mr Blake can be given the refund. The clerk was then instructed to take the necessary action.

44.9. A lengthy discussion then took place regarding the audit return that had recently been received from the external auditor. The clerk was then instructed to contact BDO requesting clarification on some of the points they had raised. It was then agreed to approve the audit report and the clerk was instructed to take the necessary action.

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44.10. The clerk then reported that she has already placed an order for two (2) "Poppy wreaths" for the forthcoming Remembrance Sunday, one will be laid at the Cenotaph in Evanstown, and one will be laid outside the council Office on the dedication stone for CPO George Prowse VC DMC.

44.11. Councillor Mrs Price then reported that on Wednesday of last week due to the local fire station holding its "drill night" no water was available out of the taps. The clerk was then requested to contact the water board again requesting an update on the situation.

45. FINANCIAL REPORT

45.1. The clerk then provided members with her financial report and reminded members that the second instalment of the precept had been received at the end of August.

46. ACCOUNTS

46. 1 The following cheques were then authorised for payment:

02442	Mayors Charity	£ 100.00
02443	Pembroke Falconry	£ 240.00
02444	Face Painting	£ 70.00
02245	Mini Mayhem	£ 600.00
02446	Llewellyn Catering	£ 40.00
02447	N. Blake	£ 286.40
02448 – 2466	Grant Allocations	£5,400.00

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02467	N Blake	£ 350.00
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46.2. The following bank transactions also took place:

BT	£ 61.20
E. Jones	£ 450.00
RCT Rates	£ 134.00
Greenbarnes	£ 18.14

46.3. Money already earmarked:

Holly Street Play Area	£ 20.000
Outside Gym	£ 10.000
Christmas Tree (office)	£ 1,000
Christmas Trees (shops)	£ 1,500
Dropped Curbs	£ 5,000
Centregreat	£ 3,000
Clerks Wages x 5	£ 2,250
N. Blake's Wages x5	£ 1,750
Utilities	£ 4,000
Grants/Donations	£ 6,500
Cenotaph Donation	£ 1,000

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46.4.	Bank Reconciliation		
	Balance @ 27/9/18		£ 67,479.60
	Money already earmarked:		<u>£ 54,500.00</u>
		BAL	£ 12,979.60
	December Precept		<u>£ 16,666.66</u>

47. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

47.1. The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on WEDNESDAY 14th November, 2018 at the Council Office.