

November 2021

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 10 November 2021 on Zoom.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir Mercher 10 Techwedd 2021.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: L.PRICE R.PRICE M.WHITTER J.ABBOTT A.DRAPER
A.ROBERTS A.WARREN

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS RHYDIAN JONES.

58. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

58.1 No apologies received.

59. SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM RHYDIAN JONES STATION COMMANDER GILFACH GOCH FIRE STATION

59.1 Rhydian Jones received a warm welcome and presented the Community Risk Management Plan for the Gilfach Goch Fire Station.

60. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

60.1 No declarations were received.

61. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

61.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were then agreed as a true record.

62. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

62.1 Minute 53.4 Georgia Osborne will not be pursuing her netball qualification and the cheque for £400 has been returned.

62.2 Minute 53.7 The clerk has been in contact with Mrs Jan Clifford a seamstress from Tonyrefail who will attempt to make a neckrest in red velvet for the chain of office for a cost of approximately £15.

62.3 Minute 53.10 James Thomas' Christmas parade will go ahead as planned and the agreed donation of £1000 has been made.

62.4 Minute 54.3 BCBC have planted the Christmas tree near Glenavon Terrace. J Abbott has concerns regarding the parking at Glenavon Terrace. These are the rules relating to parking according to the highway code.

Rule 243

DO NOT stop or park:

- near a school entrance
- anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services
- at or near a bus or tram stop or taxi rank
- on the approach to a level crossing/tramway crossing
- opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space
- near the brow of a hill or hump bridge
- opposite a traffic island or (if this would cause an obstruction) another parked vehicle
- where you would force other traffic to enter a tram lane
- where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- in front of an entrance to a property
- on a bend
- where you would obstruct cyclists' use of cycle facilities

except when forced to do so by stationary traffic.

62.5 Minute 54.4 A community orchard has already been attempted by the GGCA but RCT borough council would not support it. A Draper will contact RCT's Local Nature Park Co-ordinator for more information. The clerk suggested that maybe the area currently being treated for knotweed at the allotment could possibly be used in 2 years time. The clerk reported that she had visited the stile behind Glamorgan Terrace and that it is in need of replacement. It was reported on 9 November and the footpath officer is negotiating with the landowner to see if the stile can be replaced with a gate. Borough Councillor Roberts has also requested a map of all the footpaths in Gilfach Goch.

62.6 Minute 56.2 L Price queried an income amount of £10 from S Euston. The clerk explained that it was the monthly payment that was agreed for the garage rental.

63. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

63.1 A report of the Allotment Association meeting held on 5 November at the GGCA was emailed to all councillors and Miskin Tree Services have commenced the agreed works.

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64. CORRESPONDENCE

64.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

64.1a 7 Hill Street CF39 8TW. Two storey extension.

64.2 A donation request was received from the Welsh Air Ambulance and it was RESOLVED: that a payment of £100 be made. Especially as the service was required in the village after an accident in Glenavon Terrace 3 weeks ago.

64.3 A letter was received from the Young People's Counselling Service requesting a donation of £30 towards children and young people who attend school or live in RCT. It was RESOLVED: that the payment be made.

64.4 A thank you letter was received from the Gilfach Goch OAP Welfare for the grant that was issued to them.

64.5 An email was received from Clair Gwilliam of 45 Cambrian Avenue suggesting ideas that had community potential and the following was discussed

64.5a Happy To Chat Benches. It was RESOLVED: that there are sufficient benches in the community and there will be a large memorial seat in place on the green behind the council office at the end of January.

64.5b Plans for a Men's Shed in Gilfach Goch. There is already one in operation at the GGCA.

64.5c Benthyc Cymru. It was RESOLVED: that there was no need for a building as the Gilfach Goch Community Hub that operates via Facebook is working extremely well and the clerk was requested to make this known on the council's website and noticeboard.

64.5d Community Energy Wales and a micro hydro energy scheme at the top of the valley harnessing energy for locals. A Roberts and A Warren remembered a similar project was attempted some years ago by the Evanstown Community Association but it was unsuccessful following a feasibility study that proved that the river was not sufficient for this type of scheme. It was Resolved: that the clerk would make enquiries.

64.5e The condition of the Stile behind Glamorgan Terrace. Has already been recorded in minute 62.5.

64.6 The clerk will respond to the email and let Clair Gwilliam know the outcomes.

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65. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

65.1 The clerk reported that she attended a meeting at the GGCA on October 20 at the request of Lowri Morgan the co-ordinator of the Kickstart Project. The clerk reported on her role as Clerk and Responsible Finance Office of Gilfach Goch Community Council.

65.2 The clerk reported that she attended a meeting at the GGCA on October 21 with the Taff Ely West Neighbourhood Network. The meeting was very interesting and well attended by many organisations. The plan is to put a community directory in place for Gilfach Goch, Tonyrefail, Edmonstown and Penrhiwfer. The clerk will also be working with Kate of the GGCA and members of Interlink to try and provide Numeracy and Literacy help to all ages. The next meeting is at Capel Farm on Wednesday 24 November at 10 am.

65.3 A Draper had concerns about the position of the noticeboard at the council office. The clerk believes that it could be due to the concrete slabs becoming loose. This will be discussed in the December meeting along with other problems that might need addressing at the office.

65.4 The clerk reported that she has been making enquires regarding poppy signage for the village ready for next November and has been in contact with the sign shop at parc prison where she will request a proof.

65.5 L and R Price reported on the problem encountered at the firework display held by the Rock Community Church. There has been bad publicity on social media and reports made to the borough council but A Roberts reported that the Leader and Deputy Leader have no concerns. The community have been very supportive and over £70 in donations was received during the display. Unfortunately, after 10 years, the Rock Community Church will not be holding such an event in the future.

66. FINANCIAL REPORT

66.1	Bank balance as of 31.10.21	£76472.85
66.2	Invoices / Receipts	
66.2a	Zoom	£14.39
66.2b	St John's Ambulance	£180
66.2c	J Bayliss (Fresh & Fruity)	£1000
66.2d	GG and Ton Community Defib	£4000
66.2e	Landtech (Knotweed treatment)	£540
66.2f	Rock Community Church	£1000
66.2g	Karate Club	£1000

67. ACCOUNTS

67.1	Cheques authorised	
	002648 Dawn Walters	£964.36
	002649 Huw Jones	£285.20
	002650 Dawn Walters	£14.39
	002651 Andrew Rees	£1000
	002652 Rhiannon Hill	£1000
	002653 Lil Amigos	£240
	002654 James Thomas	£1000
	002655 Georgia Osborne (returned)	£400

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67.2 Bank transactions for October

October Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£964.36	Chq 002648
Huw Jones	£285.20	Chq 002649
Dawn Walters	£14.39	Chq 002650
Andrew Rees	£1000	Chq 002651
Rhiannon Hill	£1000	Chq 002652
St John's Ambulance	£180	
Joanna Bayliss	£1000	
GG & Ton Defib	£4000	
Karate Club	£1000	
The Rock C Church	£1000	
HMRC	£364.13	
RCT Council Tax	£111	
Landtech	£540	

October Income

S Euston	£10
Allotment rent	£25

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67.3 **Money already earmarked**

Dropped Kerbs	£5000
New Basketball Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£12738
Seats	£273
CIL	£2814
Windfarm	£0
Grants	£0
Events	£5557
TOTAL	£66382

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£15302
Unpresented Cheques	£1240
TOTAL	£16542

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£7000
Allotment & Ground Rent	£985
TOTAL	£7985

67.4 **Bank Reconciliation**

Balance @ 31.10.2021	£76472.85
Earmarked + Commitments	£-82924
Income not yet received	£+7985

BAL: £1533.85

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68. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

68.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 6.30pm on Zoom.