

October 2021

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at the Council Office.

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PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS.

47. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

47.1 A.WARREN.

48. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

48.1 Declarations were received.

49. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

49.1 The minutes of the previous monthly meeting and Grants meeting were then agreed as true records with amendment to 42.3.

50. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

50.1 Minute 39.3 The BT problem seems to have been resolved.

50.2 Minute 42.5 Will be discussed in correspondence.

51. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

51.1 The first knotweed treatment due to take place on 9 September was rescheduled for 8 October due to the wet weather.

51.2 The top area which is primarily the plot of the GGCA were supplied with a skip. There is a lot of good work being done here and some of the workers are part of the Government Kickstart Scheme.

51.3 Following a discussion regarding the quotation received from Peter Simmons Construction via James Barry of RCT for a dropped kerb it was RESOLVED: that the quotation for £1320 be accepted.

51.4 Following a discussion regarding the 3 quotations received for the works required on the trees according to the RCT report and a tidy up of the lower area of the allotment it was RESOLVED: that the work be awarded to Miskin Tree Services.

51.5 A meeting will be arranged with the members of the Allotment Association to inform them of the planned works and to discuss plans for the next financial year which will need to be considered when setting the precept. Long term plans could also be discussed. Borough Councillor Roberts suggested that we should tell the allotment holders that we are going to remove everything, buildings, weeds rubbish, etc, etc reform the plots, concrete paths throughout little uniform sheds placed on each little concrete plot, leave fallow for a year to get rid of the new growth and then we will have a nice uniform allotment. It was RESOLVED: that this could possibly be implemented in the area which is currently undergoing a three year treatment for knotweed.

51.6 Mr Shea Whitehead is a new plot holder.

52. EVENTS

52.1 The proposed firework display, which was to be held at Ty'n y Bryn park, will not be going ahead. Corey from the fire service reported that there were issues with regards to RCT permissions and a shortage of fire service staff. After a discussion in which L Price and R Price took no part it was RESOLVED: that the £1000 budgeted for this event be donated to the Rock Community Church for their traditional bonfire night.

53. CORRESPONDENCE

53.1 A planning application was read and noted for the following

53.1a 53 Heol y Mynydd CF39 8UP. Demolition of conservatory and construction of a single storey rear extension.

53.2 Several thank you letters, emails, cards and telephone calls have been received from recipients of the grants awarded.

53.3 A late application for a grant was received by Lil Amigos and it was RESOLVED: that the application be considered and awarded £240.

53.4 After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: that payments of £1000 be made to.

Gilfach Goch Bushi Kai Karate Club. The payment will be made to the GGCA for their hire of premises

The family of Amelia-Rose Rees

The family of Eryn Gough

and a payment of £400 be made to Georgia Rose Osborne. Georgia requires a coaching certificate in order to form a netball club in the village. It was RESOLVED: that the payment be made under certain terms and conditions as suggested by A Draper who will let the clerk know the suggested wording of the proposed document.

The payments will be made from the Windfarm budget as requested by Borough Councillor Roberts under the following categories

The Power of Wellbeing Local Government Act of 2000 to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing and The Public Involvement in Health Local Government Act of 2007.

53.5 SLCC membership has been renewed.

53.6 Notices have been placed on the noticeboard and the website regarding the certificate of audit as instructed by Audit Wales.

53.7 The Chair A Warren has requested a velvet neck rest for the chain of office. The cost from Fattorini is £235 plus £35 courier collection. It was RESOLVED: that this is too expensive considering the number of times that the chain of office is worn. A Draper suggested a local seamstress that might be able to help and the clerk will make enquiries.

53.8 An official order has been raised for the Memorial Bench from David Ogilvie Engineering.

53.9 The payment of £4000 has been made for the purchase of the 4 additional defibrillators and Penant Walters Windfarm have paid for the external cabinets.

53.10 James Thomas (Beefy's Baps) might not be going ahead with the Christmas event this year due to lack of interest within the community and shortage of funds. The community council have already agreed on a sum of £1000 towards the event and are willing to give additional funding should the event go ahead.

54. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

54.1 The clerk attended the meeting of RCT Clerks on 5 October where the focus was on next year's elections.

54.2 The clerk reported that she has made an error regarding the salary paid to Huw Jones. Huw had a permanent contract issued in May which included an increase of 2 hours a week. The clerk budgeted for the increase in hours along with the increase in the NLW but has not implemented it in the monthly salary. Huw has been informed and hadn't realised himself that he had been underpaid. The adjustment will be made in his November salary.

54.3 J Abbott reported her concerns regarding the parking problems at Etna Terrace especially the work vans on the weekend. Borough councillor Roberts agreed with the concerns but explained that it is a problem throughout the borough and as long as these vehicles are taxed and insured they are well within their rights to park there. She will ask for more policing to be done by the PCSO's. Joan also had concerns regarding a Christmas tree that has been planted on RCT land and will attempt to find out who has put it there.

54.4 A Draper suggested that the community council make enquiries regarding a community orchard. L Price had concerns regarding the maintenance of such a project. Borough councillor Roberts will make enquiries with Richard Walters of the GGCA to see if he has knowledge of any grants that would be available and also the Ecological Society. Andrew also reported that there's a fence behind Glamorgan Terrace where the stile has rotted and is awaiting replacement and a gate across the road from Dando's Farm has a "private land" sign on it but is believed to be a public right of way. Borough councillor Roberts will investigate this with the footpath officer at RCT, also whether a stile can be erected to save walkers having to climb over the gate.

54.5 M Whitter reported that he had been approached by a family to ask how to access the bike track. Mel told them that it was promised but as of yet had not been actioned. Borough councillor Roberts will investigate in order to make use of the facility.

55. FINANCIAL REPORT

55.1	Bank balance as of 30.9.21	£87896.93
55.2	Invoices / Receipts	
55.2a	Bridgend Mayor's Charity	£100
55.2b	RCT Mayor's Charity	£100
55.2c	Zoom (Reimbursement D Walters)	£14.39
55.2d	G4S Park Sign Shop (P Clothing)	£37.20
55.2e	RCT (Tree Report)	£300
55.2f	Cartridgesave (Ink cartridges)	£29.51
55.2g	C R Waste Management (Skip)	£250
55.2h	SLCC (Membership)	£234

56. ACCOUNTS

56.1	Cheques authorised	
	002645 Dawn Walters	£964.36
	002646 Huw Jones	£285.20
	002647 Dawn Walters	£14.39

56.2 Bank transactions for September

	<u>September Expenditure</u>	
Dawn Walters	£964.36	Chq 002645
Huw Jones	£285	Chq 002646
Dawn Walters	£14.39	Chq 002647
BT	£79.47	
HMRC	£364.13	
RCT Mayors Charity	£100	
Bridgend Mayors Charity	£100	
RCT Tree Report	£300	
Ladies Guild	£300	
Ladies Arts & Crafts	£300	
1 st Scouts Group	£300	
Red Valley FC	£500	
Moriah Chapel	£500	
Messy Monsters	£100	
Hendreforgan School	£400	
OAP Welfare	£400	
First Responders	£500	
Watercolour Society	£100	
St Barnabas Mother's Union	£110	
Bethel Chapel	£800	
St Barnabas Church	£50	
Community Defibrillators	£1000	

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RCT Council Tax	£111
Swan Yr Afon Tenants	£300
Community Singers	£100
G4S Parc Sign Shop	£37.20

September Income

S Euston	£10
Windfarm	£5000

56.3 Money already earmarked

Dropped Kerbs	£5000
New Basketball Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£12738
Seats	£273
CIL	£3264
Windfarm	£6000
Grants	£240
Events	£6707
TOTAL	£74222

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£16916
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£16916

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£0
Precept	£7000
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1020
TOTAL	£8020

56.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.8.2021	£87896.93
Earmarked + Commitments	£-91138
Income not yet received	£+8020
BAL:	£4478.93

57. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

57.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 10 November 2021 6.30pm on Zoom.