

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 12 October 2022 at the Community Council Office.

Cofnodion cyfarfod misol. Cynhelir Mercher 12 Hydref 2022.

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: L.PRICE R.PRICE A.DRAPER
J. ABBOTT J. REES D.ATHWAL

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

39.1 ALLUN WARREN

40. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

40.1 No declarations were received.

41. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

42. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

42.1 Minute 30.1 The memorial bench has been positioned. £2000 was received from Dale Hart, Walters Pennant towards the cost. The clerk has thanked him, and he will receive an invitation to the dedication which will hopefully be 3 or 4 November. Borough Councillor Aurfron Roberts will liaise with the clerk.

42.2 Minute 30.3 The Annual Report is on the website.

42.3 Minute 31.6 The report of the Allotment Association meeting was forwarded to councillors.

42.4 Minute 31.7 Re S Evelyn's concerns at the allotment, the clerk sought advice and informed her that the brambles outside the fencing would be dealt with but the trees are healthy and are not in a position to be cut down or removed. It would not be environmentally friendly to do so and would be frowned upon by RCT Council. She might possibly get more light in the winter when it is needed as the leaves fall. The clerk also explained the situation with the knotweed.

42.5 Minute 34.2 Re letter from Tonyrefail Community Council. The advice received from Jill Williams Governor Support is that it is our decision. However, Governor Support may need to look at the legal side of the matter if they are challenged on a negative decision. It was RESOLVED: that Gilfach Goch Community Council agree to the shared position.

42.6 Minute 35.2 Dragon has not been repaired.

42.7 Minute 35.3 Hedge Between Bethel Church and the GGCA cut back.

42.8 Minute 35.4 Re bus stop on top of Bog lane and problems exiting the lane while buses are stationary. RCT Highways Department haven't received any complaints. Tony Richardson visited with a representative from the department and it was RESOLVED: that the bus stop will remain and a report was forwarded to councillors.

42.9 Minute 35.6 Someone removed the bin at the top of Glenavon steps in order to park a vehicle there. Another bin has been ordered.

43. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

43.1 The allotment is finally registered for green waste collection and is working well.

43.2 Two benches have been placed and tenants were extremely grateful.

43.3 The knotweed will get its second treatment tomorrow, Thursday 13 October, weather permitting.

43.4 After a lengthy discussion it was RESOLVED: that Andrew Roberts' former plot will remain with the new tenant. Andrew accepted the £25 cash reimbursement on June 8. It was also RESOLVED: that soon a fence will be erected at the allotment ensuring that no access can be gained from the allotment into the properties of Andrew Roberts and Matthew Edwards. The clerk was instructed to inform Andrew Roberts via a letter of the decision following his numerous emails. Matthew Edwards will also receive notification regarding the fence.

43.5 Long term plans for the allotment will be discussed in next month's meeting.

44. OFFICE RENOVATIONS

44.1 Unfortunately, ALS Building Services had to retract the tender due to family and work commitments. S Baker, P Price could not tender due to work commitments. Manning Construction did not submit a tender.

44.2 CCL submitted a well-prepared document totalling £52646.

44.3 Borough Councillor Roberts requested that the Community Council meet with representatives of the OAP Hall to discuss a move to these premises and the long-term plans. It was RESOLVED: that a meeting will take place.

45. EVENTS

45.1 The Forestry Run / Fun Day was a success, but better ribboned medals are required for next year. The weather has been favourable for the last two years but there has been no provision for bad weather. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk make enquiries into the use of the Sports Hall at Abercerdin next year. It was RESOLVED: that £100 donations be made to the chosen charities of the mayor of RCT CBC and Bridgend CBC. The clerk reported that she was successful in applying for a £1000 grant towards the event from RCT Together Neighbourhood Network Fund.

45.2 The clerk gave a report on the fireworks display and the problems with the signage and tickets. The tickets stated that the event was sponsored by Tonyrefail Community Council only, but new tickets will be printed. It was RESOLVED: that the clerk instruct Corey Elkins of the Fire service to recall all incorrect tickets from the sellers.

45.3 17 Christmas trees have been ordered for shops and business and the clerk will be meeting with Anthony Gough from Centregreat to discuss the locations.

45.4 It was RESOLVED: that the clerk proceed with arrangements for the Festive Afternoon Tea Dance on Friday 25 November 3-5 at the OAP Hall.

45.5 The ceremony for the Memorial Bench is being arranged in conjunction with Borough Councillor Roberts. Hopefully it will take place on 3 or 4 November.

45.6 Councillors suggested providing refreshments at the Welfare Park Evanstown following the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenetaph.

46. TRAINING PLAN

46.1 The plan was approved and will be published on the website by 5 November.

47. CORRESPONDENCE

47.1 Planning applications were read and noted for the following

47.1a Two storey dwelling land off High Street.

47.1b Single storey flat roofed double garage rear of 11 Hendreforgan Crescent CF39 8UL.

47.2 SSE have issued the community council with a new electricity contract.

47.3 It was RESOLVED: that the SLCC membership will be renewed £234.

47.4 A letter was read from the Gilfach Goch War Memorial Trust requesting financial assistance for the replacement of slabs at the cenotaph. It was RESOLVED: that a donation of £225 be made.

48. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

48.1 The proclamation of the new King was read outside the community council office at 1.30pm on Sunday 11 September.

48.2 The Book of Remembrance has been at Moriah Chapel, Bethel Church, Day Centre, Hendreforgan and Abercerdin schools and the Rock Church.

48.3 Five new bus shelters will be positioned by RCT Infrastructure scheme. The one at Oak Street will be repositioned at Swn yr Afon and a request will be made to move the one at Ffordd Llanbad forward so that when buses are parked, they will not interfere with traffic exiting the bog lane.

48.4 Borough Councillor Roberts reported that sites in Gilfach Goch are being looked at to plant trees. The assembly want each council to plant hundreds of trees, so sites are being looked at. So far Penybryn park, rugby field, rear of Oak Street, rear of Etna Terrace and the coed pitch have been identified.

48.5 Borough Councillor Roberts has been asked if benches could be placed at the duck pond area as older people have nowhere to rest and apparently there are adders there, so they don't feel comfortable sitting on the grass. The request was made by Rose Osborne who is willing to contribute. It was RESOLVED: that this be considered and involve Ogmore Valley Community Council with the

funding as the clerk has met with their clerk, Scott Allin, who is willing to see how we could work together.

48.6 Signage has been received from the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Sunday and they will be displayed throughout the village.

48.7 The clerk reported that she attended the Taff Ely West Neighbourhood Network meeting at the Day Centre on Wednesday 28 September 10-1 and was pleased to report that there will be a dementia support group held there monthly.

48.8 Councillor Draper reported that he hasn't received any news regarding the community orchard application and that he will be attending a hydropower conference in January – community energy projects.

49. FINANCIAL REPORT JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

49.1	Bank balance as of 30.09.22	£118930.15
49.2	Invoices / Receipts	
49.2a	Zoom	£14.39
49.2b	Mini Mayhem Softplay	£1140
49.2c	Amazon	£20.25
49.2d	Jeans Hardware	£2.40
49.2e	The Flowerpot	£44.95
49.2f	Jeans Hardware	£3.60
49.2g	Iceland	£41.88
49.2h	M & S	£9
49.2i	Tesco	£8.55
49.2j	Swalec	£71.85
49.2k	Co-op	£4.95
49.2l	Mr Creemy	£402
49.2m	Kt Face Painting	£120
49.2n	Tricky Micky	£270
49.2o	C Thomas	£120
49.2p	Nearly Wild Show	£350
49.2q	Miltons Mix Ups	£50
49.2r	Chubb	£157.68
49.2s	Post Office	£2.35
49.2t	Zoom	£14.39
49.2u	RCT CBC	£24
49.2v	M&S	£15
49.2w	Central Bar & Catering Supplies	£38.12

49.2x St John Ambulance	£216
49.2y Zoom	£14.39
49.2z BT	£26.56
49.2aa S Jones	£755.22
49.2bb S Jones	£688.19
49.2cc B Thomas	£50
49.2dd Natural Resources Wales	£60
49.2ee Royal British Legion	£223.98

50. ACCOUNTS

50.1 Cheques authorised		
002672	Dawn Walters	£1005.87
002673	Huw Jones	£364.80
002674	Dawn Walters	£1006.07
002675	Huw Jones	£364.80
002676	Dawn Walters	£1006.07
002677	Huw Jones	£364.80

50.2 Bank transactions for July

<u>July Expenditure</u>		
Dawn Walters	£1005.87	Cheque 002672
Huw Jones	£364.80	Cheque 002673
Zoom	£14.39	
HMRC	£369.33	
BT	£26.56	
RCT Council Tax	£111	
Mini Mayhem Softplay	£1140	
Amazon	£20.25	Pks Coloring Pencils
Jeans Hardware	£2.40	Raffle Tickets
The Flowerpot	£44.95	(Chair's Allowance)
Jeans Hardware	£3.60	Black Bags
Iceland	£41.88	Water and Crisps
M & S	£9	Biscuits

<u>July Income</u>	
S Euston	£10
Allotment Rent	£25

50.3 Bank Transactions for August

August Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1006.07	Chq 002674
Huw Jones	£364.80	Chq 002675
Zoom	£14.39	
HMRC	£369.13	
BT	£26.56	
RCT Council Tax	£111	
SWALEC	£71.85	
Chubb	£157.68	
Tesco	£8.55	F Run Refreshments
Co-op	£4.95	F Run Refreshments
Miltons Mix Ups	£50	F Run Sweets
Nearly Wild Show	£350	
C Thomas	£120	F Run Face Painting
Tricky Micky	£270	F Run Magic Show
KT Face Painting	£120	
Mr Creamy	£402	
Post Office	£2.35	Return of forestry gate key
RCT CBC	£24	Green Waste Sacks
M&S	£15	Flowers
Central Bar & C Supplies	£38.12	Disinfectant / Paper cups

August Income

S Euston	£10	
RCT CBC	£1000	F Run Grant
Little Fingers	£500	F Run Donation
RCT CBC	£37320	Precept 2

50.4 Bank Transactions for September

September Expenditure

Dawn Walters	£1006.07	Chq 0062676
Huw Jones	£364.80	Chq 0062677
Zoom	£14.39	
HMRC	£369.13	
BT	£26.56	
RCT Council Tax	£111	
St John Ambulance	£216	F Run
S Jones	£755.22	Allotment Bench
S Jones	£688.19	Allotment Bench
B Thomas	£50	A R Translation
Natural Resources Wales	£60	Forestry Permission
Royal British Legion	£223.98	Lamp Post Signage

September Income

S Euston	£10	
Walters Pennant	£2000	Memorial Bench
H Probyn Williams	£20	Allotment
Mynydd Portref	£5000	Windfarm

51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

51.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 9 November at 6.30 at the Council Office.

