

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Gilfach Goch Community Council held on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at the Council Office.

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PRESENT

COUNCILLORS: A. WARREN, L. PRICE, A. DRAPER.

IN ATTENDANCE

THE CLERK DAWN WALTERS.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

36.1 Borough Councillor A. ROBERTS, M. WHITTER, R. PRICE.

37. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST

37.1 There were no declarations of interest.

38. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

39. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

39.1 Minute 28.1 Clerk received new contract as of 1 June 2021. Annual salary is £26511 20 hrs a week (pro rata) per annum being the current salary point 21 within the NALC range in scale LC2 (18-23) as set out in the 2004 National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service of Local Council Clerks in England and Wales.

39.2 Minute 28.2 The design of the memorial bench was approved.

39.3 Minute 28.5 There are still issues with BT. If they are not resolved shortly then the clerk will get quotes from an alternative provider.

40. ALLOTMENT UPDATE

40.1 New gated entrances and insurance repair are complete.

40.2 Letters have been delivered to the residents of numbers 2-20 Llewellyn Street and thank you responses have been received from some.

40.3 The protective clothing for Huw Jones has been ordered.

40.4 RCT Tree Officer Report has been received and the clerk will be getting quotations from 3 companies to carry out the required works.

40.5 The first treatment of the Knotweed is planned for tomorrow 9 September weather permitting.

40.6 Maldwyn James a plot holder and member of the Allotment Association, visited the office and informed me that he regularly reads the council minutes and the information on the allotment. He was given a copy of the RCT Tree Report to share with the plot holders.

40.7 There are plans to hold the first Allotment Association shortly to discuss the 3 quotations once received and to discuss plans for the next financial year.

40.8 The clerk is still waiting to be contacted regarding the proposed dropped kerb.

40.9 The plaque has been placed on the bench with the inscription that was provided by Borough Councillor Roberts.

41. EVENTS

41.1 The Forestry Run was a huge success and enjoyed by all. The Chair thanked all for their efforts and hard work. Messages were received from the Mayors of RCT and Bridgend and Huw Irranca Davies congratulating us on a successful event. Natural Resources Wales must receive an application for any future use of the forestry route at least 12 weeks prior to the event. It was agreed that donations of £100 would be made to both Mayor's chosen charities from the Chair's Allowance.

41.2 The clerk attended a meeting on 3 August with the clerk of Tonyrefail Community Council and Corey from the fire service regarding the proposed firework display to be held at Ty'n y Bryn Park on Friday 5 November. Tickets will be on sale for 50p which will include a toffee/chocolate apple for the children. There will be fast food vans at the venue and a disc jockey. Both community councils were asked to contribute £3000. After a lengthy discussion and several factors considered it was RESOLVED: that the £3000 payment requested would be made this year.

42. CORRESPONDENCE

42.1 Planning applications were read and noted for the following

42.1a 4 Hendreforgan Crescent CF39 8UL. Single storey side extension and single storey rear extension with balcony above.

42.1b The Stables Tynewydd Farm Blackmill Road Hendreforgan CF35 6EN. 2 bed dwelling (existing).

42.1c Former Blandy Arms Public House 174A High Street CF39 8SH. Detached house with annexe and garage. (Previous application no.16/0176/10).

42.2. There have been queries from Audit Wales regarding the Audit Return for 2020/2021. All matters have been addressed other than the minutes of the meeting where the clerk's salary increase was discussed and approved by the council. This could not be found in any of the minutes and so a copy of the job advert was sent as evidence.

42.3 A. Draper referred to an email received from Poppy Jones regarding the Coal Tip Consultation and whether the council should complete the survey. The Chair didn't feel that the community council had the expertise or knowledge to complete this and referred to the reclamation scheme that made the land safe in the village.

42.4 The Clerk and Borough Councillor Roberts have completed an application form for the release of £10400 from Grantscape who manage the funds for Mynydd Portref Windfarm. The application states £7000 for the memorial bench and £3400 towards allotment improvements. Proof of expenditure will be required for Grantscape.

42.5 Borough Councillor Roberts requested council approval for the following expenditure from the budgeted Windfarm allocation -

£4000 towards additional defibrillators in the village.

£1000 contribution to Beefy's Baps (James Thomas) for his Christmas deliveries to the children of the village.

£1000 contribution to Fresh n Fruity (Joanne Bayliss) for her Christmas hampers for the elderly, needy and vulnerable in the village.

£1000 each for 2 families who have seriously ill children who require ongoing treatment at regular intervals. They face high costs for travel and accommodation while the children are having treatment.

After a lengthy in depth discussion it was RESOLVED: that the expenditure for defibrillators, Beefy's Baps and Fresh n Fruity be approved but the clerk would make further enquiries regarding the legalities of payments to the 2 families.

43. REPORTS / COMPLAINTS

43.1 The clerk reported on the following meetings that she had attended –

July 16 Community Liaison Meeting where the focus was on climate change, hybrid meetings and tree planting in the community in preparation for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

July 23 Gilfach Goch War Memorial at the GGCA for the presentation of the Book of Remembrance. The community council will receive its copy sometime in the Autumn which will be presented by Mike John and Millicent Phillips.

July 27 RCT Clerk's Meeting where the focus, once again, was on hybrid meetings and Welsh Government Funding that has become available towards the purchase of equipment that councils require to conduct these meetings effectively. The clerk questioned funding towards Zoom costs which they said might be considered and an online form has been completed. The council will continue with the monthly payments to Zoom as the clerk will need to attend meetings from home via the Zoom system.

44. Financial Report

44.1	Bank balance as of 31.8.21	£91516.19
44.2	Invoices / Receipts	
44.2a	Mendashu (plaque for allotment bench)	£38.95
44.2b	Iceland (Forestry Run)	£46.65
44.2c	Co-op (Forestry Run)	£3.70
44.2d	Mini Mayhem (Forestry Run)	£709.50
44.2e	Milton's Mix Ups (Forestry Run)	£50
44.2f	Paris Amy Beauty (Forestry Run)	£100
44.2g	Postage (return of forestry gate key)	£2.25
44.2h	Mr Creemy (Forestry Run)	£328.50
44.2i	SWALEC	£58.96
44.2j	Zoom (Reimbursement D Walters)	£14.39

45. ACCOUNTS

45.1 Cheques authorised

002641	Dawn Walters	£14.39
002642	Dawn Walters	£964.36
002644	Huw Jones	£285

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45.2 Bank transactions for August

	<u>August Expenditure</u>	
Dawn Walters	£14.39	Chq 002641
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Huw Jones	£285	Chq 002644
Mendashu	£38.95	
BT	£139.74	
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HMRC	£364.33	
RCT Council Tax	£111	
Iceland	£46.65	
Co-Operative	£3.70	
Mini Mayhem	£709.50	
Miltons Mix Ups	£50	
Paris Amy Beauty	£100	
Postage	£2.25	
Mr Creamy	£328.50	
Swalec	£58.96	

	<u>August Income</u>	
S Euston	£10	
Little Fingerz Donation	£500	
Precept 2	£7000	

45.3 Money already earmarked

Dropped Kerbs	£5000
New Basketball Area	£40000
Bus Shelters	£12738
Seats	£273
CIL	£3723
Windfarm	£6000
Grants	£6000
Events	£6707
TOTAL	£80441

Commitments

Salaries (including oncosts)	£18530
Unpresented Cheques	£0
TOTAL	£18530

Income not yet received

Windfarm	£5000
Precept	£7000
Allotment & Ground Rent	£1030
TOTAL	£13030

45.4 Bank Reconciliation

Balance @ 31.7.2021	£91516.19
Earmarked + Commitments	£-98971
Income not yet received	£+13030
BAL:	£5575.19

46. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

46.1 The meeting was then brought to a close and the date set for the next meeting which will take place on Wednesday 13 October 2021 6.30pm at the Council Office.