

Dyffryn Clydach Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Dyffryn Clydach

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held at Memorial Hall 5 February 2018

Members Present. Councillors D.M. Peters (Chairman), Mrs S.M.Elias, Mrs K.Hopkins, P.P.Jenkins , G Morgan and H Thomas.

Apologies for Absence Councillors Mrs J Davies, P Jarrett, Mrs P Kriescher, Ms T Kristel, Mrs L Lester and Mrs J R Phillips.

1. Tributes to Councillor Gwyn Edwards

The Chairman referred to the death of Cllr Gwyn Edwards who had served on the Community Council since May 1995 and had been Chairman on three occasions. He paid tribute to the contribution he had made to the work of the Council and the community in general during this time. Members stood in silent tribute to his memory and expressed sympathy to his family in their loss.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor D M Peters as a member of NPT CBC Licensing Committee.

3. Minutes.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 15 January 2018 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Matters Arising

4. Disposal of Bowls Mats

Councillor G Morgan reported that there were two Clubs that may have an interest in having the bowls mats and the matter was ongoing at the present time.

5. Memorial Hall – Cupboard space for WI Branch

Councillor Mrs Davies was not present and there was no update available on this matter.

6. Appointment of Chair on Finance Committee

AGREED that this matter be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of Council

7. Memorial Hall – Repair Work

Members NOTED that the issue of the flat roof repair was being followed up by the Clerk.

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Clerk's Report

8. Toddlers Playground

In further consideration of this matter following the decision made at the Council meeting held 15 January 2018 it was AGREED that, as retention of as much of the current equipment as possible was desirable, approaches should be made in the first instance to Wicksteed who provided the present facility. It was also AGREED that a grant application be made to Neath Port Talbot CBC for a grant towards the project under the Community Council Minor Project Scheme.

9. Noah's Ark Appeal

Members NOTED letter dated 10 January 2018 from Noah's Ark Appeal thanking the Council for the donation of £30.

10. Memorial Hall - Boiler Service

Members NOTED that Team Energy had serviced the memorial Hall boiler and their report dated 18 January 2018 was NOTED.

11. Bank Statement

The Bank Statements in respect of the current account dated 19/01/2018 was NOTED

12. RAFA – Battle of Britain Commemorative Concert – 7 September 2018

Members NOTED letter dated 21 January 2018 inviting the Chair to attend the Commemorative Concert on 7 September 2018 and AGREED that the matter be referred to the incoming Chairman for consideration after the Annual meeting of Council

13. National Eisteddfod – Cardiff 2018  
Members AGREED that a donation of £50 be made to the National Eisteddfod in response to the financial appeal letter dated January 2018. (The matter was awaiting consideration by the Finance Committee but no meeting was scheduled at the present time)
14. TENOVUS  
AGREED that a donation of £30 be made to Tenovus in response to their financial appeal letter dated 24 January 2018.
15. Teenage Cancer Trust  
AGREED that a donation of £30 be made to Teenage Cancer Trust in response to their financial appeal letter dated 29 January 2018.
16. One Voice Wales – Payment of Members Allowances  
One Voice Wales e-mail dated 31 January 2018 relating to budget provision for payment of Members allowance was NOTED
17. War Memorials / Memorial Hall  
Members NOTED e-mail from Zach Bridges (Student at Trinity St David's – Lampeter). Councillor Harry Thomas' offer to reply to the student was accepted.
18. All Wales Play Opportunities  
Members NOTED e-mail from Dan Griffin, NPTCBC dated 5 February 2018 highlighting the availability of maximum grants of £5,000 for parks/playgrounds replacing /repair etc from a fund of £38,000 made available from Welsh Government,, Applications however needed to be submitted by Wednesday 7 February 2018.. If approved the equipment would need to be purchased and received before the end of the financial year. The Clerk undertook to forward a copy to Mr Paul Hinder but the view was taken that although the funding would have been welcomed towards the project now being planned it was not possible to comply with the time scale being imposed.
19. County Borough Member's Report  
The County Borough Member's report was NOTED with matters relating to grass verges and Mountain bikes in the area highlighted. He also referred to the Working with Nature activities in Lon Glynfelin
20. Reports from Outside Bodies  
There were no reports from outside bodies.
21. Reports from Committees  
No Committees had met since the last Council Meeting.
22. Planning
- 22.1 Application Number P2018/0032  
Location 11 Gronow Close, Court Herbert Neath Abbey, NEATH  
Proposal Replacement window to facilitate garage conversion  
Observations None
23. Bills for payment
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| (3561) | HMRC (VAT)         | £386.58 | (3568) | Owen Fuels      | £135.36 |
| (3569) | Wales Audit Office | £168.30 | (3571) | HMRC (PAYE)     | £185.20 |
| (3572) | SSE / S/WALEC      | £358.26 | (D/D)  | Lloyds Bank Ltd | £5.00   |

Next Meeting 5 March 2018.