

Dyffryn Clydach Community Council

Cyngor Cymuned Dyffryn Clydach

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

Members Present. Councillors D.M. Peters (Chairman), Mrs K.Hopkins, P. Jarrett, P.P.Jenkins, G Morgan, Mrs J R Phillips and H Thomas.

Apologies for Absence Councillors Mrs J Davies, Mrs S Elias, Mrs P Kriescher, Ms T Kristel, and Mrs L Lester .

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5 February 2018 were confirmed as a true record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Matters Arising

3. Disposal of Bowls Mats

NOTED that Cllr G Morgan was still pursuing this matter.

4. Memorial Hall – Cupboard space for WI Branch

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

5. Memorial Hall – Repair Work

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

6. National Eisteddfod – Cardiff 2018

Members NOTED e-mail dated 13 February 2018 from the National Eisteddfod thanking the Council for the donation of £50

7. Tenovus

Members NOTED letter dated 21 February 2018 from Tenovus thanking the Council for the donation of £30.

8. Teenage Cancer Trust

Members NOTED letter dated 14 February 2018 from Teenage Cancer Trust thanking the Council for the donation of £30.

9. War Memorials / Memorial Hall

Cllr Harry Thomas reported that he had replied to Zach bridges with regard to this matter as promised. The Chairman thanked Cllr Thomas accordingly.

10. Appointment of Chairperson of Finance Committee

Consequent to the resignation of Cllr Harry Thomas from this post (Minute No 11 / 15 Jan 2018 refers) it was AGREED that Cllr Martyn Peters be appointed in his place. Cllr Peters indicated that he would stand down as Chairman of Open Spaces.

11. Appointment of Chairperson of Open Spaces Committee

Further to the discussion relating to Minute No 10 above it was AGREED that Cllr Mrs Karon Hopkins be appointed Chairperson of the Open Spaces Committee

Clerk's Report.

12. Vacancy on the Council.

The Clerk reported that the Notice of Vacancy on the Council following the death of Cllr Gwyn Edwards had been published on 28 February 2018.

13. Toddlers Playground - Refurbishment / Upgrade

Members NOTED that Mr Dafydd Williams of Wicksteed had visited the playarea with Mr Paul Hinder (NPT CBC) and the Chairman, Cllr Martyn Peters, and Cllr K Hopkins and they had identified the current items of equipment that could, subject to repair, be retained and also discussed possible new items for inclusion in the project. The Clerk stated that Wicksteed

would now submit proposals within the agreed budget and outline a possible time table for the work.

14. One Voice Wales – Membership Renewal

In consideration of letter dated 8 February 2018, AGREED that Council renew membership for 2018/2019 and AGREED payment of the renewal fee of £451.

15. Bank Statement

The Bank Statement in respect of the current account dated 16/02/2018 was NOTED

16. One Voice Wales Area Meeting

Members NOTED One Voice Wales Area meeting due to be held at Neath on 7 March 2018. (Correspondence dated 19/02/2018).

17. Kidney Wales – Walk for Life

AGREED that a donation of £30 be made Kidney Wales in response to their financial appeal Walk for Life letter dated 22 February 2018.

18. Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Members Expenses/Allowances

Members NOTED letter dated 27 February 2018 from the Panel and the Annual Report 2018/2019 and in particular the content relating to Community Councils. Members NOTED in particular that Dyffryn Clydach Community Council would be a Group B Council for the purpose of payments determined by the Panel and must make available a payment to each member of £150 per year for costs incurred in respect of telephone usage, information technology, consumables etc.

NB The Panel is mandating the payment for members of Group A and B Councils and making the payment available in the case of Group C Councils.

19. County Borough Member's Report

The County Borough Member's report was NOTED with matters relating to van break-ins, storm damage in the area, Neath Port Talbot Budget and Ty Tarian highlighted.

20. Reports from Outside Bodies

20.1 Neath Port Talbot Countryside and Env Group

Cllr Paul Jarrett's report on the recent meeting of the group was NOTED with matters relating to possible lottery funding in respect of countryside work highlighted. In discussion the need for a roadside seat at the Dram Road was raised and it was AGREED the matter be referred to the Open Spaces Committee.

20.2 Community Councils / County Borough Council Liaison Forum,

Cllr Harry Thomas reported that the meeting of the Forum had been earlier today but it was not possible for him to attend because of the clash of dates.

21. Reports from Committees

No Committees had met since the last Council Meeting.

22. Planning

22.1 Application Number P2018/0115
Location 173 Longford Road, Longford Neath Abbey, NEATH
Proposal Single storey rear extension.
Observations None

23. Bills for Payment

(3573)	M Thompson	£90.00	(3581)	Gwe Cambrian	£ 79.79
(3582)	HMRC (PAYE)	£216.50	(3583)	One Voice Wales	£ 40.00
(D/D)	Lloyds Bank Ltd	£5.00			

24. One Voice Wales Training - Health and Safety.

Cllr Paul Jarrett stated that he had attended the recent training event at Bridgend and highlighted a few issues raised at the event.