

MINUTES OF CWARTER BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD ON 2nd OCTOBER 2019 AT THE YSTRADOWEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllr V Morgan presided
Clerk: A Pedrick
Brynaman Ward: Cllrs W Churchill, S Thomas, M Morgans, J G Davies, M Thomas.
Quarter Bach Ward: Cllrs L Baker, A Howells, R Pearce-Higginson, A Hicks.
Llynfell Ward: Cllrs A Strutt, A Dady, D B Belcher
Minute Taker: Karen Lewis

ITEM 1: APOLOGIES: Cllr H. Taylor

ITEM 2: DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Declarations by members of personal interests form was circulated.

ITEM 3: MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 4th September 2019 were accepted as a true record on the proposal of Cllr J G Davies and seconded by Cllr M Morgans.

ITEM 4: ASSETS SUB COMMITTEE

Cllr A Howells read out his report . He requested that all future sub-committee reports are written out and sent to the Clerk prior to the monthly meetings so that they can be emailed out with the agenda and minutes. All agreed. Cllr S Thomas proposed and Cllr J G Davies seconded that the report be accepted - an unanimous vote. Cllr A Howells also wanted to thank and compliment the school for their hard work in supplying written letters of support.

Cllr A Howells had received a letter from MIND group (LLeS Brynaman) seeking use of the floodlights on the tennis court area at Maes Elwyn. They want to start a walking rugby group with the help of the Ospreys and a few cardio sessions on a Saturday morning for adults. If successful they will pay for a trainer. Do they have insurance or will our insurance policy cover these sessions? Flood lights need to be checked prior to winter use. Carmarthenshire were supposed to make sure they were in working order prior to asset transfer. Won't know the outcome until they are switched on. All agreed that they can use the site. The Clerk will arrange for an electrician to check the lights. Question raised on paying for the service. Cllr A Howells suggested having a card system for users. Cllr M Morgan stated that the meter isn't currently turning so this is still the responsibility of Carmarthenshire as they have not been used for at least 10 years. Once sorted out we will think of changing the supplier and start from scratch. Cllr A Strutt suggested finding out hourly cost and recharging any users that way.

ITEM 5: PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY

Cllr M Morgans reported.

Fly tipping was discussed. Building being erected with no planning permission on Bryn Road, B'aman and there is a lot of fly tipping on site. Cllr A Hicks will send photos to Cllr J G Davies for evidence and he will contact the planning enforcement department within the County. Also ongoing issue with the stonemason. County have given him a number of warnings. Things have become worse now as a lorry has been parked there which is also overflowing with rubbish. This is on private land but there is a right of way. Cllr J G Davies has sent a photo and Cllr M Morgans will get more.

Noted that Cllr A Hicks had received a complaint about horse riders using the cycle path on Cwmgarw Road behind the Remploy factory.

ITEM 6: FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Haven't met since 28th August 2019 which was reported at the last Council meeting.

Meeting with SSE on Friday regarding the Christmas lights and reusing the garlands at Brynaman. Decorating trees at Rhosaman and Ystradowen Square.

Cllr M Morgans referred to the donation for the Urdd Eisteddfod where it was agreed in the previous meeting that they would have £500 per year for 3 years but they would have this in one lump sum at the end of the 3 years, however they would now like any donation to be paid immediately instead – all agreed.

Next meeting to take place on 4th November at 6.30pm at the Black Mountain Centre.

Cllr A Strutt suggested opening another bank account for any reserves. May need to keep hold of some monies for match funding grants. Cllr M Morgans said that as per audit suggestion we should be spending it. Finance committee to look at this. Cllr J G Davies said that we should be guided by our Clerk.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

ITEM 8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts have been paid

Mr Roger Viola	Weeding Brick Path Bryn Ave Park	£120.00
H M Revenue & Customs	Income Tax to 5 th October 2019	£405.90
Wrenvale Nurseries	Contractual M'tce September '19	£2862.00

ITEM 9: AMAN VALLEY HOSPITAL REPRESENTATION

Cllr A Howells had been approached for a representative to attend these meetings. Cllr J G Davies proposed and Cllr S Thomas seconded that Cllr W.Churchill represent the Community Council at these meetings.

ITEM 9A: YOUTH COUNCIL

Cllr A Strutt asked if there was any update on the Youth Council. Cllr J G Davies has written to them who in turn will contact the Amman Valley School.

ITEM 10: YSTRADOWEN EVENT

Cllr A Strutt informed members of a planned event. Looking at holding a 3 day dance festival on 12 September 2020 but they need to carry out work on the Changing Rooms. He wanted to confirm that the request for 3 quotations still stood. The work was estimated at £5,000 and will involve the loss of a store room and referee room. Cllrs will arrange a site visit. Proposed by Cllr J G Davies and seconded by Cllr S Thomas that 3 quotes be obtained. Cllr S Thomas said that they would probably need porta loos as well.

ITEM 11: CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk read out:-

Correspondence from Clwb Rugby, Brynaman thanking us for supporting the fire works display last year and looking for further funds this year. Cllr A Howells said that the sub-committee only meet 3 times a year and they should have asked for this earlier. The Clerk will relay this message to them for future requests. Cllr J G Davies proposed that we donate £400 and this was seconded by Cllr M Morgans – All agreed.

Letter from Judy Hughes Brynaman Lido. Arranging a clean-up on the site but was told by the County to ask us if they can use our public liability insurance for this. Cllr R Pearce-Higginson said that this would still be the County's responsibility so they should still be insured and for them to ask if their blanket insurance would cover them. We wouldn't have the cover as it's not our asset. The Clerk will reply to them.

For information – Friends of Ynys Dawela nature park are up and running again. Can members please spread the word.

Chapel Street – A resident has an issue regarding street lighting outside her house. Although we sympathise with the situation Cllr J G Davies proposed that we write back to say that street lighting is essential.

Letter received for funding from Ystradowen Community centre for £6,000 (part funding) to have a free food club located at the centre. Cllr D Belcher was approached if the Centre would consider starting a free food club. Cllr M Morgans said that the chapel give to food banks. This would be a different scheme and people would be referred from Social Services, Citizens Advice and GP surgeries and they need to be claiming benefits. Meals will be cooked for them after the luncheon club on 3 days. Cllr S Thomas suggested meals being delivered to them as people may not want to show they need the help. Ystradowen mini bus will pick the people up or deliver the meals. Cllr A Howells and Cllr M Morgans requested costings to take to the finance sub-committee incorporating cook, assistant and mini bus costs. Also need to know how many in the Cwarter Bach area would use this. Cllr D Belcher had received an email from a superstore regarding food available for collection to run this scheme. Agreed to get costings by next finance meeting. Cllr A Strutt is happy to help with this. Cllr J G Davies will asked the County Council if there are any other projects like this that we could undertake to tackle poverty.

Thank you letters for donations from Care Trust Carmarthenshire ,Cwmllynfell Hall and Clwb Lles Brynaman was noted.

Cllr A Howells asked for transport to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr W Churchill asked if someone from the food bank could attend a meeting. The Clerk will enquire.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 6th NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.30PM
AT BLACK MOUNTAIN CENTRE**