

MINUTES OF CWARTER BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON 10TH MARCH 2020 AT THE BLACK MOUNTAIN CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllr V Morgan presided
Clerk: A Pedrick
Brynaman Ward: Cllrs W Churchill, M Morgans.
Cwarter Bach Ward: Cllrs L Baker, R Pearce-Higginson, H Taylor, A Hicks.
Llynfell Ward: Cllrs A Strutt, D B Belcher
Minute Taker: _____

ITEM 1:

APOLOGIES: Cllrs A Howells, S Thomas, J G Davies, A Daddy, M Thomas

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 5th February 2020 were accepted as a true record on the proposal of Cllr R Pearce-Higginson and seconded by Cllr D.B.Belcher

ITEM 3A: COMMUNITY EVENT

The Chairperson welcomed Rhian Jones to address members on enlisting the support of the Community Council in arranging an event to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The May Bank Holiday has been moved and the idea was to host a Variety show at the Brynaman Public Hall on Thursday 7th May 2020 with volunteer acts taking part. Numerous acts have all ready confirmed together with the 3 local schools and the B P Hall have kindly donated the space for the performance. It was hoped this event could be something that the Council could support and if able volunteer its services in terms of guidance and backing for the event. Members questioned Rhian on various issues but it was unanimously agreed that the Council support the Amman Valley Variety Performance. It was also agreed to finance the cost of tickets and programmes. Cllr T.Strutt volunteered his service to the organiser.

ITEM 4: ASSETS SUB COMMITTEE

Members were informed that the Sub Group had met with Officials from Bryn Rovers AFC. on the 13th February the matters for discussion were as follows 1. Ball Stop Nets at both playing fields – Resolved that the AFC consult with the neighbours before erecting. The cost to the Council would be around £4,800. 2, The location of Goal Posts for safe keeping at Maes Elwyn – This would be the responsibility of the Club. 3. Long Term Usage Letter –We have repeatedly told the Club that they must provide details of the minimum period required to obtain grants.- no response

4. Sitting of Storage Container at Cae Criced – Agreed subject to council approval. 5. Electricity Cost Complaint – The current supplier EDF Energy was the County Council supplier and was transferred to this Council. We will look for a more favourable supplier after sorting all the inherited problems. 6. Cae Criced Park Confirmed that it will remain a Public park and new play equipment will be installed for the children. [The meeting at County Hall between Cll M. Morgans representative from the Cruyff Foundation, Mr Jon Morgan and the Brynaman CP School head teacher on 12th February 2020 to discuss grants for the Maes Elwyn project](#) had been constructive, however, we are still awaiting the County decision.

ITEM 5: PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY

[Cllr W. Churchill informed members that they have met a couple of times this month and agreed that for the summer flowering Wrenvale will do the hanging baskets on Station Road and the Centre. Businesses will be asked if they wish to partake and contribute £20 per basket. Quids In will fill the troughs and large pots dotted around.](#)

There followed a debate on the location of the flower troughs on hand railings and whether they could be moved to a better location, this followed the tipping of 3 troughings over the week-end. There was also concern that complaints had been made on the loss of the handrails for its proper use. [Seats are now mostly in place. Another 3 seats to be ordered for Station Road, Mountain Road and Llandeilo Road,](#) however. Cllr A Hicks questioned whether Rhosfa Road would be included..

[Plaques are to be placed on each of the seats.](#)

[Discussion over Cefnbrynbrain tennis courts as this site needs clearing. The Clerk spoke to the Celtic Energy Estates Department in Caerphilly.](#) and although it is common land it is owned by Celtic Energy. [Wrenvale has a power washer if we want to go ahead and clean.](#) Since the last two storms the Information Signs at Rhosaman and Ystradowen have taken a pounding and the Sign at Rhosaman was collected by Wrenvale to avoid further damage. A quote to repair and replace both signs from Wrenvale at £360 was accepted.

ITEM 6: FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

The above committee met on the 9th March to discuss applications for financial assistance under the Local Government Act 1972 Sect 137 i.e. of benefit to the local inhabitants. A sum of £4050 remains available and the following applications were successful

Cwmlllynfell & district Bowls Club	£400.
Wales Air Ambulance Charity	£500.
GCG Community Bowls Club	£400.
Brynaman C P School	£750.
Cwmni Drama'r Gwter Fawr	£500.
Ystradowen Communities	£450.

Further information from Cruse Bereavement and Cancer support Services. The Black Mountain Centre £15k and Ystradowen C. Centre £5k will be financially rewarded in the next Financial Year, Cllrs V. Morgan and M. Morgans declared an interest. The recommendations were accepted by all members. Noted that the Car Scheme at Ystradowen Community Centre had started and

charges varied on length of journeys made i.e. Llanelli £40 return. Due to the double yellow lines outside the Centre additional work will have to be undertaken at the rear of the building to accommodate a disabled access into the Centre for passengers disembarking from the bus. It is envisaged that the cost will be substantial and applications for grants will be made. The notice of the annual audit has been received and must be completed by the 30/6/20. Our internal auditor will be Mr A.Llewellyn Mountain Rd, Brynaman.

ITEM 7 PUBLICITY SUB COMMITTEE

The above committee met on 26th February 2020 to discuss and put forward ideas to expand the awareness and being of Cwarter Bach Community Council. Cllr R Pearce-Higginson had looked at Cwmaman Town Council's website with good initiatives, especially a Community Hero Scheme which we could easily implement. It was generally felt that our website could be upgraded. A multi – media approach was called for, using social media i.e FB., Instagram and website through to leafleting and articles in the local Guardian. A lengthy discussion took place on the Office of Clerk and whether it would be now appropriate to move forward to Office accommodation which would again highlight the presence of the Council. Surgeries could then be adopted on a rota basis with 1 - 1 contact with residence. Seek financial guidance from the Finance Sub Committee. At the Council meeting Cllr L Baker had produced a sample A4 Sheet with members names and photograph and some information which could be used possibly for leafleting and a Cwarter Bach wide Logo competition could be set up in order to produce a modern updated Logo, The latter was proposed by Cllr M.Morgans seconded Cllr A.Hicks

ITEM 8; ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts be passed for payment :-

SSE Enterprise Lighting	Christmas Lighting	£4146.36.	Lights to be returned
Wrenvale Nurseries	Contractual Work	£1,524.00.	
Welsh Water	Ystradowen Pavilion	£ 56.43.	
EDF Energy	“ “ “	£ 97.49.	
EDF Energy	Bryn Avenue Park	£ 123.93.	

Agreed that payments be made.

ITEM 9 APPOINTMENTS SUB COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that Mrs Karen Lewis our minute Clerk had tenderd her resignation and the post (thanks to Cllr W.Churchill) was advertised in the local Guardian this week. Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that this Sub committee be setup to review ,draw up a job description and decide the hours and salary point for the Clerks post. The appointed members will also, if necessary, draw up a short list and interview the candidates. The appointed members will be :- Cllrs H.Taylor, R.P,Higginson, W.Churchill, M.Morgans and Tony Strutt.

ITEM 10 CORRESPONDENCE

Carmarthenshire's Deposit [_Revised LDP](#) 2018 – 2020

Due to the high level of interest shown the consultation period has been extended by 2 weeks. Comments should be submitted no later than 4.30pm on Friday March 27

Electrical Charging Points

Noted that the above had been installed at Ystradowen Community Centre. A further point earmarked for the Public Hall Car Park, Brynaman be not entertained because of the volume of vehicles. The BMCentre to make an application for a charging point

Payments to Members of Community & Town Councils

The Clerk read the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and highlighted the available payment to each member of £150 plus additional benefits to members for specific roles. Proposed by Cllr D.B.Belcher seconded Cllr A.Hicks and unanimously supported by members that the offer of payment be rejected.

Hire of Maes Elwyn Playing Field

A application from Hope Church Garnant with the support of Swansea Valley Bible Church for the hire of the above for the week end 16th /17th May2020 be not entertained as members did not wish to hire a facility for a political or religious event

Hywel Dda University Health Board

The Board's Out of Hours service at Prince Phillip Hospital was noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL 2020 AT 6.30PM

AT

YSTRADOWEN COMMUNITY CENTRE