

**MINUTES OF CWARTER BACH COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**HELD REMOTELY ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**PRESENT:** \_\_\_\_\_ Cllr H.Taylor presided.

**Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_ A. Pedrick.

Brynaman Ward: Cllrs W.Churchill,MMorgans,S.Thomas,J.G.Davies,M.Thomas

Cwarter Bach Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Cllrs L.Baker, A.Hicks.

Llynfell Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Cllrs T.Strutt, A.Daddy,V.Morgan,D.B.Belcher.

Members of the Public None

**ITEM 1:**

**APOLOGIES:** \_None

**ITEM 2: \_\_\_\_\_ DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**

Declarations by members of personal interest to be verbally.

**ITEM 3: \_\_\_\_\_ MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were accepted as true record following an amendment to item 7 when Cllr T.Strutt voted against the motion to accept the financial statement and used the huge spend on watering plants as an example, on the proposal of Cllr W. Churchill seconded Cllr L. Baker.

The Chairperson then welcomed Members and instructed everyone to adhere to the rules of communication and to respect the views of fellow members and engage fully in respecting the Chair to allow fluid discussions.

**ITEM 4 ASSET SUB COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Chairperson of the above committee Cllr M. Morgans updated members on the various issues which had been highlighted in the circulated report and because of their financial implications had been referred to the Finance Sub Committee. The exception was the installation of CCTV and Security Lighting at Cae Criced to be funded by the Club, additional Benches on site which could be made available and the Security of the Senior Goal Posts at Maes Elwyn which again would be a matter for the Club.

The matters under review which would have cost implications were -:

- 1.Extending Dressing Rooms using storeroom – AFC will do the work, however, the Council will have to seal and protect the electric meter at a cost.
- 2.Ball Stop Net behind the goals to protect property at both Cae Criced & Maes Elwyn – cost £1600 approx.
- 3.Repair & Replace Home Team Shower Floor – 3No contractors approached Norwave, Ammanford, Date, Pontardawe and M.Rickwood & Son, Llanelli. Only the

latter has shown interest and been on site – awaiting a quote. Again the AFC carpenter will complete the base of the shower before flooring.

4. Mini Football on the Bowls Green – in order to formally agree that mini football be allowed on the green, members discussed the matter and it was proposed by Cllr L. Baker seconded Cllr J.G. Davies that mini football be allowed on the Bowls Green. This being the case, the playing surface was in need of improvement and the AFC were prepared to put 4ton of topsoil on the field and re-seed. Council to pay for the Materials – cost £250 approx.

Following a lengthy discussion and reference to the Bryn Rovers 10yr plan among other issues on maintenance, it was proposed by Cllr T. Strutt seconded Cllr V. Morgan that a sum of £1850 be made available for the above work. All agreed.

#### **ITEM 5 PARKS EQUIPMENT CONTRACT**

The Clerk gave members a progress report on the above. On checking with Sunshine Playgrounds whether a roof tower should be on the apparatus installed at Ystradowen, we are informed that this is a variant of one in the catalogue and in fact matches the design forwarded. The flooring at this Park has been laid and work nearing completion. At Cae Criced the suppliers have been waiting for a missing part to arrive and progress has been slow, again, the poor weather has also been a factor. The contractor hopes to re-start next week.

A Shell Nest Seat is required as a replacement for a worn unit at Ystradowen and by purchasing with the Multi Unit it can be bought for £250 instead of £570. It was proposed by Cllr T. Strutt seconded Cllr L. Baker that we purchase the seat.

#### **ITEM 6: FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE REPORT**

Cllr H. Taylor having been appointed Chairperson of the above reiterated the idea of providing a pamphlet in order to give information on various issues and as a prelude to further notices to be distributed to all householders. It was envisaged that a point of contact be set up i.e. Telephone Line, however, all numbers will be on the leaflet and on our web site and we might as well use these for contact points to provide support and advice and point people in the right direction, this would be an opportunity to help the needy.

Contact and questions would also be directed to each Ward member.

Costing of 1500 leaflets A4 had been received and read as follows :-

Black Mountain Centre, Brynaman	£225
Ystradowen Community Centre	£150
Print Work 36, Maes Gareth Edwards	£ 55 Black & White
	£ 75 Coloured

Again most members spoke on the subject all with various views and there was a feeling that an A5 size would be a better proposition, however, on the proposal of Cllr W. Churchill seconded Cllr D.B. Belcher the A4 Leaflet was the only proposal and was therefore carried.

#### **ITEM 7: ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR YSTRADOWEN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The County Councillor having sought guidance from the County Council on this issue advised Members that the additional payment for this maintenance list should be a matter for the Business Centre and would be part of their income / expenditure stream. Central Government had made available a £25,000 resilient fund to cover additional costs during the pandemic crisis.

Additionally it was noted that a grant from Moondance of £10,900 had been received as well as £1,000 from the County Council. It was also noted that the Mynydd y Betws Fund was now open for grant applications. Cllr J. G. Davies then confirmed that he would not be involved in the discussion, however, many questions and accusations were directed at the County Councillor before he left the meeting. Most members spoke on the subject and Cllr D.B.Belcher was adamant that the County Council Officer he had spoken with in reference to the Resilient Fund had confirmed that Ystradowen Community Centre was not eligible. There followed a very lengthy debate and members were puzzled why so many other Halls, Centres, Associations etc had been awarded this grant. Whilst many questions regarding the Centres requisition list had been forwarded to the Chairperson, due to the lengthy discussion it was not possible to take up. To draw the debate to its conclusion it was proposed by Cllr L. Baker seconded Cllr A. Hicks that a sum of £2500 be donated to the Centre. On being put to the vote there were 6 votes in favour with 3 abstentions. The proposal was carried. Cllr A. Daddy declared an interest and did not participate in the discussions and did not vote.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.