**Clyne and Melincourt Community Council**

Minutes of an Ordinary General Meeting held at The Ganu, Melincourt on Wednesday 28February 2024

**Present:** K.Thomas (Clerk) and Cllrs G.Kerrison (Chair), L.Hadley, J.Davies, C.Lake, Lucy Hadley, M.Coslett & P.Tyler

Plus 12 members of the community

Chair welcomed newly co-opted Cllrs. Lucy Hadley, Paula Tyler & Maryanne Coslett to their first Council meeting

**AGENDA ITEM 1**

**Chairman’s Opening Remarks**

G. Kerrison reported on his investigations re action that could possibly be taken against former Chair. Problem with there being no paper trail

**AGENDA ITEM 2**

**Apologies:** J.Golding on holiday

**AGENDA ITEM 3**

**Disclosure and confirmation of Declaration of Interest.**

None received

**AGENDA ITEM 4**

**Minutes of 31January 2024 meeting**

Approved as a true record – proposed by Cllr Coslett seconded by Cllr Lake

**AGENDA ITEM 5**

**MATTERS ARISING**

**26July23 Planning Approval of Melincourt Windfarm – “joint beneficiaries of the £80k fund”**

Ongoing – NRW stopping the connection to grid

**26July23 Play Sessions**

Council will discuss & evaluate the success of this project in March when numbers attending will be available.

**26July23 Hill St Play Area Issues**

No progress - park has not been reinstated following drainage work as reported at previous meetings

Re-imbursement of Park lease payments still not received but will be continue to be chased – noted Council had taken out a 25yr lease – Clerk to check date lease expires

*(Information received from Cllr D Lewis from NPT Parks Management that they are prepared to reinstate the site prior to the upheaval created by the drainage work and would also be agreeable to reimbursing Clyne and Melincourt Community Council for the lease payments during this difficult period.)*

The case for trying to restore Hill Street Park to it’s former site was ongoing – ownership had been established but no contact had yet been made – Chair had written to solicitor & received a response stating that they had been unable to find any information on the old park land.

**26July23 Section 106 Planning P2022/0581 NMA of P2018/0301**

Dean Lewis had reported back to Council that the £1,248 was for an Allotment fund & not for the Community

**26July23 Request for NPT Tree Surgery**

Noted tree had been removed

**26July23 Planning Enforcement Complaint Tiny Tree Farm Wellfield E2023/0125**

No further progress – two councillors taking on – Cllr Lynfa Hadley & Cllr Lucy Hadley. Noted owner had received 1,000 tree saplings to plant & via FB was asking for volunteers to plant.

**29Nov23 Community Councillor Election**

Final cost of election not yet received.

**29Nov23 Mugga Project for Clyne Park**

Funding ongoing

**29Nov23 Valleys & Villages Prosperity Fund**

No further information on this fund as yet – Neal Francis to be contacted

**29Nov23 NPT Bus Stop Replacement Program**

Possibly to be included in NPTBC new budget in April

**31Jan24 Melincourt Notice Board**

Clerk reported on costings of between £200 to £500 for a notice board to be situated at the bottom of Hill Street by the grit box in Melincourt

**31Jan24 2024/2025 Precept Budget**

Budget figure not yet confirmed by A. Hinder (NPTBC)

**31Jan24 Cyd Terrace**

Chair going to see Edward Williams (Farmer) as blockage was on his land

**31Jan24 Park Grass Cutting Contract**

After meeting contractors on site & explaining what was required Chairman & Clerk agreed the contract to be awarded to ‘Eyeballs’ £380 per cut for two parks x 7 cuts - request from public for grass to be picked up after cut. Start date end of March

**31Jan24 Time Capsule**

Ongoing – arrangements to be made for time capsule to be brought back into the community and be placed at the Remembrance Memorial

**31Jan24**

**Bridle Ways & Rights of Way -** Clerk had contacted Dean Lewis & been told that NRW were the problem and they were not being helpful – noted by local farmer that there were not any on our patch

**Speeding**

Speed Camera Van at Cyd Terrace had caught 80 vehicles speeding

**Potholes**

Some potholes on the Bends had been repaired but lots more to be done

**31Jan24 Melincourt Ganu**

Peter Gibson (Ganu Representative) attended meeting during which he confirmed that they had not asked anyone to approach the Community for funding - there followed a general discussion. Noted The Ganu had split themselves into two groups to enable them to access more funding new group being called Ganu Melyncourt Community Hall there were currently three trustees but would like to increase to five or seven. They currently had no monies in the bank. Clerk to chase Rhyss George for payment for the use of both halls as Polling Stations

**31Jan24**

Arrangements to be made for 4 Tea/Coffee meetings to be held during March – 2 at Clyne & 2 at the Ganu.

**31Jan24**

Established that no Drinks License needed for hall hirers to be able to bring their own alcohol to events (no resale allowed) – hall hire contract to be updated

**31Jan24**

Clerk had purchased a meeting signing in book that would be used at March meeting

**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**Co-option of three Community Councillors**

Chair reported on the co-option process that had taken place and resulted in Paula Tyler, Lucy Hadley and Maryanne Coslett being co-opted to the Council

**AGENDA ITEM 7**

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Change of Internal Auditor**

Chair reported change of Internal Auditor – previous charge £700 new Auditor £300 a saving of £400

**b) Hall Wi-Fi**

Council exploring costs of providing wi-fi in the Hall

**c) PACT**

Clerk to extend an invitation to James Tozzel to attend next meeting

**d) Next Meeting**

Cllr Tyler apologised for being unable to attend next meeting due to holidays

Meeting closed at 8.30pm