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Clyne and Melincourt Community Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting held at the Clyne Community Hall on Wednesday 31 July 2024 at 6.00pm

Present: K. Thomas (Clerk) and Cllrs. J.Golding (Vice Chair), L. Hadley, Lucy Hadley, G.Kerrison, P.Tyler, R.J.Davies & M. Coslett - plus 9 members of the community

AGENDA ITEM 1 - Chair's Opening Remarks

Vice Chair opened the meeting as Chair was unable to attend. Vice Chair noted 3 items listed that would be discussed during A.O.B

AGENDA ITEM 2 - Apologies: C.Lake

AGENDA ITEM 3 - Declaration of Interest: None received

AGENDA ITEM 4 42/24 To Approve Minutes of Meeting held of 26June as a true record

Minutes approval proposed by M.Coslett, seconded by J.Davies

AGENDA ITEM 5

43/24 MATTERS ARISING

a) 26July23/202 Tiny Tree Farm - ongoing - Cllr Lucy Hadley stated that a letter had been received stating that NPTCBC had found no issue at Tiny Tree Farm at the present time and will not be taking any further action.

b) 13/24 Time Capsule - The time capsule has been put in place, with a date for a ceremony to be arranged. The Community Council would like to thank Mike Walton of Gwrhyd Specialist Stone Quarry who provided the stone to sit on top of the time capsule, Jeff Thomas for providing the JCB to dig the hole and community members Gavin Griffiths, Gethin Kerrison and Rob Francis for their manual labour.

Many thanks also, to Councillor Kerrison taking on and completing this project.

Contact to be made with persons who were involved with Clyne School and whom it was felt the community would like to see invited or possibly to speak at the ceremony

c) 19/24 Hall Wi-Fi - As previously agreed , hotspotting would be investigated as an option for short term if needed. Item to be moved from agenda until internet becomes a requirement.

d) Lock at Cyd Terrace - Clerk to chase emails re subsidence with Leanne Jones on her return from leave

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e) 15/24 The Ganu - Cllr Lucy Hadley stated that discussions were ongoing via email with the Trust. Mr Rob Francis addressed the committee in regards to funds/hall rental for the Ganu. The Vice Chair stated that discussions in regards to finance were to be discussed with the trustees via email as requested by the trustees themselves and therefore will not be discussed in the meeting. After Mr Francis persisted, Vice Chair suspended the meeting until Mr Francis agreed to wait for trustee meeting and end the discussion. Mr Francis agreed and the meeting resumed. Cllr Hadley informed Council that free PAT Testing had been offered to the Ganu but had been refused.

44/24 AGENDA ITEM 6

38/24 Hill Street Park - Although agreed at the previous meeting to close the park due to safety reasons, after grass cutting and a full inspection it was felt that the park was now safe to stay open. NPTCBC happy to still honour agreement made.

Old Park Update

The lease for the old park site has been found whilst checking the attic in the Community Centre. The Council to seek advice on next steps but fantastic news for our community

45/24 AGENDA ITEM 7

Grants Update - Cllr Lucy Hadley updated the council that progress had been made . The council hoped to have ideas ready for community consultation in the near future. Council also received fantastic feedback in regards to the outdoor events in Clyne Park run by Rasberry Creative

46/24 AGENDA ITEM 8

Financial Report

a) 2023/2024 Annual report sent to Audit Wales by 30June following approval in last meeting

b) One request made to inspect accounts , appt cancelled as happy with current situation

c) Current financial report was detailed on the posted agenda & accepted. Quarterly internal audit conducted by Cllr M.Coslett. No discrepancies found.

d) Amount requested on precept had not previously been noted on January minutes. Precept set at £32k for 2024/25

e) Electricity supplier Opus Energy has transferred our account to EDF. No action needed f) A Breast Cancer Now fundraising event has been booked to the community centre by Friends of Clyne and Melincourt. Cllr Coslett proposed that the hall rental for this event be offered free of charge. Proposal was seconded by Cllr J.Davies and carried unanimously

DRAFT 47/24 Any Other Business

a) Clyne Community Centre Acoustics - It has been stated that the acoustics in the hall make it difficult to hear and needs to be addressed. Cllr Lucy Hadley has sourced acoustic boards free of charge and has sent out requests to various companies for possible donations of other items needed on behalf of the Committee. It was proposed by Cllr J. Golding that a budget of £250 be set for any items that may not be received by donation. This proposal was seconded by Cllr M.Coslett and carried unanimously. Informal meeting suggested and to be arranged for planning in the coming weeks

b) In It Together - Cllr Coslett and Clerk met with Lisa Gordon to discuss possible support to the community. Cllr Lake and Cllr Kerrison also joined the meeting, bringing along Adam (LAC Officer) to possibly consider a joint event to meet with the community. Lisa informed us of how she could possibly help the community, whilst Adam raised some excellent ideas for community engagement. Dates to be arranged

c) Melincourt notice board - Residents have raised concerns that the notice board in Melincourt is too small and unable to hold all information required. Clerk to look into costings for a larger notice board and will return to council with findings as soon as possible

d) Dog waste bins – Residents in Cyd Terrace have reported that their dog foul bin from the canal side has been removed by NPTCBC. Council to email Leanne Jones ,who is already looking into this matter , to find a suitable solution

e) Friends Of Clyne And Melincourt - Kay Griffiths spoke on behalf of the group , addressing the public with information on the objective of the group and their plans for the future. The group has currently enlisted 30 volunteers so far and welcome anyone who would wish to join . Mrs Griffiths thanked the committee for the donation of free hall rental for the upcoming charity event being held in August. The group are also meeting with Adam and the trustees at the Ganu to discuss possibly future support to the Community. All information for the group can be found on their website.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm K.Thomas (Clerk of Council)