

ROGERSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT TYDU COMMUNITY HALL
WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL 2023

Members present: -

Chairperson: Councillor S. Mlewa

Councillors: S. Bowen, S. Jones, C. Larcombe, Y. Forsey, M. Bentley, B. Davies, K. Hopkins,
J. Reynolds, L. Cummings, N. Ireland.

Apologies were received from: -

Councillors. J. Gibbons, A. Hobbs, N. Upham.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors S. Mlewa, S. Jones, declared an interest in Jubilee Park matters.
Councillor Y. Forsey declared an interest in item 9.1

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 6th March 2023 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

3.1 Festival Committee

Members discussed:-

- The meeting held on the 29th of March.
- Cars possibly not able to attend the festival this year, due to a car rally elsewhere.
- Suggested events, which will be discussed at the next Festival Committee meeting
- The next Festival Committee meeting – 19th April

3.2 2023/24 Precept

Members discussed: -

- Newport City Council's budget cuts and increase for 23/24.
- Climate change.

3.3 Glade Cafe

The Clerk advised that the outdoor seating area members approved at the last meeting will not go ahead this year. The proprietors will require a planning consent from Newport City Council, which may take weeks to be considered, therefore they will reconsider this for next year. The Clerk has

asked the proprietors to resubmit their request to the Community Council, to be assessed prior to applying for planning consent later in the year/next year.

3.4 Utilities

Members discussed the utility bills they had received (requested at the last meeting).

The Chairperson, Councillor S. Mlewa advised that a task and finish group will be set up to look at the bills and possible alternatives etc. Councillors N. Ireland, S. Bowen agreed to join the group with the Chairperson.

The Clerk advised members that the heating options appraisal has been arranged and the report is likely to be ready for the June meeting, which may help the task and finish group with their investigations.

A smart meter has been applied for, members were copied in on the reply from the utilities company, which stated that one is not available at the moment, but as soon as they are available they will let us know.

3.5 Tree Survey

A member queried the tree survey invoices for Rogerstone Community Council and Jubilee Park on last month's minutes. The Clerk outlined the reason for the surveys, which are a necessary risk assessment.

3.6 School Competition

The Deputy Chairperson, Councillor S. Bowen, advised that the schools have been contacted and the competition closing date is the 28th April, however this is flexible depending on the schools.

3.7 Defibrillator

The Clerk advised that the company discussed at the last meeting can provide a defibrillator at no charge, however, the minimum donation for this is £1453.20.

Members agreed that they should find a place for the defibrillator that is currently being stored. The Chairperson has asked the Alcan Club if it can be placed there (subject to it being fixed to an area that has 24 hour access).

4. POLICE MATTERS

Police reports are circulated via email when received, Marchs report was emailed before this meeting.

Members discussed:-

- The contents of the report.
- Drug dealing in areas of Rogerstone.

- Asking for a direct response from local officers on the drug dealing issue.
- Austerity and criminal activity.

It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the police expressing members concerns with drug dealing in the area and ask for a report on the issue, including the numbers of people reporting this.

5. CLERKS REPORT

Members acknowledged the Clerks Report and the correspondence received prior to the meeting.

6. NEW CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Glade Cafe – Rent 23/24

- Members discussed the previous reduction in rent and reasons for it.
- The 23/24 rent needs to be agreed, and members considered and subsequently approved the 25% reduction in monthly rent as outlined by the Clerk.
- Members agreed that they cannot be seen to subsidise a private company.
- The cafe utility costs, (electric – which they began paying since 2023), will be forwarded to the task and finish group when discussing the utility bills, so that they can be deducted from the Community Council use.

6.2 Glade Cafe - Block Booking Request

- Correspondence from the Glade Cafe requesting to block book the Community Hall to prevent use on Sunday mornings by hirers was discussed at length.
- Following consideration members agreed that it was not in the best interests of the community to prevent the booking of Tydu Community Hall, therefore the Clerk will advise the proprietors.

6.3 Memorial Tree

- Members discussed the application for the planting of a memorial tree in the grounds. The tree and the location meets with the Head Groundsman's approval, and the grounds staff will plant it (at cost to the applicant).
- Members approved the planting of the tree subject to any proposals for a plaque to be considered by members before it is placed on/near the tree.

6.4 Remuneration Panel

The Clerk reminded members that the list of expenses claimed by members will be notified to the Remuneration Panel and be placed on the website & noticeboards.

7. ACCOUNTS

Zoom	
Monthly charge	£ 15.59
Newport City Council	
Bins ½ RCC ½ JP	£433.33
Rates – Car Park Cefn Rd	£486.85
Rates – Tydu Hall	£202.23
Nathan Evans Ltd	
Xero fees	£26.88
Salary fee	£114.00
Vodafone	
Broadband	£ 34.00
T. Carter	
Tesco – 2 jugs for kitchen	£ 10.00
Fuel Genie	
Fuel for van & machinery	£210.04
D. Evans	
Cleaning hall & outside toilets	£520.00
Rob Cambell	
Toilet door repairs	£180.00
S. Davies	
Auto Spares – van part	£ 4.51
Screwfix	
Tools & sundries (grounds)	£ 27.94
Utility Warehouse	
Utilities (hall, grounds, grounds buildings, Glade Cafe)	£2999.62
Regen Amenity	
Grounds chemicals & pitch marker	£948.60
Eurosec	
Annual service Glade Cafe alarm & battery, annual service of Tydu House alarm	£264.00

CIA Insurance	
Ty Du House buildings insurance	£331.50
Lee Tech	
Basin repairs	£ 84.00
Ted Hopkins	
Grounds machinery service & parts	£2234.34

8. PLANNING

Members on the interim planning committee are emailed plans as and when received.

Councillor Y. Forsey left the meeting while item 9.1 was discussed.

9. OTHER MATTERS

9.1 Riverbank Erosion

The Clerk reminded members of the meetings attended and the request for information from Newport City Council in relation to those meetings.

Members discussed: -

- The correspondence from Stephen Jarrett, Head of City Services, which was circulated to members.
- The temporary closure notice, that stated no alternative route available, which appears to be incorrect. The explanation for this was - *'The legal notice is standard wording. There are no proposed works other than the re-routing of the Right of Way'*.
- The request to Mr Jarrett to let the Community Council know when the City Council come to a determination in respect of the long-term outcome.
- The Counsel Opinion that the Jubilee Park Management Company have requested, which may take weeks.
- The linear park and the flood wall, which are designed to protect the housing estate from flooding.
- Welsh Government funding available to Local Authorities.
- Newport City Council prioritising and allocating funds
- Asking Newport City Council for a breakdown funds received and where they are/were allocated.
- City Councillors for Rogerstone and the need for them to listen to local residents and support them accordingly.
- Ownership of the land and research that has been undertaken by local people.

The Clerk agreed to keep members updated on any progress and when everything is received from the City Council in writing, this will be published on the website.

10. URGENT MATTERS

10.1 Lyndon Way

- The Chairperson asked that thanks be passed on to the Head Groundsman and his team for undertaking recent work at Lyndon Way.
- Members discussed the issue of dog excrement bags being placed on trees at the location and possible remedies to alleviate this were suggested.
- A bin on Lyndon Way was requested, subject to it being on a route that bins are emptied by Newport City Council.
- As the land referred to is under the remit of Newport City Homes, it was agreed to approach them first.
- If Newport City Homes are unable to assist, Newport City Council will be asked to provide a bin.

10.2 Community Awards

It was agreed to exclude the press and public from this matter.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting (AGM) was agreed to be **Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 7.00pm.**

Apologies –

Councillor J. Reynolds

Clerk – Colin Atyeo