

Item 2, line 7 – should read ***'The Clerk provided Mr Martin and Mr Horton with copies of the Budget.....'***. The Clerk apologised for this, it was a typing error.

Item 7 – Cllr Rose did not participate in the vote, therefore the members FOR the proposal should read ***'Cllrs Davies, Spanswick & Granville'***. The Clerk apologised for this it was an error on her part. Cllr Rose accepted the Clerk's apology.

Mr Horton stated that he had not in fact made the comments attributed to him on page 6 ***' Mr Horton said he wanted to ask the Clerk why there is nothing being said***' Members discussed the accuracy of the minutes and it was agreed they were accurate.

There were other points on the document presented by the Clerk relating to his comments/observations of the minutes and the Clerk detailed these individually:-

With regard Mr Horton's comments relating to item 7 of the minutes - the members did not agree with the comment ***'The format of this discussion has been conducted in a totally incorrect manner despite Mr Martin's attempts to advise the Chair as to the correct procedure, the Chair quite unjustifiably threatened to expel him from the meeting. This suppressive behaviour will not be tolerated this is 2014 not 1970'***.

Members discussed this request for amendment by Mr Horton. Members felt that the Chair's actions were indeed appropriate and justified under the circumstances. The Chair asked members if they had confidence in her and said if they did not, she would be willing to step down. Cllr Rose said there is no problem with Cllr Bennett undertaking the role of Chair, she was elected by this Council to act as Chair and the members are happy to support her in this role. All members agreed. Members commented on the inappropriate behaviour of Mr Martin towards the Chair. The Chair commented that in previous meetings members had not been comfortable and that the Council was not moving forward and she would take any appropriate action within her power to ensure the Council is effective in the future.

Cllr Wilson said these are things that need to be brought up at the next meeting, when the members of the public concerned may be in attendance, and if members have to abide by rules of debate then the public must also. The Chair said if the members of the public concerned were at this meeting tonight she would be happy to say these things, as they have to be said and it saddens her that the two men involved have a wealth of knowledge and could be a great support to this Council. The Chair said she wished to reiterate that the tone of Council meetings has been very tense and it has been extremely difficult for the Clerk to carry out her role properly under these circumstances, which is bound to lead to mistakes. The Chair said she wants to do her best for the residents of Cornelly while she is a member of this Council, especially in her role as chair, and if members feel they can offer her advice on this role she would not be offended, there is no 'I' in team. Cllr Spanswick said there is no problem with constructive criticism as this is a good thing, but criticism for criticism's sake is never good and it was not appropriate for Mr Martin to shout at the Chair that she was "making a pig's ear of the meeting". The Chair said this Council has another 18 months to run and no members should feel that they did not want to attend meetings because of the intimidating atmosphere. Cllr Wilson said he believes the feelings described have been felt by all members and even though he has attended the last few meetings, he has found it difficult. Cllr Wilson said the criticism is vexatious. Cllr Spanswick said it must be remembered that the Clerk is an employee of this Council and it is up to the members to protect her as an employee, to allow her to undertake her role effectively.

Mr Horton's comments relating to the September meeting being two meetings:- the Clerk stated that to her understanding the meeting was only one meeting, as only one Agenda had been issued. The September meeting did incorporate the 'correspondence' carried over from the cancelled July meeting, but this did not constitute two meetings taking place. Cllr Granville said technically it was two meetings as the Chair had given members of the public permission to take another 10 minutes speaking time in the middle of the meeting, therefore effectively creating two separate meetings, the Chair should not have allowed this. Cllr Wilson said because of the pressure and pushing that the members of the public created at the meeting, the Chair was put in a position where she had no option but to agree to the request. Cllr Wilson said this was a situation in which there would have been no right or wrong way to proceed. Members agreed that the Council now has to move forward and learn from mistakes that have been made.

Cllr Rose said he wished it to be noted that Cllr Tildesley had agreed with Mr Martin regarding his comments on the Agenda item 'Reintroduction of Footpaths/Planning meeting'.

Cllr Wilson said that in his opinion the Clerk has apologised for making minor mistakes within the last minutes and this should suffice.

It was agreed that this would be an appropriate point to bring in the points raised by Mr Martin in a document passed to the Clerk by Cllr Rose. The Clerk detailed the contents of the complaints/comments made by Mr Martin relating to her and the Chair. Members agreed that the comments should be noted as any further discussion along these lines would bring a complete halt to Council business for the evening and this cannot be allowed.

The Chair invited members to agree the minutes as a true and fair record of the meeting. Cllr Wilson Moved and Cllr Spanswick Seconded that with the amendments agreed above, the minutes be agreed.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes at item 5 above

6.1 On item 5.1 – New Kitchen at Community Centre

The kitchen is now almost finished and Luncheon Club has recommenced. A picture will be taken tomorrow morning of the Luncheon Club ladies, the Chair and any other members of the Council that wish to attend, for inclusion in the December Newsletter. The CADDT Newsletter was discussed and the Clerk was asked to contact CADDT to request inclusion of the new kitchen for the Luncheon Club in their next Newsletter.

6.2 On item 5.2 – Hanging Baskets

The Clerk gave details of costings she had received for self watering baskets. Members asked a date be set for a Budget Planning meeting. This item should be added to the Agenda.

6.3 On item 5.3 – Problems in the Play Park at Heol Las

The Clerk gave details of complaints she had received regarding litter in the park and also the grounds around the Community Centre. Provision of extra bins was discussed and it was agreed this should be added to the Budget Planning meeting.

6.4 On item 5.4 – Electrical Rewiring at Public Hall

The Clerk informed members that the rewiring work is almost complete. There is a letter relating to this matter included in 'Correspondence'.

6.5 On item 5.7 Problems with Signage at Evans Terrace / Heol Las

The Clerk said she had no further information regarding this matter.

6.6 On item 5.9 – Grass Cutting at Ffordd yr Eglwys Cemetery

It was agreed this item should be added to the Agenda for the Budget Planning meeting.

6.7 On item 5.11 – Overgrown trees on Heol Las

The Chair said she had no further information on this.

6.8 On item 7 – Consideration of Grant Request from St Mary Magdalene Church

As discussed earlier, Cllr Rose did not vote in this matter.

6.9 On item 9.4 BCBC – Damage to Fencing on Cornelly Side of Footbridge leading from Cornelly to Maudlam

Cllr Wilson said repairs have still not been carried out.

6.10 On item 9.15 – Information relating to Town & Community Council Forum

Cllr Wilson said he is happy to received Forum information via email.

6.11 On item 9.28 – Welsh Government – Consultation on improving the availability of allotments and community gardens

The Chair and Vice Chair completed this consultation on behalf of members.

6.12 On item 9.30 – Subsidence near Mega Save Shop, Heol Llan

The Clerk stated she has again advised BCBC of members' concerns.

6.13 On item 9.36 – PACT

Representatives of South Wales Police attended this meeting.

6.14 On item 9.45 – Mrs R Snow – Litter

Further correspondence has been received from Mrs Snow and this is included in 'Correspondence'.

6.15 On item 11.1 – Cllr Rose said no response had been received from the Bus Company to the complaint. The Clerk stated, as requested, she had made enquires with First Cymru and the age for full fare is 16. Children aged 5 to 15 pay half fare.

6.16 On item 11.2 – The Clerk stated she has asked BCBC for costings for the dropped kerbs described.

6.17 On item 11.4 – Members asked that the request for a School Crossing Patrol at Afon y Felin School be added to the Agenda for the Budget Planning meeting.

7. Cllr Granville Moved and Cllr Rose Seconded that all accounts be paid.

The Clerk gave a Financial update and the following accounts payable were approved:

Payee	Date	Chq No.	Amount
BCBC – Festive Lighting 2013	15 th Sept 14	1364	6,041.03
P J Landscapes – Hanging Baskets	18 th Sept 14	1365	700.00
St Mary Magdalene Church - Donation	19 th Sept 14	1366	1,500.00
BT – Internet at Community Centre	20 th Sept 14	1367	58.76
Sentinel - Payroll	25 th Sept 14	1368	36.00
Clerk's Salary	2 nd Oct 14	1369	963.48
Mazars – External Audit	2 nd Oct 14	1370	420.00

Estimated Accounts Payable at November 2014

- Clerk's Salary (Oct) £963
- Clerk's Tax & NI (Oct) - £159
- Clerk's Telephone £26.00
- Internet at Community Centre - £22.00
- North Cornelly Comm Assoc Room Hire - £17.50

8. Clerk's Salary Review 2012-13

The Clerk presented members with details of her current salary and relevant review information.

The Clerk left the room to allow members to discuss review.

On the Clerk's return she was informed that Cllr Rose had Moved and Cllr Spanswick had Seconded an increase in salary on Scale LC2 to SCP 27. This salary increase had been unanimously agreed.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Mr Adrian Morgan, CADDT – Hanging Baskets

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. The Chair said Cllr Tildesley and herself had visited other villages looking at their hanging baskets. The Chair said she has spoken to Cllr Tildesley regarding this matter and he had said he was making tentative enquiries with CADDT. The Chair advised members any formal enquiries regarding council business must be discussed at full Council. Cllr Granville Moved and Cllr Spanswick Seconded that a letter be sent to Adrian Morgan thanking him for his comments, stating that Cllr Tildesley had not spoken to him at the Community Council's request, as the matter had not been discussed at full Council. This matter should be raised at the next Council meeting.

9.2 Mr M Horton – Meeting of Cornelly Community Council

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. The Clerk stated that Mr Horton had asked that the matter be discussed at the November meeting as he is unable to attend the October meeting. The Chair informed members this matter had arisen because Mr Horton had gone onto the Clerk after the September Council meeting and alleged that she had deliberately withheld information from the Council, by not discussing the messages he had sent relating to the cancellation of the July meeting that she had tried to rearrange. The Chair continued to say that again the Clerk has had her integrity brought into question, which only supports previous discussions. The Clerk reiterated that Mr Horton had asked that this matter not be discussed in his absence. Cllr Wilson said as a result of the email sent by the Clerk on the day following the September meeting, relating to the incident with Mr Horton, he had passed a letter of support to the Clerk and he felt this would be an appropriate time to relay his feelings to fellow members. Cllr Rose said it was not appropriate for Cllr Wilson to respond in writing to this Council he should report verbally. Cllr Wilson said, sadly of late, he has felt that the only effective way he has of addressing this Council is in writing. Cllr Rose said it was not appropriate for the Clerk to read Cllr Wilson's letter to members. Cllr Wilson said he was upset at the way Mr Horton had treated the Clerk and he was happy to pass on the information contained in his letter. Cllr Wilson gave details of his letter of support to the Clerk. Cllr Rose said Cllr Wilson has now voiced his opinion himself and that is how things must be done.

Cllr Rose Moved Standing Orders.

9.3 Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Draft Annual Report for 2015/16

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

9.4 Mr Doug Roberts – BT “Adopt a Phone Box” Scheme / South Cornelly Phone Box

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members asked that this item be added to the Agenda for the Budget Projects meeting.

9.5 Wales Audit Office – Financial Management and Governance in Local Council 2012-13

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

9.6 BCBC – Local Transport Plan Consultation

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed the availability of the Community Centre for a Consultation event. The Clerk was asked to advise BCBC that the Community Centre is only available on a Friday evening.

9.7 BCBC – Learner Transport Review Consultation

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Cllrs Rose, Granville, Bevan and Spanswick asked for hard copies of the Consultation document. Cllrs Wilson and the Chair asked that the email be resent to them. The Clerk should also provide hard copies for Cllrs Tildesley and Marke and resend email to Cllr Davies.

9.8 Saint David’s Fire – Rewiring at Public Hall

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence, which detailed extra work that the company are doing free of charge. Members asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Saint David’s Fire when their invoice is paid.

9.9 Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeals Standing Committee - Events

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members noted.

9.10 P J Landscapes – Invoice re Footpaths

The Clerk gave details of this invoice. Cllr Rose Moved and Cllr Spanswick Second that the invoice be paid.

9.11 Cllr D Wilson – Letter of Support to Clerk

As discussed at item 9.2 above.

9.12 Adrian Morgan, CADDT – Partnership in Grant Funding Application

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members wished to support the grant funding application and asked that the Clerk invite Mr Morgan to the November meeting to discuss the initiative.

9.13 Mrs R Snow - Litter

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members asked that the Clerk write to Mrs Snow informing her that the Community Council will be writing to Poacher Garage, the owners of the ‘One Stop’ and Llews Chip Shop site, along with BCBC, regarding the problems being encountered with litter in the village. The Clerk will then advise Mrs Snow of the response received.

9.14 Mr B Davies – Invoice re Website Hosting

The Clerk gave details of this invoice. Cllr Granville Moved and Cllr Wilson Seconded that this invoice be paid.

9.15 Mr B Kelly – General Information relating to Cornelly

The Clerk gave details of this correspondence. Members discussed the contents of Mr Kelly’s letter. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Kelly thanking him for his support of the Community Council and for the information passed to members. The letter should also inform Mr Kelly that members would be happy to see him at any future Council meeting.

9.16 Mr M Horton – Amended Minutes from September meeting

As discussed at item 5 above.

9.17 Mr M Martin – Comments re Clerk, minutes, procedure at meetings and Chair

As discussed at item 5 above.

10. Precept / Budget Discussion

Members agreed that a Special meeting should be held to discuss the precept and Budget Planning requirements. The Chair and Clerk to arrange a convenient date for all members.

11. Footpaths & Allotments Report

The Clerk said she had nothing to report, other than PJ Landscapes had taken forward the final cut of the season, as detailed in the invoice received in ‘Correspondence’.

12. Remembrance Sunday Service

The Clerk gave details of the Service to be held at St Mary Magdalene Church, at 9.30am, on Sunday 9th November.

13. Members' Reports

13.1 The Chair spoke to members about information she had received regarding Barry David's attempts to open an NHS Dental Surgery in Cornelly. She said the Local Health Board have not supported Mr David's attempts. Members discussed this matter and asked that the Clerk write a letter to the Local Health Board informing them of the desperate need for an NHS Dental Surgery within Cornelly and offering support to Mr David's attempts to open such a practice. This letter should be copied to Mr David, Carwyn Jones and Madeleine Moon MP,

13.2 Cllr Granville spoke about problems being encountered by Mr N Dunkley with people parking in and across his drive, when they are dropping off and picking up children from Afon y Felin School. This matter was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Department at BCBC and enquire whether bollards could be placed directly opposite the school gates and below Mr Dunkley's house.

Cllr Granville left the meeting at this point.

14. Planning Applications:

- **Application No. P/14/630/FUL – Steel Balcony to Rear of First Floor with Spiral staircase down to Ground Floor – Penylan Lodge, Ton Kenfig**
The members discussed this application; there were no comments / observations.
- **Application No. P/629/FUL – Proposed Alteration of Approved Dwelling to include Rear Conservatory – Plot 94 Cilgant Lein, Woodland Gardens**
The members discussed this application; there were no comments / observations.
- **Application No. P/14/656/FUL – Extend Porch to Create Front Extension to House Playroom/Bedroom – 29 Woodland Place, North Cornelly**
The members discussed this application; there were no comments / observations.

Permission for Development Applications:-

- None.

Refusal of Development Application

- None.

Chair's Signature