



Clydach Community Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Open Spaces and Building
Management Committee

Held Tuesday, 8 September 2026 at 6.45 PM
Waterfall Suite, Forge Fach Resource Centre

Meeting started at 7.13pm

Attendees: Councillors John Hill, Susan Powell, Julian Nicholds, Dylan Williams and Michaela Chaplin (Clerk to the Council).

1. To receive apologies for absences

Councillor Siubhan Evans-Jones

2. To receive Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made by members in relation to the agenda items.

3. To consider matters raised by members of the public related to items on the agenda, limited to 10 mins

No public in attendance

4. To approve the Minutes of the Open Spaces and Building Management Committee held on 14 July as an accurate record

RESOLVED that Minutes were accurate and had been adopted by Council on 21 July 2026

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

Point 9 – The parking signs have now been installed at Waverley Park. RESOLVED that the Clerk would find prices for resurfacing. RESOLVED that the Clerk will investigate next actions if people do not adhere to the signs.

6. To receive Copr Bay consulting report for June

No report received

7. To receive the Clerks update regarding the following

7.1. Fire Door and Fire Compartmentation Survey

As requested, second quote received from Premier Compliance. It was more cost effective to go with Premier Compliance. Work has commenced. Both surveys will take 4/5 days. RESOLVED

7.2. EICR requirements and costings

The Clerk gave a verbal report regarding the time scales and last survey completed including quotes from 4 companies. RESOLVED to except the quote received from Williams Electrical (Cymru) Ltd and to arrange the PAT testing at the same time. It was RESOLVED that the Council will PAT test all equipment in the Café this year but going forward the Council will only PAT test their equipment and the café will be responsible for PAT testing their own equipment.

8. To discuss and if necessary, approve any matters pertaining to Clydach Community Gardens

Cllr. J Hill gave a verbal update on the gardens. They have installed the new gate. The work in the new garden is continuing.

The event is taking place on this coming Saturday 12 September. There will be a table available for the Community Council at the event.

Cllr. S Powell expressed her concern that it is not being pushed by the garden that they are working in partnership with the Community Council. Cllr. S Powell was also concerned that there was no agreement between the Gardens and the Council on use of the councils' facilities including gas, electric and water.

Cllr. J Hill agreed with this and stated that without the Community Council the gardens would not be possible. It was stated that the area has been improved from what it was prior to the gardens.

RESOLVED that after the opening the Clerk and representatives from both Clydach Community Gardens and Clydach Community Council meet to discuss further.

Cllr. J Hill invited Councillors to the garden to have photos ahead of the event on Saturday to promote the partnership.

9. To receive the Clerks report on Open Spaces and Building Management Community Hall

9.1. An issue was picked up with the water temperatures. AMROC assessed and a repair was required. Several plumbers were contacted but it was decided to go with the quote from AMROC at a cost of £678.30 + VAT.
Service has been booked.

9.2. A party took place on 22 August which led to several issues. They entered the building early and left late causing disruption to other users. The caretaker on duty had to request the assistance of the other caretakers as the group was refusing to leave. The group entered the Community Gardens even though they had been told by the Clerk that this was not allowed. Sticky tape had been put on the floor leaving sticky marks leading to extra cleaning being required. It is the same group that broke all the Fire call points last year when they hired it. RESOLVED that the Council does not allow further bookings by this group.

Forge Fach

- 9.3.** As issue was picked up with a flue in the boiler room. This required resealing. AMROC completed the work.
- 9.4.** The biodiversity package will be delivered mid-September. The committee will look at bringing ground works in house. RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate the cost of a sit on lawn mower, storage container and training.
- 9.5.** Invasive species – the goats were successful for the nursery area. They created great community interest. RESOLVED to use the goats again in the same area to treat invasive species. At the same time hold a engagement event.
- The Clerk and Cllr. S Powell have had a discussion with Tiff from The River trust and although The River Trust has received funding in 2024 and 2025 to treat Cae Charles no funding has been received this year. There will be a cost of £800 +VAT this year. RESOLVED to appoint The River Trust to carry out the Knotweed treatment this year.
- 9.6.** Parking complaint received from County Councillor Matthew Bailey, forwarded to all councillors as requested by County Councillor Matthew Bailey. New signs will be stating closing time of gate and emergency contact details will be going up in the car park.
- 9.7.** There have been issues with the Waterfall Suite being a mess after the caretakers have used it. RESOLVED that the Waterfall Suite is to be locked when not in use and if anybody needs to use the room it is booked.

10. Date of next meeting

RESOLVED next meeting 13 October 2026.

Meeting concluded at 8.01pm

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