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Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Monday 13th April 2015

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| Present: |  |  |
| Chairman: | Alex Owen\* | AO |
| Vice Chairman: | John Powson | JP |
| Councillors: | Mike Newth | MN |
|  | Robert Owen | RO |
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| Clerk | Karyl Carter | KC |

Meeting commenced: 1840

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| 1 |  | Apologies: Cllr Powson took the Chair in the absence of Cllr Owen. Apologies were received and accepted for Cllrs Joseph and Oram. (\*Cllr Owen was attending an AGM at BCBC so would be a little late). |  |
| 2 |  | Police Matters: The Clerk had received an email from PCSO Stoneham but no attachment. |  |
| 3 |  | Declarations of interest: Cllr JP declared an interest in anything pertaining to Mrs Powson and also as Chair of the Heol Y Cyw Allotments. |  |
| 4 |  | Minutes: the minutes of the March meeting had been read. The Clerk had left off Cllr Newth, who had been in attendance. Once amended they were proposed to be accepted by MN. This was seconded by RO and agreed by all. |  |
| 5 |  | Welsh Government – consultation on reforming local governments: MN proposed only commenting on chapter 4, which refers to Community Councils. Members agreed and discussed each question in the relevant chapter. The Clerk recorded their responses and will email the completed document to the Welsh Government.  (Councillor Owen took the Chair at 1845) | KC |
| 6 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 6:i | Footpaths: the Clerk confirmed CCV would be attending 19th April and she would field them. They would be asked to carry out work as necessary on footpaths 42/43. | KC |
|  | 6:ii | Bus shelter: nothing to report. MN will speak to John Clarke by the next meeting. | MN |
|  | 6:iii | Bethel Graveyard: RO is obtaining costs for materials and will report to the next meeting. | RO |
|  | 6:iv | BCBC Development of a CAP: AO confirmed written consent from the Commoners had been received by BCBC.  (JP left the meeting at 1905) |  |
|  | 6:v | Co-option: one vacancy remaining. |  |
|  | 6:vi | Millennium project: the site meting due to be held 11th March was cancelled due to the weather. RO and AO reported having a look at the site and expressed their concerns. It was agreed a **site meeting** must be held – date agreed **11th May 2015 at 5:45pm.** | All Members |
|  | 6:vii | Media: KC has bought a new laptop and software and submitted the grant application to BCBC. The Clerk read the requirements of the Welsh Government in relation to what should be included on the website. |  |
|  | 6:viii | Letter from Mrs C Watkins: the Clerk had spoken to Mrs Watkins who confirmed an allotment was being held so that she could then advise CHCC of their work plans for the site. | KC |
|  | 6:ix | Email from Gareth Morris: the Clerk read the email from Mr Morris. It was confirmed this matter is now being dealt with by the Conservators and, as it is not a matter for CHCC, no further involvement will be made. |  |
|  | 6:x | OVW – Governance and accountability for local Councils in Wales – a Practitioners Guide: this document was noted by Members and can now be deleted. |  |
| 7 |  | Heol Y Cyw Growing Group: AO is sorting the cheque for £3500 with MN. Payment will be arranged asap. | AO  MN |
| 8 | 8:i | Wild flower project: the Clerk had received a telephone call from David Lyn, BCBC, requesting site measurements etc. for grass cutting arrangements to be made. AO confirmed this had been dealt with in a conversation between himself and Gareth Evans, BCBC. |  |
|  | 8:ii | Window Boxes/hanging basket competition: Agreed to bring up January 2016. | KC |
| 9 |  | Meeting held to explore merger with PTC: the Clerk had sent notes of the meeting to Members. Members agreed the meeting was very useful. Discussions took place on situations whereby partnership working could prove very useful. The Clerks were tasked with setting up another meeting, in due course. CHCC will now consider items to agenda and assume PTC will do the same. The Clerk will liaise with the Clerk to PTC. | KC  ALL MEMBERS |
| 10 |  | Planning Application – S Wales Wood recycling: the Clerk confirmed this application was still undecided. It was confirmed a letter had been received by BCBC from Wayne Hall, Ospreys, which included an email from SWWR (forwarded by accident), whereby the manager claimed no complaints had ever been received plus 2 Borough Councillors were merely trying to make a name for themselves. |  |
| 11 |  | Heol Y Cyw Welfare Hall: AO and RO confirmed being unable to make the MC meeting due to be held on 20th April. It was agreed this should now take place on 27th April. MN to ensure everyone is told about the new arrangements. | MN |
| 12 |  | Correspondence and planning: as attached. |  |
| 13 |  | To receive reports from: |  |
|  | 13.i | Representative on the School Governing Body: JP had confirmed a meeting to be held tomorrow. |  |
|  | 13.ii | Representative on the Board of Conservators: nothing to report except plans for St Mary Hill Fair are going ahead. |  |
|  | 13.iii | Representative on One Voice Wales: AO confirmed offering apologies. |  |
|  | 143iv | Representative on the Town and Community Council: next meeting in June 15. |  |
|  | 13.v | Report from Borough Councillor: AO attended the annual Rockwool meeting. Bob Perry confirmed a change to their logistic suppliers and, whilst most of them were very good, they were having some trouble with others including Trans America Leasing. Lorries are given slots but are turning up too early thus blocking up the roads. Any complaints or concerns regarding this should be passed to Bob Perry. It was also confirmed that Rockwool’s production is now going up after a bad couple of years. |  |
| 14 |  | Finance: the Clerk had received the Annual return paperwork from Mazars and will present the accounts at the May meeting. | KC |
| 15 |  | Matters for the Clerk: |  |
|  | 15:i | Public Meeting: the Clerk reminded Members a **Public Meeting** will be held in May. It was agreed this should take place at **6pm**. KC will prepare a statement and notices. | KC  ALL MEMBERS |
|  | 15:ii | Congratulations: RO congratulated the Clerk on being awarded the BEM in the Queen’s New year Honours. |  |
| 16 |  | To consider any other item of business which the person presiding as the meeting, as of the opinion should, by reason of special circumstances, be transacted as a matter of urgency: |  |
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|  |  | Meeting closed at 2004 |  |
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