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Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Monday 8th June 2015

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| Present: |  |  |
| Chairman: | Alex Owen | AO |
| Vice Chairman: | John Powson | JP |
| Councillors: | Mike Newth | MN |
|  | Robert Owen | RO |
|  | Nan Oram | NO |
|  | Susan Joseph | SJ |
| Clerk | Karyl Carter | KC |

Meeting commenced: 1830

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|  |  | The Chair welcomed Mrs Ann Davies from Bridgend County Care and Repair. Mrs Davies gave Members details of her background and then told them about her role with C and R. Mrs Davies informed Members about the Stop, Think and Choose Well campaign, spoke about falls prevention and gave Members an information pack. Mrs Davies also spoke about the work Care and repair carry out in the community as well as the work of Crossroads. Mrs Davies left information on all of the above with Members and thanked them for their time. The Chair thanked Mrs Davies for a very informative presentation. |  |
| 1 |  | Apologies: All Members present. |  |
| 2 |  | Police Matters: The Clerk read the email received from PCSO Stonehouse. |  |
| 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 May meeting had been read. They were proposed to be accepted by MN. This was seconded by RO and agreed by all. |  |
| 5 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 5:i | Footpaths see 9. |  |
|  | 5:ii | Bus shelter: nothing to report. MN will speak to John Clarke by the next meeting. | MN |
|  | 5:iii | Bethel Graveyard: RO/AO are obtaining costs for materials and will report to the next meeting. | RO/AO |
|  | 5:iv | BCBC Development of a CAP: RO confirmed the project was moving along albeit slowly. |  |
|  | 5:v | Co-option: one vacancy remaining. The Clerk had received an email from Nicola Davies, expressing an interest in co-option. The Clerk had emailed Ms Davies asking her to submit some details for Members to consider and also suggested she contact the Chair. The Chair also emailed ND but to date, no responses have been received. It was agreed that should ND make contact, the Clerk should invite her to the next meting | KC |
|  | 5:vi | Millennium project: see 9. The Clerk was given permission to pay PTC’s invoice for work carried out by their handyman at the MP site. | KC |
|  | 5:vii | Publicity/PR: see 9 |  |
|  | 5:viii | Letter from Mrs C Watkins: Cllr’s Powson and Joseph declared interest in this item. Mrs Watkins had not submitted a work list but this was, in part, due to the meeting with BCBC declaring the car park to be sold. AO expressed frustration about this matter as he had spoken to a number of officers in BCBC who knew nothing about the alleged plan to sell the car park. The Clerk confirmed that Mr JB had also stated to her that he had it on the best authority that the sale was being considered by BCBC. It was agreed the Clerk will email BCBC requesting a categorical yes/no on this matter.  (Councillor Powson offered apologies for having to leave the meeting at 1915). | KC |
|  | 5:ix | Waste bin – children’s play area: the Clerk had sent BCBC’s email to Members, in response to enquiries about a second bin in the children’s play area. After some discussion, AO proposed the purchase of a bin alongside the pathway and this was seconded by MN and agreed by all. AO will measure exactly where it should be sited and inform the Clerk for her to liaise with BCBC. | AO  KC |
| 6 |  | Wild flower project: AO said he was a bit disappointed at the lack of flowers but it was still early days so we will wait and see how things develop. AO mentioned from the meeting with PTC, the idea of placing planters on the pavement outside of the school which will not only brighten up High Street, but also prevent parking on the pavement outside of the school. SJ felt this was a complete waste of money when the school has been earmarked for closure. She asked about planters for Cae Garn where a dumped car was causing havoc. NO agreed with SJ that the idea would be a waste of money and after some discussion, it was agreed to move on. |  |
| 7 |  | Play-scheme: The Clerk had forwarded to Members the dates of this year’s play scheme. It was agreed this item now be deleted. |  |
| 8 |  | Christmas Lights: AO/RO confirmed they would bring the costings to the next meeting. | RO  AO |
| 9 |  | Collaboration with PTC: AO asked the Clerk to update Members on the meeting held with PTC:  Newsletter/Hyphen: – PTC felt it would be a good idea to propose to their Members that a member of CHCC join their sub-committee so that they are part of the planning for the Hyphen. They felt it was extremely viable that CHCC could have a ‘CHCC news’ page within the Hyphen and confirmed the approximate costs would work out to less than 50p a copy. MN proposed RO be the nominated CHCC member. This was seconded by SJ and agreed by all. We will now wait to hear from PTC whether the proposal has been agreed.  Footpaths: PTC confirmed they would be very happy to support the work of maintaining the footpaths and the income would mean they would employ a seasonal worker. After some discussion, MN proposed using PTC for path clearance, but to keep the use CCV for the agreed dates in August and November. This was seconded by SJ and agreed by all. AO also mentioned hanging baskets. PTC has these supplied by ADM nurseries and felt there was nothing stopping CHCC from adding to PTC’s order. After discussion, SJ proposed AO investigate the costs and approval needed for brackets etc., and report back. This was seconded by MN and agreed by all. | KC  AO |
| 10 |  | Planning Application – S Wales Wood recycling: the Chair confirmed the application will be considered at BCBC’s meeting being held Thursday 11th June at 2pm. To date, there have been 47 objections and 5 requests to speak. AO has been granted 3 minutes and urges anyone who is available, to attend. | AO |
| 11 |  | Heol Y Cyw Welfare Hall: AO confirmed a MC finance meeting had been held and the annual accounts were nearly signed off (bank statement from 23rd March needed to finalise). The Clerk had forwarded to Members the response regarding Trusteeship from the Charity Commission and suggested if NO wishes to resign as a Trustee, to put this in writing so that the Clerk can take further advice. |  |
| 12 |  | Correspondence and planning: as attached. |  |
| 13 |  | To receive reports from: |  |
|  | 13.i | Representative on the School Governing Body: Prior to leaving, JP confirmed he had nothing to report. AO reported the new school project may happen in 2017 |  |
|  | 13.ii | Representative on the Board of Conservators: Cllr M Newth reported trespassing is a problem and that fly tipping was costing the commoners £8K a year. He also reported frustration that valuable conservation sites are being trashed by vehicles unlawfully using the common. |  |
|  | 13.iii | Representative on One Voice Wales: No meting to report. |  |
|  | 13.iv | Representative on the Town and Community Council: DONM 29th June – details sent to RO. | RO |
|  | 13.v | Report from Borough Councillor: updates given as matter arise. Agreed to delete this item from the agenda in future. | KC |
| 14 |  | Finance: it was agreed to pay PTC £86 and reimburse the Clerk £24.95 for the website costs. | KC |
| 15 |  | Matters for the Clerk: No matters for the Clerk |  |
| 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 2040 |  |
|  |  | Signed: |  |
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