Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

Monday 12th April 2021

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| Present: |  |  |
| Chairman: |  |  |
| Vice Chairman: | Richard Butler | RB (arrived after start) |
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| Councillors: |
|  | Alicia Ingham | AI |
|  | Cath Mathias-Reape | CMR |
|  | Victoria Evans | VE |
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| Clerk/RFO | Karyl Carter | KC |
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| Also present: | BC A Williams | AW |

Time: 1830

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| 1 |  | Apologies: offered by JP, LD, JMcC and accepted. |  |
|  |  | Appointment of Vice-Chair: Members appointed Alicia Ingham as Vice-Chair |  |
| 2 |  | Minutes:  the minutes of the April meeting had been read. CRM proposed they be accepted. Seconded by VE and agreed by all. |  |
| 3 |  | Police matters:  3 x violence against a person  1 x attempted burglary  1 x concern call | KC |
| 4 |  | Declarations of interest:  CMR – Sports and Social Club  VE – RFC |  |
| 5 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 5:i | Footpaths: on hold due to COVID. Awaiting to hear from CCV. | KC |
|  | 5:ii | Publicity/PR: The Spring Newsletter had not been read by many. All agreed to re-post on social media and VE will out it on the Hub, page by page. | All present |
|  | 5:iii | Car Park – CAT: an update was given in respect of the recent BCBC meeting. Extra lighting could be a problem because of bats and BCBC were reluctant to supply a waste bin as they were concerned it would be used inappropriately.  AW stated he was against the project boards decisions not least as people will be reluctant to park unless there is more light. He also stated people were against the proposed new yellow box and asked why it was so big. Residents in both 78/80 suggested BCBC should use smaller buses. AW stated he understood the rationale as it is important to ensure we retain a regular bus service. He is going to request a bat survey be carried out. CMR also pointed out the light emitted from the Rockwool factory. AW doesn’t feel confident that BCBC would support CCTV not least as it would need police support and public scrutiny. VE felt CCTV should be fitted at Cae Garn, on the bridge and at the car park. AW has reported his concerns to BCBC.. | KC  AW |
|  | 5:iv | Accolade: NFA due to COVID. Will be arranged when safe to do so. | KC |
|  | 5:v | Horse Handle for gate (AW): CRM has been in touch with Mrs Evans whose husband had fitted the two at Bryngarn. A meeting will be arranged asap. The gate is for horses only and not livestock/ | KC  CR |
|  | 5:vi | Illegal Tipping: RB will supply grid reference for NRW. | KC  RB |
|  | 5:vii | Dangerous Tree: AW will now escalate this matter due to no response from AM, BCBC. | AW  KC |
|  | 5:viii | Landscape project: KC has a meeting with RJ, BCBBC on Thursday, and members are welcome to attend. | KC |
|  | 5:ix | Development- Travellers: AW stated things were reasonably quiet at the moment. Still awaiting intervention from Wales Planning Office – planning had been turned down and an appeal placed. Prosecutions had taken place on the other piece of land but the LA do not have enough powers to do what is required. COVID has been used as an excuse in a number of matters. RB confirmed that one structure has been put up. He will update CHCC and AW as to whether the travellers have left the site. AW confirmed the structure is illegal but BCBC does not have the power needed to act. | AW  KC |
|  | 5:x | Rockwool: The email regarding dust had been read at the last meeting. RB confirmed being aware that Rockwool have been approached by a gentleman interested in accessing their steam pipe for energy for a commercial business on the fields at Wern Tarw. No-one was aware of this. | AW  KC |
|  | 5:xi | Signage: CRM is working with KC on this and will report at next meeting. | CMR  KC |
|  | 5:xii | Litter – B4280/Love it don’t Trash it: the Clerk had emailed John who confirmed there is a backlog on the project due to COVID. He will be in touch asap. AW confirmed waiting to hear rom Coity Wallia re: the orange bins. | AW  KC |
|  | 5:xiii | Neighbourhood Watch: KC will put info. in the Newsletter. | KC |
| 6 | 6:i | Heol Y Cyw Primary School:  Artefacts: still no trace to date. | AW  KC |
|  | 6:ii | S106 money: meeting has been held between CHCC, VC2C and KS, BCBC and work to go ahead. | KC |
| 7 |  | Defibrillator: working correctly. | RB |
| 8 |  | Millennium site: on hold due to COVID. CRM has kindly had a tidy up. | KC |
| 9 |  | HeolyCyw Welfare Hall: hall still closed but £21,000.in grant funding has been secured. | KC |
| 10 |  | Active Travel Plan: AW has already confirmed that the full project would cost millions of pounds. KC put info. in Newsletter. Now waiting to see what BCBC’s response is to their consultation. | KC  AW  AI |
| 11 |  | SWWR: awaiting response from NRW. | KC |
| 12 |  | Correspondence and planning: as per attached correspondence list. | KC |
| 13 |  | To receive reports from: |  |
|  | 13.i | Representative on the School Governing Body: RB had ben unable to attend due to having surgery. Next meeting 14th June so will offer apologies to CHCC. | RB |
|  | 13.ii | Representative on the Board of Conservators: CMR confirmed no meeting to report. Mr G Holmes reported repairs needed outside 1 Brynteg and along the road. Also, broken bin needs replacing. | CMR |
|  | 13.iii | Representative on One Voice Wales: LD and JMcC – next meeting 19th April – details forwarded. | LD  JMcC |
|  | 13:iv | Representative on the Town and Community Council: no meetings attended. | LD  VE |
| 14 |  | Finance: | KC |
|  | 14:i | Christmas Lights - . agreed KC to pay bill £977.28 (Christmas switch on will be 4th December 2021) | KC |
| 15 |  | Matters for the Clerk: |  |
|  |  | AGM: due to COVID, Members requested the AGM be postponed until September 2021. |  |
| 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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