Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

10th February 2025

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| Present: |  |  |
| Chairman: | Cath Reape | CR |
| Vice Chairman: | John Holmes | JH |
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| Councillors: | Tracy Boxall | TB |
| Councillors: | Mary Goodman-Edwards | MGE |
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| Member of Public | Mr Stephen Bird |  |
|  | Mrs Karyl Carter | TC |
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| Clerk/RFO: | Antoinette Chislett | AC |
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| Start Time: 18:30 | | | |
|  |  | CR officially opened the meeting. |  |
| 1 |  | Apologies: Received and accepted from BC’s A. Ulberini-Williams, M. Evans and R. Williams |  |
| 2 |  | Minutes:  Minutes of the January meeting had been read.  JH proposed they be accepted; seconded by TB and agreed by all. |  |
| 3 |  | Police matters:  Road traffic collision = 1  Crimes = 0  Anti-social behaviour = 0 |  |
| 4 |  | Declarations of interest:   * CR – Sports and Social Club * MGE – RFC * TB - Allotments * All CHCC attendees - Welfare Hall |  |
| 5 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 5:i | Publicity/PR/Newsletter: who confirmed  Interest from two individuals regarding the role of Councillor. Eligibility criteria has been requested. Awaiting response. | AC |
|  | 5:ii | Landscape project:   * Confirmation via email from J. Hartley that BCBC are not transferring the site or the responsibility for the site over to Coychurch Higher Community Council. CHCC required to fund maintenance as outlined in Emroch. If anything arises outside of that work, it is BCBC’s responsibility to respond to and fund where necessary. * All members agreed to raise Purchase Order for maintenance costs as per quote. | AC |
|  | 5:iii | Development- Travellers:  No further update |  |
|  | 5:iv | Signage:   * BC RW and CHCC Chair CR have met to review signs. This has been referred via BC RW. Awaiting further update | BC RW / CR |
|  | 5:v | Active Travel Plan:   * No further update. BC A U-W has confirmed to JH that BCBC kept school busses due to no active travel route. |  |
|  | 5:vi | Miners Footpath   * Item has been removed from Board of Conservators agenda. * All members agreed to remove item from ear-marked and move to reserves on budget. * AC to re-print balance sheet * Item to be removed from CHCC agenda | AC  AC |
|  | 5:vii | Traffic Speed:  Update on Police Speed Scoping to be sent to all members when received. | AC |
| 6 |  | Millennium site:  TB – cleared 4 green sacks of bramble from site  CR – cleared and tidied around path and seating  Cardiff Conservation Volunteers due to be onsite working on 23rd February. MGE to meet with volunteers. Ask to clear 3m wide path at Bullsrow if time allows. | MGE |
| 7 |  | Cenin/Hybont: -   * Cenins Mynydd y Gaer Wind - Pre-application Consultation will take place on 27th February, HYC Social Club. 5 to 7pm * All council members to be present during consultation and stay on after the meeting to meet with residents in order to understand their opinions which will guide the council on how to represent the community opinion. * Notice to be added to social media to inform residents that council members will be present | All members  AC |
| 8 |  | HeolyCyw Welfare Hall:   * KC to write to charity commission to try to ensure the safeguarding of the Welfare Hall as a village asset * TB to check De-fib pad obsolescence dates | KC  TB |
| 9 |  | Christmas:  No actions |  |
| 10 |  | Training and Code of Conduct Training:  No actions |  |
| 11 |  | Correspondence and planning: |  |
|  | 11:i | Correspondence (see attached correspondence list) :   * Item 7 - Electoral Services - proposed changes to boundaries and electoral arrangements – 12 week consultation ending 7th April 2025.   + Meeting with BCBC Electoral Services. AC to request meeting is open to all Council Members and Clerk. * Item 11 - Last Energy Uk Ltd - community engagement event Coytrahen on 17th February for Prosiect Egni Glan Llynfi proposed micro-nuclear energy power plant. * JH to attend * Post flyer to social media * Item 20 - BCBC - Letter from the Leader: Meeting on 21 January with T&CC's -Future of local service delivery, co-producing with our local communities   +  Meeting invite – for Chair and Clerk - Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 6.00 pm at the same venue, Sarn Centre, Merfield Close, Sarn   * + JH presented update on meeting attend by himself and TB   + Chair and Clerk meeting to be attended by CR, JH and AC * Item 22 - Request for Funding for Conservators of the Coity Wallia Commons. Request for £500 for the coming financial year   + Board of Conservators preserve common land which is of benefit to the community.   + CR proposed a one off donation of £500 as requested. All members agreed | AC  JH  AC  CR/JH/AC |
|  | 11:ii | Planning   * Planning application consultation P/24/259/FUL Land at Hendir Uchaf Farm Rhiwceiliog Pencoed CF35 6NS * All members agree to object based on their previous objection of this planning application |  |
| 12 | 12:i | To receive reports from:  Representative on school governing body –  No update. Meeting is due before next CHCC meeting |  |
|  | 12:ii | Representative on the board of Conservators:   * CR to meet with Board of Conservators members to discuss water holding on Pant Hirwaun. * Emails received from 4 residents outside CHCC area – Bryncethin, Sarn and Bryncoch - requesting CHCC representative on the Board of Conservators support their objections to the Cenins Energy Hub proposals during Board of Conservators vote.   + - Respond to emails stating CHCC representative to review said area. As far as the CHCC representative is aware there has not been a vote on this issue | CR  AC / CR |
|  | 12:iii | Representative on One Voice Wales  Nothing to report |  |
|  | 12:iv | Representative on the town and community council:   * JH informed members that due to BCBC budget update Tax Band D may increase by £10 a month |  |
| 13 | 13:i | Finance:   * Payment made of outstanding wages to KC for Oct, Nov and Dec = £356.96 and payment to HMRC = £89.20 * Audit Wales – Outstanding invoices for 2018/2019 audit = £292.45 and 2019/2020 audit = £227.35. AC can find no evidence that these have been paid. KC to review | AC  AC/KC |
| 15 |  | Matters for the clerk   * Open drop session at Rockwool on the 12th February at 1600-1830. JH and TB to attend * MGE highlighted Foot Bridge lower rail deterioration and potential safety concern. CR to contact BCBC A. Mason to request action. | JH / TB  CR |
| 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: |  |
|  |  | Meeting closed: 20:58 |  |
|  |  | Signed: |  |
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