

Coychurch Higher Community Council
Minutes of the meeting held on
20th October 2025

<u>Present:</u>		
Chairperson	Catherine Reape	CR
Vice-Chair	Tracy Boxall	TB
Members	John Holmes	JH
	Mary Goodman-Edwards	MGE
	Dave Marchant	DM
	Mr Stephen Bird	SB
Borough Councillors	BCBC R Williams	RW
Clerk/RFO	Morgan Davies	Clerk MD

ACTION

Start Time: 18:30			
		CR officially opened the meeting.	
1		<u>Apologies:</u> BCBC Cllr A. Williams	
2		<u>Minutes:</u> Moved to approve minutes by TB, seconded by MGE	
3		<u>Police matters:</u> Nothing received	
4		<u>Declarations of interest:</u> • CR – Sports and Social Club • MGE – RFC • TB and SB - Allotments • All CHCC attendees - Welfare Hall • DM – regarding item 12 farm planning application	
	<u>5.i</u>	<u>Publicity/PR/Newsletter:</u> JH – Poster for carol service to be circulated.	

	<u>5:ii</u>	<u>Landscape project:</u> MGE – all going well regarding the landscaping project, though dog mess is a problem. Cameras would help. SB – would be difficult to get a camera, application needed, a complicated process. CR – CCV are visiting on October 26th. CR – Cenin asking if CHCC require any assistance on any projects, maintenance etc. JH – could help with footpaths, millennium site etc. CR – to go back to Cenin and state CHCC will look at what's outstanding and needs work.	
	<u>5:iii</u>	<u>Development- Travellers:</u> BCBC Cllr A Williams – conditional planning permission granted, can be removed from agenda if felt necessary. CR moves to be moved from future agenda, seconded by SB.	<u>CR + SB</u>
	<u>5:iv</u>	<u>Traffic Speed</u> CR – trying to get hold of people regarding reducing speed limit on Pant Hirwaun, a lot of places that are 20mph are going back to 30mph. CR – A Williams has raised concerns from a resident regarding parking too close to a junction on Pant Hirwaun. CR + SB – not a junction, more of a driveway/access across common land, hard to police.	

		SB – thanks for concern, worsened by 40MPH speed limit – write back to Alex.	
6		<u>Millennium site and footpaths:</u> CR – include under landscaping in future.	
7		<u>Cenin:</u> Mynydd y Gaer Action group email read out by CR – urging CHCC to oppose the windfarm. Application deadline Jan 2026 Trenching report not yet in - CR	
8		<u>HeolyCyw Welfare Hall:</u> JH – biggest issue is the ongoing drainage issue, difficult getting a response from them JH – tank by the front of the welfare hall overflowing into garden. JH – has been assisted by BCBC Cllr A. Williams until this point. Clerk MD states this can be reported to T&CC liaison officer. JH – glass dropped in kitchen, mostly cleared though some children have found left over glass. Wishes to remove glasses from the building. CR – amend charity status, agreement to be sent to K. Carter.	
	<u>8.i</u>	<u>Defibrillator</u> TB – pads expire in February, need to be replaced before then. CR – need to be replaced in Jan. Clerk MD to look into replacing pads, around £120.	

9		<u>Christmas:</u> CR – send out emails to Christmas bodies regarding carol service, vicars etc. – 14th December CR – states that further discussions will take place at the November meeting to organise who is in the hall, who is in chapel etc. CR – need to advertise Christmas lights competition. TB and MGE to be judges. – Date to be decided. JH + CR – Welfare Hall to be decorated on 30th November.	
10		<u>CHCC Website and Social Media</u> CHCC annual return and members remuneration added to website.	
11		<u>Councillor Training</u> DM has expressed a wish to undertake various training courses to make him better equipped to fulfil his role as Councillor. CR – asks DM how he feels the specified courses will benefit him in his role as a Community Councillor. DM responds by stating he does not have to justify the benefit of such courses and if you need to ask, then you do not know enough about the game. CR then repeats her question, to which DM goes on to summarise how the courses would benefit him – give him a better overall understanding of the ins and outs of what it means to be a Councillor, Council administration and grant applications etc. CR thanks DM for his response. TC summarises costings of Training and possible bursary - £900 available in budget, but could be eligible for £100 bursary from One Voice Wales.	

		No objections – training to be booked.	
12		<u>Correspondence and planning:</u>	
	12:i	<u>Correspondence (see attached correspondence list) :</u> BCBC request donation to help deliver Christmas dinners to those in need – agreed £50 be donated by vote. Clerk MD states that BCBC will be discussing the proposed boundary review at their Full Council meeting on October 22 nd .	<u>CR+TB</u>
	12:ii	Planning: Planning application regarding the installation of three containers at the Rugby Club. JH -questions already raised regarding waste, biodiversity etc. JH – seems to be a retrospective planning for one container, but now there are now three containers on site. Planning application regarding construction of a stable. CR – rebuild on farm – application submitted for livery, house already rebuilt, look at further details. No objections yet DM declares he knows them personally thus refrains from discussing, following on from previous email correspondence. DM goes on to state that he would support their application as the applicants have gone through a hard time. CR notes that he shouldn't be making such comments if he has decided to refrain from the discussions. Diverting of footpath 55 to facilitate Cenin development noted.	
13	13:i	<u>To receive reports from:</u> <u>Representative on school governing body –</u> TB – meeting attended, Ms Sargent absconded for 4 year has now returned, back as head. Praises the school and its positive environment.	

	13:ii	<u>Representative on the board of Conservators:</u> CR – footpath 55 discussed. Boulders being added to Pant Hirwaun to stop parking on grass. CR states that horse riders are permitted to ride on the common between Heol y Cyw and Pencoed after a resident raised concerns stating otherwise. Bulls row – fencing and buildings not yet taken down. Cenin – will be discussed when planning submitted, warnings issued to 4x4's on Mynydd y Gaer for driving without permission. CR – asked the board to adopt the Nolan principles, to be discussed at next meeting – last Wednesday of November.	
	13:iii	<u>Representative on One Voice Wales</u> AGM cancelled.	
	13:iv	<u>Representative on the town and community council forum:</u> Clerk MD – attended T&CC forum meeting on 22nd September where the new T&CC liaison officer was introduced. Other matters discussed including self-assessment and medium-term financial strategy.	
13		<u>Finance:</u> Unfortunately no progress due to banking delay, Clerk now has access to the banking and accounting systems, thus things can move forward.	
	13:i	<u>To arrange a finance meeting in November to review current budget and expenditure to date and to begin planning for the 2026/27 budget.</u>	

		Budgetary review and preliminary discussions regarding the 26/27 budget to begin.	
14		<u>Matters for the clerk</u> Clerk MD to attend Chairs and Clerk's meeting on October 23 rd .	
15		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: Nothing arising.	
		Meeting closed: 7:51pm	
		Signed:	
		Dated:	