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Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Monday 9th February 2015

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

Meeting commenced: 1853

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| 1 |  | Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr Newth. |  |
| 2 |  | Police Matters: no police officer present. PCSO Stoneham emailed as follows:  Re: the caravan at Waun Newydd – ‘the owner of the caravan was asked politely to move it for the funeral and I am sure he would be happy to do so again. With regards to having it removed permanently, I have been advised that there isn’t much we can do about it being parked there unless it is causing an obstruction’.  Crime figures:  06.02.15 – shed broken into – nothing stolen – under investigation.  RTA’s:  14.01.15 – car crashed due to icy conditions – Pant Hirwaun  01.02.15 – car crashed due to icy conditions – no injuries, no further action. |  |
| 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.  Cllr SJ declared an interest in anything pertaining to Heol Y Cyw Allotments. |  |
| 4 |  | Minutes: the minutes of the November meeting had been read and were proposed to be accepted by AO. This was seconded by SJ and agreed by all. |  |
| 5 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 5:i | Footpaths: the Clerk had received an email from CCV proposing the following dates:  19th April  23rd August  8th November  6th December  10th January 2016  It was agreed to respond to CCV accepting the dates offered. KC agreed to field CCV when she is available, and arrange which footpaths they should work on. | KC |
|  | 5:ii | Bus shelter: awaiting details from John Clarke. |  |
|  | 5:iii | Bethel Graveyard: AO and RO to report to March meeting. | AO/RO |
|  | 5:iv | Parking on Rhaglan Hill:. KC had forwarded to Members, a response from Tony Godsall, BCBC, re CHCC’s proposal of yellow lines etc. AO stated BCBC had no power to effect any difference. Members requested KC write to BCBC stating CHCC still feels there is a problem and has a duty of care to both residents and road users and hope they (CHCC) will not be contacting BCBC in the future to report a serious accident. | KC |
|  | 5:v | BCBC Development of a CAP: no further progress to date. |  |
|  | 5:vi | Co-option: one vacancy remaining. |  |
|  | 5:vii | Register of Interest Forms: RO will call to Clerk’s home to complete his form. | RO |
|  | 5:viii | Millennium project: AO will arrange to meet Sasha and will report back at the March meeting. (contact - Sasha Ufnowska, email: [cwmtawel@gmail.com](mailto:cwmtawel@gmail.com) - Mobile: 07905 466884).  AO has received approval from the Conservators re: the wild flower project. In order for this project to start in March it was proposed by SJ that AO be allocated a budget of no more than £200. This was seconded by JP and agreed by all. | AO |
|  | 5:ix | Vehicles driving on pavement outside Primary School/dangerous parking between Plough public house and Ffordd Rhaglan:. AO is still waiting for costings from Mr Godsall. SJ expressed her opposition to the proposed bollards. JP reported that all schools will have to prepare an action plan with regard to safe access and this matter would need to be discussed and incorporated into any plan. | AO |
|  | 5:x | Media: KC still to buy laptop. AO has written to find out the costs of CHCC submitting/including articles in The Hyphen. | AO |
|  | 5:xi | Signage:(sign for Rhaglan/Rhaglan Hill): AO stated this matter was in hand. | AO |
|  | 5:xii | Letter from Mrs C Watkins: declarations of interest put forward by JP and SJ. The Clerk will hasten Mrs Watkins for the work plan. | KC |
|  | 5:xvi | Fireworks: it was agreed this matter could now be deleted. |  |
| 6 |  | Heol Y Cyw Growing Group: the return of the donated £3500 to CHCC has been approved and payment will be arranged asap. | AO  JP |
| 7 |  | Email from Gareth Morris: the Clerk read the emails from Mr Morris and AO confirmed he had spoken directly with Mr Morris. It was agreed this matter is for the Conservators not CHCC and the Representatives would report at the next Conservators meeting. | AO  JP |
| 8 |  | Planning Application – S Wales Wood recycling: this matter was still ‘undecided’ on BCBC’s website. AO will be attending a meeting with National Resources Wales and members of BCBC and will report to the next meeting. | AO |
| 9 |  | Carol Service: SJ stated it was an excellent service and enjoyed by all. She requested her thanks to the Clerk be recorded. The offertory amounted to £149.30. SJ proposed £75 be given to both Bethel Newydd Chapel and Rhiwceiliog Chapel. This was seconded by JP and agreed by all. This item can now be deleted. | KC |
| 10 |  | Christmas tree/Christmas lights: RO explained to Members the difficulties in accessing a suitable tree. The Chair requested retrospective approval be given for the invoice - £150. JP proposed approval and this was seconded by SJ and agreed by all. This item can now be deleted. |  |
| 11 |  | Heol Y Cyw Welfare Hall: a meeting had been held on 19th January. KC had taken the minutes in the absence of MN and had forwarded the draft minutes to the Chair of the MC. | RO |
| 12 |  | Letter from Pencoed Town Council: the Clerk read the letter from PTC proposing a joint meeting to discuss a possible merger of councils. A lengthy discussion took place and it was agreed the Clerk contact PTC to arrange a suitable date. | KC |
| 13 |  | Correspondence and planning: as attached. |  |
| 14 |  | To receive reports from: |  |
|  | 14.i | Representative on the School Governing Body: JP reported the primary school is going very well and had Amber status. Pencoed Comp was Green status. A consultation is now out about MLD in Pencoed Primary and work is ongoing with regard to the new access action plans. |  |
|  | 14.ii | Representative on the Board of Conservators: approval had been given for the wild flower project. |  |
|  | 14.iii | Representative on One Voice Wales: no meeting attended. |  |
|  | 14.iv | Representative on the Town and Community Council: NO reported a heated meeting as one councillor felt BCBC’s proposed merger with VoG should have been discussed with residents. NO also confirmed that staff numbers within BCBC are being reviewed. |  |
|  | 14.v | Report from Borough Councillor: AO confirmed he had been reporting the problems with pot holes to BCBC. He also confirmed reporting the state of some of the pavements. |  |
| 15 |  | Finance: retrospective approval given for Christmas tree - £150. The Clerk gave out financial/budget statements as at 15th January, with supporting bank statement. |  |
| 16 |  | Matters for the Clerk: |  |
|  | 16:i | Sign at Ffordd Rhaglan: SJ reported her personal frustration of having repeated deliveries to her home which were, in fact, for 13 Ffordd Rhaglan. The matter was discussed and AO agreed to try to help SJ resolve this matter. | AO |
|  | 16:ii | Village shop: the Clerk gave an update on a resident’s possible consideration to re-opening a village shop. |  |
|  | 16:iii | Hall floor: for information only – the Clerk has contacted a flooring contractor, to arrange to have a look at the Hall floor. |  |
|  | 16:iv | New Dog Laws: No asked whether there had been anything official about new dog laws. No-one was aware of any new legislation. |  |
| 17 |  | 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 2035 |  |
|  |  | Signed: |  |
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