Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on

Monday 14th March 2015

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

Meeting commenced: 1850

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| 1 |  | Apologies: Apologies received and accepted for Councillor’s R and A Owen. J Powson – Chair. |  |
| 2 |  | Police Matters: the Clerk had received an email from PCSO Morgan confirming:  20/11/15 – Pant Hirwaun – miscellaneous facebook crime  12/12/15 – Waun Newydd – crime damage  23/01/16 – Pant Hirwaun – crime, violence against a person  SJ reported a yellow car has been parked at PH for some weeks. It is not dumped but broken down and will be moved asap. KC will contact the police concerning the cars in the car park. | KC |
| 3 |  | Declarations of interest: JP – anything pertaining to Leslie Powson and the allotment. SJ – anything pertaining to allotment. |  |
| 4 |  | Minutes: the minutes of the November meeting had been read. They were proposed to be accepted by NO and this was seconded by SJ and agreed. |  |
| 5 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 5:i | Footpaths: The Clerk updated members on the correspondence between herself, BCBC and CCV. An update on the collaboration meeting with PTC was given. In principle, BCBC are ok with a possible transfer of the agency agreement to PTC, but A Mason is waiting to hear back from Andrew Jolley. MN requested KC write to CCV thanking them for all they have done and explaining about the agency agreement and confirming KC has passed their details to CLCC. | KC |
|  | 5:ii | Bethel Graveyard: the Clerk had written to Reverend Jones and read his reply confirming Bethel were prepared to pay half the £700 costs to complete the graveyard project. Members agreed this should go ahead and on completion, KC will invoice Bethel. KC to instruct Mr Watkins to do the work. | KC |
|  | 5:iii | BCBC Development of a CAP: AO absent. |  |
|  | 5:iv | Co-option: PTC had invoiced CHCC £58 for the last Hyphen. Members agreed this should be paid. PTC also confirmed their Hyphen delivery man would be prepared to deliver ours. Members requested KC obtain costs for this. KC confirmed she had submitted an article, albeit ‘very last minute’ and that the next Hyphen should be out in May. The Clerk had contacted PTC requesting deadlines for submission of articles, but the response was that the dates are ‘fluid’. Members were urged to submit information to RO, who is the ‘Hyphen Officer’ and KC asap. | KC |
|  | 5:v | Millennium project: At the collaboration meeting with PTC it was confirmed that Andy had done some work at the site but he confirmed the willow walk is never going to work as it is too wet. The Clerk had looked at the site also and it was extremely wet and boggy. Andy suggested maintaining the site as a natural habitat and to keep it cut-back and tidy. Members agreed to this. Andy also suggested siting another bench. MN proposed CHCC purchase another bench and this was seconded by JP and agreed by all. KC will arrange the purchase of the bench and will ask Andy to fix it in place. | KC |
|  | 5:vi | Publicity/PR: See 5iv. | KC |
|  | 5:vii | Letter from Mrs C Watkins: the Clerk read the letter from Mrs Watkins confirming that allotment members considered replacement fencing a priority. KC will liaise with Mrs Watkins and confirm that materials could be purchased up to a maximum of £1500 and that ALL invoices must be made out to CHCC and passed to KC for payment. It has been confirmed that the allotment members will carry out this work. | KC |
|  | 5:viii | Waste bin – children’s play area: KC will email County Supplies to see if they have any waste bins to sell off before they shut. | KC |
|  | 5:ix | Waste bin – High Street: the Clerk is yet to hear from BCBC so will hasten for a response. | KC |
|  | 5:x | Storage, Rhaglan Hill: AO absent. |  |
|  | 5:xi | Light, car park: now dealt with – delete. |  |
|  | 5:xii | Christmas Lights Competition: KC has not been informed as to who the winner is. JP will find out and contact KC. | JP  KC |
|  | 5:xiii | Annual Carol Service: the Clerk had sent a copy of her original letter to Peter Hall and JP. JP confirmed a formal response will be made and the RFC has taken into consideration this year’s annual carol service when planning this year’s children’s Christmas party. |  |
|  | 5:xiv | Pot Holes: AO absent. MN confirmed some had been done but the Brynna to Rhiwceiliog road is bad again. KC will report this to BCBC. | KC |
|  | 5:xv | Fly tipping: AO absent. | AO |
|  | 5:xvi | Bus Service: the Clerk had sent emails to Members giving them an update on the site meeting and subsequent bus accident. RO (absent) to confirm whether he has spoken to landlord. The Clerk will also clarify who actually owns the lay-bye. | RO  KC |
|  | 5:xvii | Taff Ely Offshore Wind Farm Fund: the Clerk read the latest email and it was agreed she email back asking how we can help take this forward. | KC |
|  | 5:xviii | Flooding – Pant Hirwaun: MN will speak to Mr D John. | MN |
| 6 |  | Collaboration with PTC: update given as above. |  |
| 7 |  | Car Park: The Clerk had been asked by BCBC to take a verbal survey with regard to how much CHCC know about CAT’s. There is also a meeting on 21st March about this. Nothing further has been received about the expression of interest. |  |
| 8 |  | Heol Y Cyw Welfare Hall: MN to confirm the date of the next MC meeting. | MN |
| 9 |  | Correspondence and planning: Correspondence for February/March discussed and as attached. It was agreed that the Clerk will only be sending correspondence that needs a response and that routine emails etc. will be on the correspondence list that will be sent out several times during the weeks preceding the monthly meeting. | ALL MEMBERS TO NOTE |
| 10 |  | To receive reports from: |  |
|  | 10.i | Representative on the School Governing Body: JP attended the last meeting and confirmed the school is very proactive. JP also confirmed the local primary school hub is due to close in 2018. |  |
|  | 10.ii | Representative on the Board of Conservators: MN on hols. |  |
|  | 10.iii | Representative on One Voice Wales: AO not present. |  |
|  | 10.iv | Representative on the Town and Community Council: RO informed by email - meeting date 18th March. |  |
| 11 |  | Finance: agreed to pay PTC for Hyphen - £58. The Clerk had payed BCBC for the play-scheme - £2362.62. It was also agreed to pay CCV £140 for 14th February + £22 for their materials. |  |
| 12 |  | Matters for the Clerk: |  |
|  | 12:i | Annual Rockwool Meeting: the meeting will take place on 21st March. SJ and JP will be attending. |  |
| 13 |  | 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 2010 |  |
|  |  | Signed: |  |
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