Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

Monday 9th September 2019

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| Present: |  |  |
| Chairman: | John Powson | JP |
| Vice Chairman: | Lillian Davies | LD |
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| Councillors: | Susan Joseph | SJ |
|  | Vicky Evans | VE |
|  | Mat Symonds | MS |
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| Clerk/RFO | Karyl Carter | KC |
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Also present: one member of the public

Time: 1830

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|  |  | Meeting with Andrea Boyce and Nicola Bunston, BCBC, Consultation and Equality Team: Shaping Bridgend’s Future.  NB confirmed this consultation was the biggest carried out to date. BCBC receive £270million to provide services to provide services. £27million has already been saved in the last couple of years, however, a further £35 million needs to be saved, not least £10million in 2020/21.  The consultation is live until 3rd November and everyone is urged to complete a survey and an easy read and large read survey is available as necessary.   * LD stated Social Services and Education must be protected. Also, it will have a bigger effect on CHC as it is not densely populated and has a low precept. * JP stated that the recycling centres are being abused as there are people going there that are definitely business people. * SJ stated festivals/events are not currently policed enough. * MS stated more people would support events if the town centre was regenerated. * LD asked whether BCBC have looked at how they can save money. * SJ expressed concern that BCBC were withdrawing bus subsidies in rural areas e.g. the only bus (No.65) from HYC to the POW Hospital has now been withdrawn meaning two bus journeys and a 15 minute wait for the connection. * VE expressed concern that school taxi drivers and bus drivers were not CRB vetted and support workers were needed to accompany the children. * VE stated that ‘statement’ assessment should be available for children in Primary School as it is more important to be assessed before attending Comprehensive School. VE also stated that this should not form part of the survey as it would be disastrous for children needing support. * MS stated there are lots of anomalies that can affect the Medium Term Financial Strategy not least Brexit, elections etc.   All in all, a very healthy discussion took place.  The Chairman thanked NB and AB for attending and for their information.  KC will put information relating to the survey on the hub and the website.  NB and AB then left the meeting at 1915. | NB  AB |
| 1 |  | Apologies: apologies were received and accepted for JMc.  SJ requested through the Chair that discussions adhere to the agenda. |  |
| 2 |  | Minutes: the minutes of the July meeting had been read. SJ proposed they be accepted, seconded by LD and agreed by all. |  |
| 3 |  | Police matters: Email from PCSO Morgan:  July – 2 crimes – damage and a violence against a person. No ASB’s.  August – 2 crimes – theft, handling and a violence against a person. 1 ASB nuisance. |  |
| 4 |  | Declarations of interest:  VE – RFC and fundraising group  SJ – Workingmen’s club and allotment  JP – RFC, allotment and caretaker |  |
| 5 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 5:i | Footpaths: KC confirmed CCV had attended to carry out repairs to the bridge and footpath at f/p’s 37/8. They have been booked in for more repairs. | KC |
|  | 5:ii | BCBC Development of a CAP: Nothing to report. |  |
|  | 5:iii | Publicity/PR: KC stated the next Newsletter needs to go out prior to the Christmas Fayre on 30th November. In 2020, it needs to go out in June and December. VE asked if dog fouling could be added. JP confirmed his daughter is playing at the Albert Hall. JP to submit article asap. KC will prep an article on dog fouling and will put a request on the HUB for stories etc. | JM |
|  | 5:iv | Bus Shelter: KC confirmed everything is in hand with CM. | KC  CM  AW |
|  | 5:v | Car Park – CAT: KC had hastened GS who confirmed no progress dude to the death of the BCBC Senior Surveyor. | KC |
|  | 5:vi | Defibrillator: MS will check after this meeting. | MS |
|  | 5:vii | HYC School: VE confirmed the contractor will start removing the floor at the end of September. There is approx.280sm and DL is going to store this. JP said a project plan is needed to deal with this and this will be discussed at the October meeting. | JP  VE |
|  | 5:viii | Road safety: KC has hastened BCBC re: the road and car park signage. | KC |
|  | 5:ix | Drains Ffordd Rhaglan: SJ confirmed a lot of work had taken place and this item now to be deleted. |  |
|  | 5:x | Overgrowth Ffordd Rhaglan: AW has confirmed that it the responsibility of the land owner. | AW |
|  | 5:xi | Land at Cae Garn/V2C: SJ to hasten V2C. | SJ |
|  | 5:xii | Bulls Row/Wern Tarw: SJ confirmed this will be done. | SJ |
|  | 5:xiii | Bend before Bulls Row: CM confirmed Mr AW had sorted this and in the future, CM will clear litter and Mr AW will mow the area, all foc. KC to thank Mr AW. | KC |
| 6 |  | Collaboration with PTC: ongoing. |  |
| 7 |  | Rockwool Planning Application: JP had responded objecting. After discussion, KC was instructed to offer objections to this application. (LD abstained) | KC |
| 8 |  | Fireworks: Members agreed to go ahead. MS to speak to RFC at their meeting on Thursday and liaise with KC. If RFC agree to continue, KC to email Rockwool for a grant. KC will liaise with firework company. | KC |
| 9 |  | Cancer incidences: KC reported she has been collating information and will now arrange a meeting with Public Health. | KC |
| 10 |  | Millennium site: KC confirmed CCV will be checking the site at their next attendance. SJ reported some of the trees needed cutting back. CM offered to deal with this. | KC  CM |
| 11 |  | Bus service: Despite great effort by AW, BCBC will not be reverting the changes to service no. 65. KC has information on BCT’s Town-rider Service, however, unless there was a specific, regular transport need, we could not make a request for a bus service. |  |
| 12 |  | HeolyCyw Welfare Hall: discussed at earlier Trustee’s meeting. |  |
| 13 |  | Christmas Fayre: AW had confirmed the Silver Band’s attendance on 30th November. CM and JP are going to get a Christmas Tree which must be up prior to 30th November. KC has a ‘boom box’ for background carols. VE confirmed £607 was raised last year, £100 was paid out leaving a balance of £507. | KC  VE  AW |
| 14 |  | iWood Renewables (SWWR Site): AW has contacted NRW, HSE, SW Fire Service as he is very concerned due to the threat of the stacks catching fire again. KC has also contact these organisations and will hasten for a response. | AW  KC |
| 15 |  | Litter – B4280/Love it or Trash it: AW will be bringing JR to the October meeting. | AW |
| 16 |  | Correspondence and planning: as per attached correspondence list. | KC |
| 17 |  | To receive reports from: |  |
|  | 17.i | Representative on the School Governing Body: Representatives unable to attend meeting. |  |
|  | 17.ii | Representative on the Board of Conservators: no meeting to report. |  |
|  | 17.iii | Representative on One Voice Wales: no meeting to report. | JM  LD |
|  | 17.iv | Representative on the Town and Community Council: KC confirmed the next meeting is on 29th October at 4pm in the Civic Offices. Street Cleansing is already on the agenda. KC will email BBC re: the mess left after recycling | LD  VE  KC |
| 18 |  | Finance: KC confirmed she has paid OVW Membership. | KC |
| 19 |  | Matters for the Clerk: |  |
|  | 19:i | Parking on the new pavements at Pant Hirwaun: it was reported that vehicles are parking on the new pavements, causing damage and access issues. KC will put something on the hub and will prep notices for the individual vehicles. | KC |
|  | 19:ii | Lamp-post light: SJ reported the light out on lamp-post number 003. | KC |
|  | 19:iii | Pavement, High Street: SJ reported uneven slabs on the pavement – right hand side on High Street | KC |
|  | 19:iv | Letter: SJ had received a very nice letter stating how lovely it was to have a Miners Memorial. KC asked for a copy. | KC |
|  | 19:v | Noticeboard: SJ suggested a big noticeboard be sited by the bridge. MS felt this could cause problems if accessible to all and it would need to be vetted. |  |
| 20 |  | 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 2030 |  |
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