Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

Monday 10th May 2021

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| Present: |  |  |
| Chairman: |  |  |
| Vice Chairman: | Richard Butler | RB (arrived after start) |
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| Councillors: |
|  | Alicia Ingham | AI |
|  | Cath Mathias-Reape | CMR |
|  | Victoria Evans | VE |
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| Clerk/RFO | Karyl Carter | KC |
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| Also present: | BC A Williams | AW |

Time: 1830

ACTION

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| 1 |  | Apologies: offered by JP, LD, JMcC and accepted. |  |
|  |  | Appointment of Vice-Chair: Members appointed Alicia Ingham as Vice-Chair |  |
| 2 |  | Minutes:  the minutes of the April meeting had been read. CRM proposed they be accepted. Seconded by VE and agreed by all. |  |
| 3 |  | Police matters:  3 x violence against a person  1 x attempted burglary  1 x concern call | KC |
| 4 |  | Declarations of interest:  CMR – Sports and Social Club  VE – RFC |  |
| 5 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 5:i | Footpaths: on hold due to COVID. Awaiting to hear from CCV. | KC |
|  | 5:ii | Publicity/PR: The Spring Newsletter had not been read by many. All agreed to re-post on social media and VE will out it on the Hub, page by page. | All present |
|  | 5:iii | Car Park – CAT: an update was given in respect of the recent BCBC meeting. Extra lighting could be a problem because of bats and BCBC were reluctant to supply a waste bin as they were concerned it would be used inappropriately.  AW stated he was against the project boards decisions not least as people will be reluctant to park unless there is more light. He also stated people were against the proposed new yellow box and asked why it was so big. Residents in both 78/80 suggested BCBC should use smaller buses. AW stated he understood the rationale as it is important to ensure we retain a regular bus service. He is going to request a bat survey be carried out. CMR also pointed out the light emitted from the Rockwool factory. AW doesn’t feel confident that BCBC would support CCTV not least as it would need police support and public scrutiny. VE felt CCTV should be fitted at Cae Garn, on the bridge and at the car park. AW has reported his concerns to BCBC.. | KC  AW |
|  | 5:iv | Accolade: NFA due to COVID. Will be arranged when safe to do so. | KC |
|  | 5:v | Horse Handle for gate (AW): CRM has been in touch with Mrs Evans whose husband had fitted the two at Bryngarn. A meeting will be arranged asap. The gate is for horses only and not livestock/ | KC  CR |
|  | 5:vi | Illegal Tipping: RB will supply grid reference for NRW. | KC  RB |
|  | 5:vii | Dangerous Tree: AW will now escalate this matter due to no response from AM, BCBC. | AW  KC |
|  | 5:viii | Landscape project: KC has a meeting with RJ, BCBC on Thursday, and members are welcome to attend. | KC |
|  | 5:ix | Development- Travellers: AW stated things were reasonably quiet at the moment. Still awaiting intervention from Wales Planning Office – planning had been turned down and an appeal placed. Prosecutions had taken place on the other piece of land but the LA do not have enough powers to do what is required. COVID has been used as an excuse in a number of matters. RB confirmed that one structure has been put up. He will update CHCC and AW as to whether the travellers have left the site. AW confirmed the structure is illegal but BCBC does not have the power needed to act. | AW  KC |
|  | 5:x | Rockwool: The email regarding dust had been read at the last meeting. RB confirmed being aware that Rockwool have been approached by a gentleman interested in accessing their steam pipe for energy for a commercial business on the fields at Wern Tarw. No-one was aware of this. | AW  KC |
|  | 5:xi | Signage: CRM is working with KC on this and will report at next meeting. | CMR  KC |
|  | 5:xii | Litter – B4280/Love it don’t Trash it: the Clerk had emailed John who confirmed there is a backlog on the project due to COVID. He will be in touch asap. AW confirmed waiting to hear rom Coity Wallia re: the orange bins. | AW  KC |
|  | 5:xiii | Neighbourhood Watch: agreed to delete. | KC |
| 6 | 6:i | Heol Y Cyw Primary School:  Artefacts: agreed to delete. | AW  KC |
|  | 6:ii | S106 money: shelter should be up by end of May. | KC |
| 7 |  | Defibrillator: working correctly. | RB |
| 8 |  | Email from SB re: Traffic Calming measures: a lengthy discussion took place regarding the speed of traffic on both Pant Hirwaun and High Street. AW confirmed that although speed has been monitored previously, the machinery was sited at the wrong location. An incident was also reported whereby a van mounted a kerb where a young lad was walking, in what looked like a deliberate to scare him. The costs were passed to Members. Following discussions, it was agreed KC to contact GoSafe to see what can be done. It was agreed that the only thing that would prevent speeding is a speed camera. | KC |
| 9 |  | Millennium site: on hold due to COVID. CRM has kindly had a tidy up. | KC |
| 10 |  | HeolyCyw Welfare Hall: has been opened up to the dance and dog training classes. | KC |
| 11 |  | Active Travel Plan: Now waiting to hear from BCBC as to what Active Travel Plans will be taken forward. AW confirmed there is still £50K with Rockwool to be reallocated but if there is no leadership any proposals are likely to fail. It was confirmed that AI is happy to take this project on. | KC  AW  AI |
| 12 |  | Social Media: KC confirmed that although posts she places on the Hub are marked CHCC, they actually come from her personal social media accounts. It was agreed the Clerk will set up a CHCC Social Media f/b page. | KC |
| 13 |  | SWWR: still awaiting response from NRW. AW updated Members with the latest news. | KC  AW |
| 14 |  | Correspondence and planning: as per attached correspondence list. | KC |
| 15 |  | To receive reports from: |  |
|  | 15.i | Representative on the School Governing Body: RB confirmed he will be carrying out Governor Training on 20th May. | RB |
|  | 15.ii | Representative on the Board of Conservators: no meetings have been arranged to date. CRM reported the problem with the culvert. | CMR |
|  | 15.iii | Representative on One Voice Wales: LD and JMcC absent. | LD  JMcC |
|  | 15:iv | Representative on the Town and Community Council: meeting was held today ay 1600. Np attendees. | LD  VE |
| 16 |  | Finance: | KC |
|  | 16:i | Soldier - agreed to reimburse KC for the RBL soldier - £200.00 | KC |
| 17 |  | Matters for the Clerk: |  |
|  | 17:i | Solar Christmas Lights: agreed KC will speak to Clerk PTC. | KC |
|  | 17:ii | Old school flooring: CMR had checked the flooring, stored at Mr Lloyds, which is still dry. CMR to look at it being sold to a reclamation company. | CMR |
|  | 17:iii | Digital Connections: KC will email reach and copy in AI to get IT lessons put on in the village. KC will also ask LD if she would like AI to help her to connect to a CHCC meeting. | KC  AI |
| 18 |  | 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 1955 |  |
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