Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

9th December 2024

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| Present: |  |  |
| Chairman: | Cath Reape | CR |
| Vice Chairman: | John Holmes | JH |
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| Councillors: | Tracy Boxall | TB |
| Councillors: | Mary Goodman-Edwards | MGE |
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| Via Remote Link | Richard Williams | BC RW |
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| Member of Public | Mr Stephen Bird |  |
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| Clerk/RFO: | Antoinette Chislett | AC |
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| Start Time: 18:30 | | | |
|  |  | CR officially opened the meeting. |  |
| 1 |  | Apologies: Received and accepted from BC’s A. Ulberini-Williams and M. Evans |  |
| 2 |  | Minutes:  Minutes of the November meeting had been read.  TB proposed they be accepted; seconded by MGE and agreed by all. |  |
| 3 |  | Police matters:  3 Violence against person |  |
| 4 |  | Declarations of interest:   * CR – Sports and Social Club * MGE – RFC * TB - Allotments * All CHCC attendees - Welfare Hall |  |
| 5 |  | Matters arising: |  |
|  | 5:i | Publicity/PR/Newsletter: who confirmed  WH Christmas  All members thanked for their contribution to organisation of Christmas decorations and trees. £159.98 spent on new tree lights.  Carol service  £170.45 collected during the Carol service – confirm with KC how this should be distributed since St Pauls has closed. Formally 50% to Bethel Newydd and 50% St. Paul’s  Event costs = £66.25:-  £42 for selection boxes and 1 box of biscuits  £24.25 for mince pies / cakes / biscuits / milk / tea / coffee  Mid Glam Mixed Choir have asked if we want them to come back – 2nd Sunday in December 2025. All agreed that they should be asked to return. | AC |
|  | 5:ii | Landscape project:   * Geoff has requested a Purchase Order based on the maintenance quote. * CR to speak to Geoff / Jess / A. Mason reference sign over and official opening * Plaque is missing, stand has been used as a bin | AC  CR |
|  | 5:iii | Development- Travellers:  Update from BC A. U-Williams following P. Thomas site visit reviewed by members.  Acknowledgement by members that A. U-Williams has been actively seeking follow up information for some time. Members were encouraged to see a detailed update.  All members agreed that they want to receive future updates but this situation is best managed by qualified specialists.  Rhiwceiliog residents are involved with BC A. U-W |  |
|  | 5:iv | Signage:   * BC RW to meet with CR 11th December on site to review signs. Other items to be reviewed during meeting – knotweed and drop kerb / bus stops on Pant Hirwaun. | BC RW / CR |
|  | 5:v | Litter:  Ask J. Choats for bin in the park | CR |
|  | 5:vi | Active Travel Plan:   * No further update |  |
|  | 5:vii | Miners Footpath  Pencoed Clerk recommended members speak to A. Mason as he has been involved in the project overall.  CR to speak to Conservators regarding project hand over on Pencoed side. | CR |
|  | 5:viii | Traffic Speed:  Request PCSO assistance regarding “scoping” and any help from the Police. | AC |
| 6 |  | Millennium site:  CR and MGE plan to start reducing bramble before Spring | CR / MGE |
| 7 |  | Cenin/Hybont: -  Nothing further |  |
| 8 |  | HeolyCyw Welfare Hall:   * MC meeting on Wednesday * Invoice needed for December meeting and Carol Service | JH |
| 9 |  | Christmas:   * Choir booked for next year * Next years planning to include tasks for members * TB and MGE to judge Christmas decorations competitions * Lights to be switched off on 12th night | AC  AC  TB / MGE  JH |
| 10 |  | Training and Code of Conduct Training:  AC attended South East Wales – Strategic Development Plan training |  |
| 11 |  | Correspondence and planning: |  |
|  | 11:i | Correspondence (see attached correspondence list) :   * + Item 11 – update from JH. All members agreed to respond stating no RACC in Welfare Hall   + Item 15 – CR stated Board of Conservators are sourcing boulders   + Item 21 – CR to ask St Pauls if they would be happy for notice board to moved to Welfare Hall   + Item 22 – AC to request social media friendly bulletin for Councillors to be distributed on CHCC Facebook page | CR  AC |
|  | 11:ii | Planning  No new planning requests |  |
| 12 | 12:i | To receive reports from:  Representative on school governing body –  No update |  |
|  | 12:ii | Representative on the board of Conservators:  Nothing to report |  |
|  | 12:iii | Representative on One Voice Wales  Nothing to report |  |
|  | 12:iv | Representative on the town and community council:   * Next TC&C meeting to be scheduled |  |
| 13 | 13:i | Finance:   * As agenda item #5 £226.23 spent in total on Christmas * Precept request due date 3rd January. Precept payment will be made on or before 30th April 2025.   + CHCC to request £11,550 precept. All members voted and agreed.   + AC to email Precept request | AC |
| 15 |  | Matters for the clerk  Report from resident that Christmas street lights are not working – this has been reported to BCBC. | AC |
| 16 |  | 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: |  |
|  |  | Meeting closed: 20:29 |  |
|  |  | Signed: |  |
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