Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

13th January 2025

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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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| Member of Public | Mr Stephen Bird |  |
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| Clerk/RFO: | Antoinette Chislett | AC |
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| Start Time: 18:31 | | | |
|  |  | CR officially opened the meeting. |  |
| 1 |  | Apologies: Received and accepted from BC’s A. Ulberini-Williams and M. Evans |  |
| 2 |  | Minutes:  Minutes of the December meeting had been read.  JH proposed they be accepted; seconded by TB and agreed by all. |  |
| 3 |  | Police matters:  From Police App for Penprysg area:  Violence and Sexual Offences = 3  Other Theft = 2  ASB = 1  Criminal damage and arson = 1  Noted by member TB Abandoned car in car park has been moved  The fence at the bottom of the carpark has been pulled down by the fallen tree during the recent storm. CR to contact A. Mason to discuss solution. | CR |
| 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  Christmas close-out activities:   * Christmas Tree removal is 90% complete * Payment of Carol Service collection £170.45 has been made to Bethel Newydd Chapel * Payment of Christmas decoration competition winners - £50 has been made to Bethel Newydd from Rob and Julie Owen * Payment of Christmas decoration competition winners - £50 has been made to Prostate Cancer UK from Larry and Sue Pope * Street lights have been removed. £1540.25 to be paid to BCBC – awaiting invoice |  |
|  | 5:ii | Landscape project:   * Update on condition of path at Landscape Project from Jess H. Off-site drainage problems have caused erosion of the walkway. Meeting has been held by Jess, Geoff and Emroch to agree what work is required to make sure this does not happen again. * Purchase order to be generated to cover maintenance contract for next 2 years.   + AC to clarify with Geoff and Jess that we will never be responsible for project and future costs apart from maintenance | AC |
|  | 5:iii | Development- Travellers:  No further update |  |
|  | 5:iv | Signage:   * BC RW to meet with CR 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:  As there are currently 3 bins are in operation in the park area and with awareness that costs are being cut it is was requested that this item be removed from Agenda for next meeting. All members agreed | CR |
|  | 5:vi | Active Travel Plan:   * No further update |  |
|  | 5:vii | Miners Footpath  CR to bring this up at the conservators board meeting at the end of the month in order to seek clarity on this issue and future direction. | CR |
|  | 5:viii | Traffic Speed:  AC to discuss speed issue with C. Morgan. Have there been any findings to traffic monitoring close to our boundary? | AC |
| 6 |  | Millennium site:  CR and MGE plan to start reducing bramble before Spring | CR / MGE |
| 7 |  | Cenin/Hybont: -   * Mynydd Y Gaer Wind Pre-Application Consultation meeting request for February. Meeting dates have been discussed with TB. Public meeting arranged for 27th February 5pm – 7pm at Heol-y-Cyw Workmans Club. It was noted by CR that she had advised that this was not an appropriate meeting space due to ability to purchase alcohol. * Request has been made for Councillor address details. All members agreed that communication to be made through Clerk. |  |
| 8 |  | HeolyCyw Welfare Hall:   * MC meeting on Wednesday * WH running very well due to maintenance schedule in place and hard work carried out by members. Chair thanked all members |  |
| 9 |  | Christmas:   * All window decorations have been rolled and stored for use next Christmas * All items put away in wooden box in WH * Chair thanked all members for their efforts making sure everything went well |  |
| 10 |  | Training and Code of Conduct Training:  JH to go on Asbestos training provided free of charge by OVW |  |
| 11 |  | Correspondence and planning: |  |
|  | 11:i | Correspondence (see attached correspondence list) :   * + Item 9 – to be attended by JH and TB   + Item 14 – Not in a position to support due to small precept and this years budget has already be set in place. AC to respond   + Item 2 and 10 – JH attending   + Item 15 – JH interested in training | AC |
|  | 11:ii | Planning   * Planning application consultation P/24/759/FUL 92 Pant Hirwaun, Heol-Y-Cyw, Bridgend, CF35 6HH – single storey extension. All members agreed no objections to be made. * Notice of Request for a Diversion Order to be made under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Proposed Diversion of Footpath 55, Coychurch Higher at Ty'n Y Waun Solar. CR noted that this item has been in planning for 2 years – ease of fencing required. No loss of footpath but footpath is to be re-routed. All members agreed no objections to be made. |  |
| 12 | 12:i | To receive reports from:  Representative on school governing body –  No update |  |
|  | 12:ii | Representative on the board of Conservators:   * CR informed members of the issue on Mynydd y Gaer where 4x4 vehicles have made extremely deep tracks that are now filled with water posing a danger to animals and the ongoing issues with fly-tipping in the area. * CR noted that the board of conservators were in need of donations as they are at risk of not being able to carrying. |  |
|  | 12:iii | Representative on One Voice Wales  Nothing to report |  |
|  | 12:iv | Representative on the town and community council:   * Next TC&C meeting scheduled for 21st January at 5pm |  |
| 13 | 13:i | Finance:   * Audit Wales 2023/24 Audit fee of £200. All members agreed that this should be paid | AC |
| 15 |  | Matters for the clerk  BC A. U-Williams has provided information regarding the imminent proposals which will alter local boundaries which will merge Coychurch Higher Community with Pencoed Town and create of Ward of Heol-y-Cyw as part of Pencoed Town.   * + Members will await formal publication of the proposal   + Information to be communicated to community residents for them to respond. | 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: 20:15 |  |
|  |  | Signed: |  |
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