Coychurch Higher Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on

8th September 2025

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| Present: | | |
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| Chairperson | Catherine Reape | CR |
| Vice-Chair | Tracy Boxall | TB |
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| Members | John Holmes | JH |
|  | Mary Goodman-Edwards | MGE |
|  | Dave Marchant | DM |
|  | Mr Stephen Bird | SB |
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| Clerk/RFO | Morgan Davies | MD |
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| Start Time: 18:32 | | | |
|  |  | CR officially opened the meeting. |  |
| 1 |  | Apologies: BCBC Cllr A. Williams  BCBC Cllr M. Evans  BCBC Cllr R. Williams |  |
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| 2 |  | Minutes:  Moved to approve minutes by SB, seconded by MGE  Minutes signed by CR  All agreed. |  |
| 3 |  | Police matters:  Nothing arising |  |
| 4 |  | Declarations of interest:   * CR – Sports and Social Club * MGE – RFC * TB and SB - Allotments * All CHCC attendees - Welfare Hall |  |
|  | 5:i | Publicity/PR/Newsletter: who confirmed  Nothing arising |  |
|  | 5:ii | Landscape project:  CR states that interpretation signs were installed by Emroch on September 2nd.  All problems identified with the landscape project are being dealt with.  All happy with work done so far. |  |
|  | 5:iii | Development- Travellers:  No Further update |  |
|  | 5:iv | Signage:  CR states that a new sign has been installed at Heol y Cyw entrance.  CR proposes that the ‘signage’ item is removed from future agenda, SB seconds. | CR |
|  | 5:v | Active Travel Plan:  Due to there being no recent developments, CR proposes that this item be removed from future agendas, seconded by SB. | CR |
|  | 5:vi | Traffic Speed:  CR states there was recently a bad accident on Pant Hirwaun, hoping to write letter to BCBC on this and why no 30mph limit has been introduced.  All agreed. | AC |
| 6 |  | Millennium site and footpaths:  CVV to visit on September 14th. All okay to continue with CVV. |  |
| 7 |  | Cenin:  CR explains that permission has been granted for trenching since last meeting. 46 in total, 17 on private land. No turbine planning submitted yet. |  |
| 8 |  | HeolyCyw Welfare Hall:  CR – thanks to JH and TB for work done on hall.    CR looking to change the status of the hall to ensure its not lost in light of possible merge with PTC.  Hoping to remove connection with CHCC, looking for approval for this to happen.  All happy to proceed.  TB – defib pads expiring soon. Council usually pays for renewal of pads.  No money specifically for defib, but can be found elsewhere – CR.  Concerns raised over drainage issues next to welfare hall. – JH.  CR – stresses the importance of safeguarding the future of the hall with the aim of amending a clause in hall charity document to support this.  All agreed. | CR |
| 9 |  | Christmas:  CR – BCBC contacted Clerk and asked if we wish for them to supply lights.  All agreed.  Clerk to contact BCBC and clarify the date and time of the light switch on.    Monday 1st Decemberat 5pm proposed. |  |
| 10 |  | CHCC Website and Social Media  DM reviewed website.  SB – looked at websites of surrounding groups, councils etc.  Town Clerk also able to edit website where necessary.  Annual Return needs to be added to the website by 30th Sept – Town Clerk to add to website.  DM – lots of other areas that could be improved.  Details of CHCC etc. need further discussions first. | DM |
| 11 |  | Correspondence and planning: |  |
|  | 11:i | Correspondence (see attached correspondence list) :  BAVO - 21st October - focus on running community hall, legal aspects etc. – JH encourages some Cllr attendance.  JH – Llynfi nuclear site meeting in Maesteg, more info can be sent out if need be.  DM – training queries, TC to investigate further and look into potential bursaries. |  |
|  | 11:ii | Planning:  Nothing received. |  |
| 12 | 12:i | To receive reports from:  Representative on school governing body –  TB – schools on holiday through summer, next meeting on 23rd September, head of Pencoed primary is returning after three years.  TB – new housing estate – concerns over school not being built until houses are built. |  |
|  | 12:ii | Representative on the board of Conservators:  MGE – ongoing issue with horses on the common, still having problems with horses killing lambs.  Suggestion made to conduct a possible round up to assess ownership of horses.  Bulls row – MGE – fencing around washing lines has been removed and the issue of summer house/greenhouse is still ongoing.  MGE - Boulders on Pant Hirwaun asked for due to delivery drivers etc. trying to turn around etc and getting stuck, boulders starting to be placed.  DM – something should be done by Cllrs regarding proposed wind farm.  CR – doesn’t understand what the Council/reps can do when no one has contacted them in regard to the above-mentioned issue.  Commoners need to write to individual reps or Coity Walia Board of Conservators itself to raise these issues. |  |
|  | 12:iii | Representative on One Voice Wales  JH - meeting on 3rd cancelled, meeting in October in Builth wells. |  |
|  | 12:iv | Representative on the town and community council:  Clerk to attend T&CC meeting on September 22nd.  CR provides overview of Boundary review situation. |  |
| 13 | 13:i | Finance:  CR – new clerk to be added to banking system, to finalise PAYE, bank control etc.  Quarterly budget review at next meeting all being well. |  |
| 14 |  | Matters for the clerk    Chairs and clerks on September 9th, Clerk to attend. |  |
| 15 |  | 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:  Nothing arising. |  |
|  |  | Meeting closed: 19:38 |  |
|  |  | Signed: |  |
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