**CYNGOR CYMUNED TREGOLWYN**

**COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT COLWINSTON VILLAGE HALL AND VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2022 AT 7:00PM

1. **Attendance**

Cllr E Lewis (Chair)

Cllr B Morris

Cllr C Hadley

Cllr T Wilson

Cllr G Jones

Also present: Cllr, C Cave, K Protheroe (Clerk), and one member of the public

Apologies: Cllr J Lloyd, PCSO Angela Stone

1. **Disclosure and confirmation of Declarations of Interest**

None.

1. **Public Session**

There were no matters raised.

1. **To receive the minutes of the Ordinary General meeting held on 21st February 2022**

It was proposed by Cllr Morris that the minutes of the OGM should be accepted as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by all.

The Chair signed the minutes.

1. **To consider any matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda**

There were four matters arising:

* Agenda Item 7: June 2021: The Clerk confirmed that there was no update from the VOGC regarding the ‘no fly tipping’ signs. Cllr Cave to make a further enquiry.
* Agenda Item 10: January 2022: The Clerk confirmed that the email had been sent to VOGC’s planning department proposing the planting of the two Welsh Oaks at Ty Draw Wood.

**Action Point: Clerk to write to VOGC.**

1. **To consider Police matters**

The Clerk advised members that no reports of crime have been received from the Police since the February OGM.

Members reiterated their concerns that the reporting of crime was not accurate. Cllr Jones outlined a crime that had recently taken place in the centre of the village. Members determined that the Clerk writes to the Chief Constable to complain about the fact inaccurate information was being presented to the public which did not reflect the level of crime in the area.

**Action Point: Clerk to write to the Chief Constable.**

1. **To consider Vale of Glamorgan Council (VOGC) matters**

The Community Council thanked Cllr Cave for her report and noted its content.

Cllr Cave briefed members in respect of the continuing issues in respect of the new school. The Community Council noted the report and decided to write to the Chief Executive of the VOGC expressing their concerns and disappointment that the outstanding issues had not been addressed, in particular:

* the incorrect alignment of the car park lighting and the problems being caused for nearby residents
* the unsatisfactory completion of the carpark, which floods easily causing problems for users
* the inadequate screening of the waterparks
* the inadequate size of the school playground

 **Action Point: Clerk to write to the VOGC’s CE following consultation with Cllr Cave.**

The Community Council considered the VOGC’s proposed Active Travel Routes aimed at linking walkers and cyclists safely to the A48. The Community Council considered Route B to be the best solution. However, it could be optimised by extending if from the school to the Village Green in the centre of the village.

**Action Point: Clerk to write to the VOGC.**

The Chair requested an update from the VOGC in respect of the much-delayed reinstatement of the ‘coffin’ type stile removed by the landlord.

**Action Point: Clerk to write to the VOGC.**

1. **Old Ford Project: Update**

The members noted progress since the February 2022 OGM, in particular:

* The community Project Group has now been formally established. Further discussions are required to determine the responsibilities and set the parameters between the Community Council and the Project Group, who will, in due course, be given a licence to occupy the site once the Community Council’s possession of the site is secured.
* The preparation of the ground for seed sowing is underway. Final arrangements for the planting of the willow trees need to be confirmed.
* The location of the bench on the patio area has been agreed.
* The VOGC’s Stronger Communities Team has approved the Community Council’s amended budget and the Community Council’s first grant claim for £7,469 will be submitted before the end of the financial year.
1. **Review of progress with other current projects**

The main points of progress since the last meeting included:

* War Memorial: The contractor has been appointed and work will commence at the end of April 2022.
* The Clerk confirmed that he would submit the land at Little Hill to the HM Land Registry for First Registration following the meeting.
* Heol Cae Pwll: the Community Council noted that it is over a year since the VOGC’s last report on the adoption of the site and there has been no apparent progress despite assurances.

**Action Point: Clerk to write to the VOGC requesting an update/action.**

* Cllr Cave confirmed that negotiations to purchase a new site for the Llandow Recycling Facility have now formally commenced. The Community Council expressed their concern at the health and safety risks the site presents for those who use it.
1. **To consider the Clerk’s report including matters of a financial nature**

The Community Council noted the Clerk’s report.

The Clerk noted that the Community Council’s cash at bank as of 24th February 2022 = £5,923. The bank statement reconciled to the Community Council’s cashbook of that date.

The Clerk outlined the Community Council’s financial commitments to the 2021/22 yearend and projected a bank balance at 31st March 2022 of £1,219.11. The Community Council’s financial resources are, therefore, limited until it receives its first Precept payment of £5k at the end of April 2022 and the first Stronger Communities Grant Payment of £7.4k (hopefully by the end of April 2022). Careful cashflow of the Community Council’s position is required.

It was proposed by Cllr Jones that the following payment should be approved:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 21/03/2022 | Jonathan Wilson Stonemason | 257 | 3480.00 |
| 21/03/2022 | Edwards Countryside Services | tbc | 264.00 |
| 21/03/2022 | One Voice Wales | 262 | 88.00 |

FPO = Digital Faster Payment

This was seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed by all.

The Clerk confirmed that the following receipt has been received by the Community Council since the February meeting:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 11/02/2022 | VAT | 1473.42 |

The Clerk advised members that the Community Council’s Audit Wales audits for 2019/20 and 2020/21 remained in a backlog, but that the 2021/22 audit would commence shortly. Audit Wales has also confirmed that their delayed new audit approach would commence in 2022/23 and Colwinston CC would be in the first tranche of detailed audits.

The Community Council had received positive feedback from the VOGC’s independent observer.

1. **To consider any planning matters**

Since the last OGM the Community Council has received no new applications upon which Members were asked to comment.

The Community Council was also advised that the following application had been approved:

Application No. 2021/01750/FUL

Location: Bell House, Adjacent to Stone Cottage, Colwinston Village,

Colwinston

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to lounge space and new build

garage extension

1. **To consider any correspondence and associated replies required**

 The Clerk advised that no correspondence report was required for this meeting. The Clerk explained that correspondence received is either referred to in the relevant reports or has been copied to members in the period prior to the meeting.

1. **To receive any announcements from the Community Council’s representatives**

There were no new announcements.

1. **To receive any announcements from Councillors**

There were no new announcements.

1. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7:00pm, at Colwinston Village Hall and via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 9:00PM.

SIGNED…………………………………………………………………

CHAIRMAN, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DATE…………………………………………………………………….

SIGNED…………………………………………………………………

CLERK, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

DATE……………………………………………………………………..