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**COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT COLWINSTON VILLAGE HALL AND VIA ZOOM ON MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2022 AT 7:00PM

1. **Attendance**

Cllr E Lewis (Chair)

Cllr B Morris

Cllr C Hadley

Cllr T Wilson

Cllr G Jones

Cllr J Lloyd

Also present: Cllr, C Cave, K Protheroe (Clerk), three members of the public and PCSO Angela Stone

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

None.

1. **Public Session**

Two of the three members of the public in attendance addressed the Community Council regarding the settlement of Ukrainian refugees in the rural Vale of Glamorgan outlining the issues they are facing, notably in respect of transport, education and language services.

The members of the public explained that refugees are arriving in the Vale with their integration seemingly being placed in the hands of volunteers with no Welsh Government or local government involvement. The members of the public requested the assistance and support of the Community Council in overcoming the barriers being faced by the refugees.

The Community Council applauded the efforts of the volunteers and offered their support to the refugees. It was explained that the issues raised went well beyond the brief and powers of the Community Council.

The Community Council expressed its dismay that a more co-ordinated, centralised approach was not in place to support the refugees and provide the best prospects for achieving their successful integration and access to the support resources available.

The Community Council offered to use its role to advocate for the refugees. It proposed that it would write to the VOGC’s Chief Executive to seek clarification on planning in the Vale of Glamorgan and the resources that have been put in place to deliver the plan and to support the refugees and the community volunteers helping them. The Community Council emphasised that it was more than willing to help in tackling future problems should they arise.

The two members of the public thanked the Community Council and left the meeting at 7.29.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Jones that the minutes of the OGM should be accepted as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Wilson 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 two matters arising:

* Agenda Item 7: March 2022: The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the CE of the VOGC, in liaison with Cllr Cave, regarding the issues currently outstanding in respect of the new school.
* Agenda Item 7: March 2022: The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the VOGC in response to the Active Travel Consultation.

1. **To consider Police matters**

PCSO Angela Stone advised members that two reports of crime have been received by the Police since the March OGM, both of which were domestic incidents.

The Community Council noted a reply from South Wales Police HQ outlining how crime statistics are collated, but did not answer the question raised by the Community Council. Members raised with PCSO Stone how the theft of a car and an arrest of a door-door salesman for harassment and aggressive behaviour, that had taken place in the village in recent months, did not appear in crime reports.

PCSO agreed to check on the two incidents and report back to the Community Council.

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

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

Cllr Cave advised members that a new site for the Llandow Recycling Centre had now been identified by the VOGC, near the current facility and adjacent to Travis Perkins. Cllr Cave confirmed that negotiations aimed at acquiring the site have commenced.

Cllr Cave confirmed that the abandoned car in the village had been reported and that she was still trying to get the VOGC to erect ‘No fly tipping signs’ as they had previously agreed.

1. **Old Ford Project: Update**

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

* The community group continue to make excellent progress on the site – three willow trees will be planted in the near future.
* The VOGC’s Stronger Communities Team has approved and paid the Community Council’s first grant claim for £7,469.
* The VOGC’s Stronger Communities Team has approved the Community Council’s request for an advance payment of grant of £10k to facilitate the restoration and enclosure of the medieval well and the management of the Community Council’s project cashflow.

1. **Review of progress with other current projects**

The main points of progress since the last meeting included:

* The Clerk confirmed that the land at Little Hill had been submitted to HM Land Registry for First Registration.
* The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the VOGC requesting an update in respect of the adoption works at Heol Cae Pwll; the replacement of the ‘coffin’ stile and the trees at Little Hill, but no replies had been received.
* Cllr Hadley confirmed that the village fibre-optic broadband project had now been formally confirmed as one the projects Open Reach will take forward this year.
* St. David’s School: the car park has now been formally handed over by the developer, which has alleviated some of the parking problems in the vicinity of the school.
* Sycamore Tree Inn Defibrillator: Cllr Lloyd was asked to complete the registration of the defibrillator on the ‘Circuit’ website.

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 29th March 2022 = £1,904.49. The bank statement reconciled to the Community Council’s cashbook of that date.

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

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| 21/03/2022 | Cardiff Conservation Volunteers | 258 | 300.00 |
| 20/04/2022 | Cardiff Conservation Volunteers | 259 | 600.00 |
| 24/03/2022 | Cllr allowance 2021/22: Julie Lloyd | DFP | 150.00 |
| 20/04/2022 | Wild Wales Seeds | DFP | 248.35 |
| 20/04/2022 | Edwards Countryside Services | tbc | 253.00 |
| 20/04/2022 | K Protheroe Q4 salary 2021/22 | DFP | 871.70 |
| 20/04/2022 | HMRC Q4 2021.22 | 265 | 194.20 |
| 20/04/2022 | HM Land Registry\* | tbc | 6.00 |
| 20/04/2022 | Zurich Municipal | tbc | 257.60 |

DFP = Digital Faster Payment

\* Replaces cheque 261 for £7 to HM Land Registry

This was seconded by Cllr Lloyd and agreed by all.

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

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| 10/03/2022 | Mayoral Grant | 250.00 |  |  | 250.00 |

1. **To consider any planning matters**

Since the last OGM the Community Council has received one new application upon which Members were asked to comment:

Planning Application No. 2022/00165/FUL (CJ)

Location: The Paddocks, Colwinston, Cowbridge

Proposal: Alterations to an outbuilding

The Community Council raised no objection

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 meetings of the Community Council will be the Annual Meeting and Ordinary General Meeting, and will be held consecutively on Monday 16th May 2022 at 7:00pm, at Colwinston Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:00PM.

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CHAIRMAN, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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CLERK, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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