



COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, HEOL WEST PLAS, LITCHARD CROSS, BRIDGEND ON THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2017 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Mr H Thomas (Chair)

Councillors:

Ms A Davies
Mrs E Dodd
Ms C Jones
Mr B Tiltman
Mr A Wathan
Mrs M Williams
Mr M J Williams
Mr R Young

Also Present:

Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO
3 Members of the Public (up to the Confidential Report)

Apologies were received from:
Councillors Mrs J Brett and Mrs M Lewis and
Mr P Ley

121 **CHAIR'S STATEMENT**

The Clerk had sent out a Statement of Persons Nominated email to all Members giving details of the people nominated in the forthcoming May local council elections; this had been sent for information. A Councillor had responded to the Clerk, copying in all other Members, which the Chair wanted noted was not acceptable as the Clerk is an employee and should not be drawn into political statements. The Chair asked that this be minuted.

122 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following interests were declared:

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
Mrs A Davies	Financial Donations	124 (3)	Family Association	No/No
Mrs E Dodd	All BCBC Matters	All applicable plus 123	Member BCBC Joint Allotment Tenant	Yes/No
Ms C Jones	All BCBC Matters	All applicable	Member BCBC	Yes/No
Mr B Tiltman	Allotment Garden	1123	Allotment Tenant	Yes/No
Mr M J Williams	Financial Donations and Gate on Heol Simonston	126 (3) & 128 (3)	Member Coity Festivals Resident	No/No Yes/No
Mr R Young	All BCBC Matters	All applicable incl 127	Member BCBC	Yes/No

123 **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2017 MEETING**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9th March 2017 were accepted and approved as a true record of the meeting and the minutes were signed.

124 **MEMBERS' REPORTS**

RESOLVED:

One Councillor had attended a meeting of the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators. The bridge over the M4 continues to be a concern and no further action has been taken

despite writing to the Welsh Government. Further letters would be written on this matter.

125 **ALLOTMENT GARDENS**

RESOLVED:

The report of the Clerk was accepted.

1.Plot

The action of the Clerk was noted.

2.Pot Holes

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for road planings and to explore what grants may be available via Reach, BAVO, Rural Communities

126 **BUDGET MONITORING & ACCOUNTS**

RESOLVED:

That the report and addendum report of the Clerk be accepted.

1.Payment of Cheques

That authority be given for payment of the cheques listed on the Clerk's report and addendum report.

2.Budget Monitoring, Accounts & Budgets

That the report of the Clerk for Period 11 including the balances and budget for 2016/2017 be accepted.

3.Financial Donations

The letters of thanks were noted. It was agreed to invite a representative of MC Centres Bridgend and Tondu to the June meeting to give a short presentation and Q&A session. It was agreed to donate £250 to Y Bont and £50 to Disability Arts Cymru.

In addition it was agreed that the Clerk would send out a financial donation application form to all charities whether previously known or not in future.

4.Agency Agreement Rights of Way

That the report of the Clerk be accepted. The Clerk was asked to look back through the year's invoices to see which footpaths require regular maintenance and to pull together a maintenance list.

5.Additional Bank Account

That the report of the Clerk be accepted. The Clerk was asked to open an account at a different bank and transfer any surplus money to that account to ensure that Community Council money is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. Some of this money could then be considered for Special Projects.

127 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL & PLANNING

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk's report, and addendum report, be accepted.

1.Application and Decision Notices Received:

That the reports of the Clerk be accepted. No objections were made.

128 ENVIRONMENT

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk's report, and addendum report, be accepted.

1.Dog Waste Bag Dispenser

The report of the Clerk was accepted. Councillor Jones would ask BCBC to include Litchard School and Litchard Playing Fields in the trial. The Clerk was asked to find out some further information about the trial such as what areas would be covered, when the trial period will start and finish etc.

2.Play Area Refurbishment

The report, and addendum report, of the Clerk was accepted. The work that had already been carried out was noted as was the reason for the delay to the completion and the complaint received from one resident about historical issues with youths in the park.

3.Gate on Heol Simonston, Coity

The report and action of the Clerk was noted.

4.Temporary Diversion Footpath 4

The report of the Clerk was noted.

5. Planter Litchard Hill

The report and action of the Clerk was noted.

6. Footpath 8

The report of the Clerk was noted.

7. Bench

The report of the Clerk was noted.

129 **WELLBEING**

RESOLVED:

That the report, and addendum report, of the Clerk be accepted.

1. Developing Community Access Plans to Support the Local Transport Plan

Councillors Davies and Lewis had organised a meeting held at Litchard Primary School to meet with local residents to discuss the plan. The meeting had been attended by residents from Litchard, Pendre and some from Wildmill.

A number of concerns were raised and suggestions made, some regarding pedestrian access at the railway bridge into Windmill and Litchard Cross, about the road signs that are obstructive at the Heol y Gorsedd junction with Litchard Terrace and about the tree at Litchard Mission. Councillor Young offered to make a referral regarding the obstructive signs to BCBC.

The next step is to look at what needs to be reported back to BCBC add police comments and more back up information. It was agreed to ask if the report could be an agenda item at the next PACT meeting and ask if the feedback could be minuted.

2. Defibrillator Update

That the update on the installation be noted. Members were happy with the logo and wording being added to both sides of the defibrillators and the alternative location being sought for the Pendre defibrillator. The Clerk would continue to work with the Bridgend Responder representative in sorting this issue.

3. Interpretation Services at Meetings

That the report of the Clerk be noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would purchase the recommended Phonak Roger pen and MyLink receiver at a cost of £702 plus delivery.

4.Signs To Be Placed on Items Supplied or Purchased by CHCC

The report of the Clerk was noted.

5.Love2Walk Festival

It was agreed that this would be kept on the table for future ideas.

130 **GOVERNMENT & OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED:

That the report, and addendum report, of the Clerk be accepted.

1.Forwarded/Received via E-mail this Month

That the items forwarded this month on the report be noted.

2.Crime Statistics

That the Crime Statistics graph for January 2017 be noted.

3.One Voice Wales

That the items forwarded this month by noted.

4.Community Award

The report of the Clerk was noted. A thank you card and letter had been received from Mrs Knight.

5.Code of Conduct

The report of the Clerk was accepted and it was agreed that the joint Code of Conduct training suggested was a good idea and the Clerk was asked to arrange it for some time after the May elections.

It was noted that the Clerk tabled a copy of the Code of Conduct for each Member and drew particular attention to 6.1 going forward into the run up for the elections.

6.Independent Remuneration Panel

It was agreed to defer this discussion to the June 2017 meeting once the new Council Members were in place.

131 **HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION**

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Clerk be accepted.

1. Temporary Road Closure, Heol Byeastwood, Coity

The report of the Clerk was noted.

132 **INVITATIONS, NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS**

RESOLVED:

That the invitations, notices and publications listed in the Clerk's reports, be accepted.

133 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, because it would not be in the public interest to discuss the information contained within the following items of business.

134 **SALARIES, EXPENSES AND ASSOCIATED PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Assistant Clerk be noted and accepted, and the March Salaries and associated payments to the Clerk & RFO, and Assistant Clerk & FO, be agreed and authorised.