



COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PRECEPT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON
THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Councillors A Wathan (Chair)

C Jones
L Richards
B Tiltman
C Walburn
M Williams
R Young (until 7.55 pm)

Apologies: Councillors D Barrington, A Davies &
C Evans

No Apologies: Councillor A Hughes

Also Present:

Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO
Mr P Ley, Asst. Clerk & FO

Minute 69 Apologies: As above

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
B Tiltman	Allotment Gardens	73 & 75	Allotment Garden Tenant	No/No
R Young	All relevant BCBC items		BCBC Member	No/No

71 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2020 ORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes of the November 2020 Ordinary Meeting were presented for approval. They were accepted and approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

Resolved: This was noted.

72 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE NOVEMBER 2020 ORDINARY MEETING MINUTES

Minute 58 Matters Arising from the October 2020 Ordinary Minutes

Community Noticeboard: Taylor Wimpey have offered £500 towards placing a Noticeboard at Gerddi'r Castell. The Finance Committee had been a recommendation Below.

Litchard Fields: The Clerk has still not received a response from BCBC about the replacement trees or adding the CC to their tree planting scheme and will continue to pursue it. She was also still waiting for feedback on the lighting column issues, accessible equipment for play areas and the Heol y Groes lease.

Joslin Terrace: A response had been received regarding placing a bin and noticeboard at this location. BCBC has confirmed that if the land owner gives permission then it will not affect BCBC's future decision on adoption.

Allotment Roadway Repair: This has now been completed.

Minute 60 T&CC Fund

This would be a Finance Committee recommendation ref. the precept budget below.

Minute 66 Clerk's Report

The Clerk confirmed the original comments the CC made to BCBC ref Heol Hopcyn John/Heol Spencer. These had been compared to the new plan and the following observations were made and submitted to BCBC.

CC requested the extension of the 30mph section to the prison entrance as a minimum but ideally to the end of the road. The new proposal extends it to the prison entrance.

CC requested that the street lighting be extended to the other side of the M4 overbridge on Heol Spencer and the speed limit over the entire common to be 30mph. There was no reference in the new plan to street lighting and the speed limit has been extended to a distance of 310m.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk were noted and accepted.

73 PRECEPT 2021/22

The Finance Committee's recommendations were made following their meeting held on 2nd December 2020, they were:

- That there were no threats or concerns regarding the 2020/21 budget
- That RoSPA Safety Training for one member of staff would be considered in a year's time and in the meantime a contractor would be employed to carry out the quarterly operational inspections
- To gratefully accept the offer of £500 from Taylor Wimpey towards the installation of a noticeboard at Gerddi'r Castell
- That the quote for the footpath at Heol Simonston of £1,150 be accepted, provided any necessary consent is obtained from BCBC
- To include the cost of publishing an Annual Report in 2021
- To include the cost of installing a noticeboard and defibrillator at Oakwood View, Pendre provided any necessary consent is obtained
- To look into the blue plaque scheme over the next year for inclusion in the 2022/23 precept budget
- To not progress a Chair's Roll of Honour or a short film for the website and reconsider when setting the 2022/23 precept budget
- To review the terms of reference for the Finance Committee
- To inform Innovation Build that the work to Footpath 52/52a can go ahead

The Finance Committee's draft precept was presented to full council and discussed in full. The Finance Committee and staff were thanked for their hard work in drafting this precept.

Resolved: All recommendations by the Finance Committee, as listed above, were unanimously agreed by full council. It was also unanimously agreed to keep the precept request the same as the previous year and request a precept for 2021/22 of £111,200. It was agreed that if it were not possible to refurbish Heol Mair play area in 2021 due to a lack of match funding, the council would earmark the £15,000

allocated in the 2021/22 precept budget and add the equivalent funding in the 2022/23 precept budget in order to facilitate the refurbishment.

74 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payment of Cheques

Authority was requested for the payments of all the cheques listed on the expenditure sheet for December 2020.

2.Budget Monitoring, Accounts & Budgets

The budget monitoring report for November 2020 was included in the meeting papers.

3.Discretionary Payment for 2021/22

The Community Council had been notified that this payment would be £8.41 per elector in 2021/22.

4.Expression of Interest Playing Fields

It was agreed that the Finance Committee would meet with the football team representatives on 21st January 2021.

Resolved: All information was noted and authority was given to the Clerk to make the agreed payments.

75 CLERK'S REPORT

Allotment Garden Trees: The tree maintenance at the allotments had been carried out as per the risk assessment. The contractor advised not to plant young trees there, to let nature take its course and re-assess in the autumn. He also advised inspection of the ash trees each year.

Trees/Hedges Tanyrallt Play Area, Pendre: The Clerk had held a site meeting with the tree surgeon and now that the foliage has died back it is clear to see that a significant area of the trees to be cut back were trees and hedges growing through a fence from a garden as the old fence and post wires are now visible.

Footpath 7 Parc Derwen: Following an incident with spikes coming through the ground along this path it had been inspected by BCBC and any visible spikes removed.

Dog Waste Bins Parc Derwen: An email had been received from Jamie Wallis MP regarding the provision of dog waste bags in Parc Derwen. This had been acknowledged and passed on to Cllr. A Williams as she was already in discussions about this matter.

Solar Lit Trees: 3 were not working and the Clerk had arranged for them to be replaced.

Parc Derwen Resident: Correspondence had been forwarded to the Clerk from a resident regarding the clothing bins in the area, Christmas lights etc. The resident was unhappy with the provision of Christmas lights on Parc Derwen.

Fit for the Future Presentation: The Clerk had attended this presentation which gave feedback on the responses to date and the BCBC officers asked councillors to encourage people to take part in the consultation either via the link online or by ringing BCBC and carrying out the survey over the phone.

Other Issues This Month: Complaint ref. a van parking on the pavement at Heol Tysant, issues with Coity Sidings being used as a toilet, rubbish in the garden of a house at Pendre following a fire, a lighting lantern out of use in the car park at Coity Higher Community Centre, two bins rusting and falling apart in Litchard Fields and the lighting up the right hand side of the path in Litchard Fields up over the bridge not working again.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk was asked to refer the tree cutting at Litchard Park to BCBC along with photographs, it was noted that the Clerk had replied to the Parc Derwen resident about the Christmas lighting provision, that the parking at Heol Tysant had been referred to the PCSO, that the Coity Sidings issue and the house fire rubbish in Pendre had been referred to BCBC, the lighting issues at Litchard Fields had been referred to Awen and BCBC and the rusting bins referred to BCBC. The Clerk was asked to raise the ongoing issues with the lighting at Litchard Fields to BCBC and ask them to pursue the matter with Persimmon as this is their responsibility.

76 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was noted. Some additional correspondence had been received since the papers had been sent out and with the agreement of the Chair these were included. The Clerk drew Members attention to the request from Streetnaming at BCBC for Tir y Bont, Parc Derwen, the generic letter from CISS, the disappointment of a resident regarding the lack of Christmas lights off the roundabout at Heol y Groes, Litchard and the information on the Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan consultation.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was agreed to defer the request for a donation from CISS to the March 2021 meeting, to note the disappointment of the resident in Litchard for consideration in 2021, to include the Masterplan on the January 2021 agenda and to submit the following as suggested street names for Tir y Bont: Clos Pendre, Ffordd y Coetir, Clos y Bont and Clos y Fran.

Note: Councillor R Young left the meeting at 7.55 pm

77 **PLANNING**

All planning information had been emailed to Members including correspondence from Planning Aid Wales.

Resolved: The planning applications and decisions were noted. No objections were made, however in consultation with the Chair the deadline for feedback was prior to the meeting, comments had been submitted on T/20/69/TPO to request that new trees are replanted following the removal of the trees included in the application.

78 **ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 2021 MEETING**

- Community Awards 2020
- Love It, Don't Trash It scheme
- Finalise the T&CC Fund application
- Consultation on Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan

Resolved: It was agreed to keep the agenda open to include items that may arise during the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm