



COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM ON
THURSDAY 14th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Councillors A Wathan (Chair)

D Barrington
A Davies
C Evans
A Hughes
C Jones
L Richards
B Tiltman
C Walburn
M Williams
R Young

Also Present:

Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO
Mr P Ley, Asst. Clerk & FO
1 member of the public

Minute 79 Apologies: None - all councillors present

The Chair welcomed the member of the public to the meeting.

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

| Councillor | Item | Minute | Interest | Speak/Vote |
|-------------------|---|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| B Tiltman | Allotment Gardens | 88 | Allotment Garden Tenant | No/No |
| A Wathan | Consultation on Bridgend Town Centre Masterplan | 87 | Member Bridgend Town Council | No/No |
| R Young | All relevant BCBC items including agenda item 9 | 87 | BCBC Member | Yes/No (item 9) |

81 TO READ, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2020 PRECEPT MEETING

The Minutes of the December 2020 Precept 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.

82 TO CONSIDER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2020 PRECEPT MEETING MINUTES

Minute 72 To Consider Matters Arising from the October 2020 Ordinary Minutes

Community Noticeboard Gerddi'r Castell: Taylor Wimpey have asked for the council's bank details to transfer their donation of £500.

Litchard Fields: 10 different varieties of trees have been planted in the fields, two at the top and the rest running around the path and grass triangle.

Minute 73 Precept 2021/22

The council's precept request has been submitted and an acknowledgement received from BCBC.

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

83 **SAFER ROUTES UPDATE**

Councillors Williams and Davies and the Clerk, had been invited to a virtual meeting with BCBC to be held on Monday 18th January 2021 to discuss the next Safer Routes financial bid - phase 3. The need for a pavement on Heol Spencer was discussed again. Councillor M Williams updated Members on the progress of phase 2 in Coity.

Resolved: The information was noted. It was agreed to maintain the pressure on BCBC for the need for a pavement on Heol Spencer.

84 **LOVE IT, DON'T TRASH IT SCHEME**

A presentation on this scheme had been given by BCBC Officer John Rees, at the February 2020 ordinary meeting. At that meeting the council had resolved to discuss the matter further at the March 2020 meeting, however due to COVID disruptions to meetings this had not taken place.

The Clerk reminded Members of the scheme and the costs involved of £300 per school

Resolved: It was agreed to go ahead with the scheme at a total cost of £600.

85 **COMMUNITY AWARDS 2020**

The Clerk asked Members if they wished to publish details of the scheme or defer it until a proper presentation could be made when meetings could take place in person.

Resolved: It was agreed to defer until presentations could go ahead in person.

86 **T&CC FUND 2021/22**

The Clerk presented two refurbishment schemes and quotes for the Heol Mair play area for Members to consider. In addition, she presented details of the other remedial works which needed to be included in the application.

Resolved: It was agreed to submit all quotes for match funding to the Town and Community Council Fund and agreed that the Redlynch refurbishment plan was the preferred plan; all other works included in the application were approved and authority given for the Clerk to submit the application.

87 **CONSULTATION ON BRIDGEND TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN**

A discussion took place on whether Members would complete the survey as individuals or as a council. Members were asked to encourage residents to complete the survey by sharing the details on their social media pages and the Clerk was asked to include it on

the council's website.

Resolved: It was agreed that Members would submit their opinions to the Clerk who would collate the information and complete the survey on behalf of the council.

88 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payment of Cheques

Authority was requested for the payments of all the cheques listed on the expenditure sheet for January 2021.

2.Budget Monitoring, Accounts & Budgets

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

3.External Audit

This was waiting to be signed off and the conclusion should be received by the council by the end of January 2021.

4.T&CC Fund 2019/20

The Clerk confirmed receipt of the match funding for Litchard Park play area following the submission of the claim.

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

89 MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor M Williams said he'd published a short survey on social media about the proposed fitness trail for Cae'r Eglwys which would remain open for another couple of weeks.

90 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES

Two borough councillors were present. Councillor A Williams for Coity and Councillor R Young for Pendre.

Councillor Williams gave updates on flooding issues, lights not working from Parc Derwen over the bridge into Litchard Fields, play areas, Safer Routes including a safe walking route from Parc Derwen to Litchard and a virtual meeting she had planned with residents of Parc Derwen.

Councillor Young gave updates on COVID-19 and an update from the Health Board and other related issues. In addition he explained that some staff at BCBC were being redirected to help roll out the vaccine and he expressed his thanks to those staff and he gave an update on recent street lighting issues with lights flickering on and off which has now been rectified.

Members were asked to remind residents that the Coety Primary hub should only be used by key workers.

Resolved: All information was noted.

91 CLERK'S REPORT

Wales & West:

The Clerk informed Members that the council's application to W&W to fund two picnic tables with seating at Cae'r Eglwys (Coity playing field) had been successful and they would contribute the net amount of £1,265 towards the purchase cost.

Footpath 52/52a:

Work to reinstate the footpath will be commence the week beginning 8th February weather permitting and will take up to 10 days. The RoW Department has confirmed that planning permission to work on the common is not needed as there is evidence of the previous tarmac footpath that was there some years ago. The costs have increased by £3,700 and the RoW Department has agreed to cover this additional cost.

Floral Baskets and Planters:

The invoices for this year's provision had been received and the contractor has confirmed that the costs will remain the same for 2021. The Clerk asked for authority to continue with the contractor and the same number of baskets and planters for 2021/22. Sufficient provision in the 2021/22 budget for these floral displays and daffodil bulb planting.

Oakwood View Defibrillator and Noticeboard:

Persimmon have given permission in principle for the installation of a noticeboard and defibrillator at the development. The Clerk would meet with a representative to agree suitable locations and apply to their community fund for a contribution towards the cost.

Resolved: All information was noted. The Clerk was asked to agree the floral provision for 2021/22 with the contractor and to progress the Oakwood View installations.

92 **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 following:

- 5 surveys in addition to the Bridgend Town Masterplan
- Email from a Coity resident regarding the traffic calming measures in the village
- Temporary closure of Pen-y-Cae Lane

Resolved: The information was noted. It was agreed that the Clerk would raise the issues of concern to the Coity resident with BCBC and copy in Councillor R Young.

Note: Councillor R Young left the meeting at 7.57 pm

93 **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.

94 **ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2021 MEETING**

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 11th February 2021 at 7.00 pm

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm