



COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD VIA A VIRTUAL
ZOOM MEETING AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2021 AT 7.00 PM**

Present: Councillor M Williams

Councillors: A Hughes
B Tiltman
A Wathan (Chair of Council ex officio member)

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO
Mr P Ley, Asst Clerk & FO

FR1/21: None

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

FR2/21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- Councillor B Tiltman - Allotment Gardens

FR3/21 TO RECORD THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th March 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the Minutes.

FR4/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH 2021 MINUTES

Minute 60/20 Community Asset Transfers: A letter of confirmation has been received that the Community Council's T&CC Fund application has been successful and the CC has been awarded match funding of £15,002.57. Due to land ownership issues, BCBC has confirmed that they will procure the work and therefore they will choose the contractor etc. although it is hoped that our contractor/plans will be used for the work.

In addition, a response from Mark Shephard of BCBC has been received regarding clarification on Sports Fees.

Minute 62/20 IRP Review: CHCC had agreed to take part though no Councillor was available to attend on the scheduled date.

Resolved: The information was noted.

FR5/21 TO REVIEW THE YEAR END 2020/21

The current budget monitoring document was discussed. No matters of concern were raised. The Finance Officer explained the end of year figures including VAT due and the balance carried forward to 2021/22.

Resolved: The information was noted. There were no threats or concerns regarding the 2020/21 budget.

FR6/21 COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Clerk gave an update on meetings held, offer made and information to date and these were discussed.

Resolved: To recommend to full council to write to BCBC regarding setting up an agency agreement up to March 2023 for them to pay CHCC to run the Centre. To seek a meeting with those in authority to discuss further.

FR7/21 CASH FLOW

Councillor Williams questioned the end of year cash flow when large bills are due, but grant funding is slow coming through for payment before year end.

Resolved: Councillor Williams' comments were noted.

FR8/21 PROJECT UPDATE

Noticeboard Gerddi'r Castell: application submitted.

Oakwood View: Map showing boundary between CHCC and Brackla circulated to Members.

Footpath 52/52a: This has now been completed.

Footpath Map: Is progressing well. Pride in Coity are happy to work in partnership with the council to maintain the walking routes identified in the leaflet, using the equipment provided by Ramblers Cymru.

Resolved: All information was noted.

FR9/21 CLERK'S REPORT

Allotment Gardens: Councillor Davies and the Clerk had visited the Sarn allotment gardens to look at an alternative set up. Two more have joined the council's waiting list and the Committee would next look into identifying possible land. A request for a skip at the allotment had been received from one tenant. The extending of the car parking area using half of plot 34 is underway as half of the plot is let to grow over.

Asset Transfers: No update had been received to date from BCBC.

Issues in the Month: The Clerk updated Members on vandalism in the play areas, mostly in Pendre Fields regarding signage. The baby swing at Pendre Fields had also been vandalised using one of the COVID signs.

The fencing around Coity Castle play area needs attention with some uprights missing and it starting to rot.

The Clerk had written to the home owners of the house which borders Coity Castle play area asking them to cut back their hedge once the bird nesting season is over and they'd

agreed. They also asked if the kissing gate could be locked or replaced in the play area.

In addition, the Clerk had written to the owners of the house next to Litchard Park play area to ask them to cut back their hedges and trees once the bird nesting season is over, but no response had been received to date.

It was noted that the goal mouths at Coity Playing Field need re-seeding.

Tikspac Dispenser: It was noted that this had now been installed at Heol y Groes roundabout.

Bin Request: had been received from a litter picking Litchard resident along Pen y Cae Lane.

Floral Displays Heol Spencer: The Clerk had met with a resident regarding this request which came via Councillor A Williams. Quotes had been obtained and suitable placement areas had been discussed.

Coity Playing Field: Councillor Tiltman and the Clerk had met at Coity Field to identify areas for tree/hedge planting. They'd also looked at possibilities for the far right corner of the field which is quite shaded.

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend to full council not to supply a skip to the allotment gardens in 2021 as it is the tenants' responsibility to keep their plots clean and tidy and a reminder will be sent with the tenancy renewal letter in September. To write to the Leader/Chief Executive at BCBC to request clarification on the lease of Heol y Groes Play Area, Litchard. To consider including money for a replacement fence around Coity Castle play area in next year's precept. The Clerk would arrange for the goal mouths to be re-seeded. Following a request for bins along Pen y Cae Lane, for the Clerk to discuss the possibility with BCBC and look into costs. As regards the flower planters on Heol Spencer, the Clerk to make enquiries with BCBC to see if a licence would be granted before full council considers the costs. To recommend the planting of bluebells in a corner of Coity Playing Field.

FR10/21 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

To keep the agenda open for submissions until late June 2021.

FR11/21 TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: The Committee will next meet in early July 2021 via Zoom before the next Ordinary Meeting.

FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING - 6th MAY 2021

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.13 pm