



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 7th SEPTEMBER 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

FR23/21: None

FR24/21 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

- Councillor B Tiltman - Allotment Gardens

FR25/21 TO RECORD THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST JULY 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1st July 2021 were accepted as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the Minutes.

FR26/21 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE JULY 2021 MINUTES

Minute FR15/21 Matters Arising from the May 2021 Minutes

- Footpath Map: progressing
- Litchard Park Play Area: part arrived last week, waiting for installation date
- Bins Pen y Cae Lane: Monitoring the problem, Pride in Coity and McArthur Glen team litter picking
- Lease Heol y Groes: Updated at July Ordinary Meeting.

Resolved: The information was noted.

FR27/21 TO REVIEW THE BUDGET FOR 2021/22

The current budget monitoring document was discussed. No matters of concern were raised. The Finance Officer explained the figures. The August budget monitoring sheet amended to reflect the changes agreed at the July Ordinary meeting.

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

FR28/21 UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Newsletter: A rough draft was almost ready. The Chair was asked to write a welcome/introduction. A quote had been received from UGD for the same service as for the previous newsletter and a quote had been received for its distribution, again from the previous supplier. Both were discussed.

Trees: The Clerk was waiting for quotes. She'd applied for funding via the Paths to Wellbeing Scheme in association with Ramblers Cymru.

Christmas: All motifs and trees had been ordered. The Clerk had a site meeting planned for the next day to look at a suitable site for the new pit construction at Gerddi/Trem y Castell. The Clerk had requested permission from Persimmon for the

additional motifs on the bottom spine road at Parc Derwen and the solar lit trees had been ordered for the by-pass, Joslin Terrace and Oakwood View.

Defibrillator and Noticeboard Oakwood View: The Clerk requested authority to obtain a cheque for £190 for the noticeboard planning application. Cariad no longer install defibrillators so a new source needed to be found.

Noticeboard Gerddi'r Castell: It appears that the council's planning application had not been received by BCBC. The Clerk had re-written the application and requested a replacement cheque for £190 for the planning application.

Resolved: The information was noted and the action of the Clerk accepted. It was suggested the Clerk contacts Bridgend Town Council to enquire about their defibrillator supplier. The quotes for the newspaper and delivery were accepted. Authority was given for the planning application cheque request. These would be raised at full council.

FR29/21 UPDATE ON COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY CENTRE

Two leases had been offered to the community council, a five year lease on Great Western Avenue fields and a 35 year lease on Litchard fields and Community Centre. The Clerk had distributed background information on both before the meeting. These were discussed.

- **Resolved:** The information was noted. It was agreed to recommend to full council that the Finance Committee and any other councillor who wishes to be included set up a working group to look at the possible asset transfer of Coity Higher Community Centre and playing fields.

FR30/21 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS

Heol Mair Play Area Refurbishment: The Parks Department at BCBC are currently programming the refurbishment of play areas across the county borough and are also in the process of determining how these should be commissioned and prioritised during 2021/22. No further information is available regarding the Heol Mair play area work.

- **Resolved:** It was agreed to recommend to full council that the community council withdraws their offer of match funding the refurbishment of Heol Mair play area.

FR31/21 ALLOTMENT GARDEN RENT 2022/23

The rent for a full plot is currently £40 for 2021/22. An increase was discussed and a suggested increase for 2022/23 was made and agreed.

- **Resolved:** To recommend to full council that the allotment garden rent increases by £2 in 2022/23 for a full plot. Taking the cost to £42 pa.

F32/21 CLERK'S REPORT

Coity Castle Play Area: a thread has failed on the baby swing and therefore the swing has been removed for safety. The Clerk was waiting to hear back from the contractor on whether it could be repaired or whether a new one would need to be purchased.

Weeds on Spine Roads: The weeds have been sprayed once this year and the Clerk asked for authority to arrange a second spraying.

Meetings in Person: Full council meeting in person was discussed as there may be a need to purchase audio equipment in future.

Bench Branding Signs: The council's supply had run out. The Clerk asked for authority to order more.

Resolved: The action of the Clerk was noted. Authority was given for a second weed spray and to purchase more bench signs, although these were within the Clerk's spending criteria.

FR33/21 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

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

FR34/21 TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: The Committee will next meet on 4th November 2021 via Zoom before the next Ordinary Meeting.

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.45 pm