



COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM AT LITCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL AND VIA ZOOM

Present: Councillor A Wathan (Chair)

Councillors: S Bletsoe
S Charles (zoom)
Y Walton-Davies
L Lewis (zoom)
A Williams (zoom)
M Williams (zoom)
D Wingar

Apologies: Cllrs L Jeffreys, L Richards & J Williams

No Apologies: Cllrs D Brown & A Hughes

Minute 62/23-24:

63/23-24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
Steve Bletsoe	BCBC Matters	All relevant	Member	No/No
Alan Wathan	BCBC Matters incl. Planning	All relevant	Member	No/No No/No
	Parc Derwen	All relevant incl. 71 & 72/23-24	Resident	
Amanda Williams	BCBC Matters	All relevant Incl. Coety Primary School	Member Chair of Governors	No/No
Martin Williams	BCBC Matters	All relevant	Member	No/No

64/23-24 TO RECEIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALDI STORES

The Chair welcomed Alexander Magree and Adam Farrell to the meeting. He explained that as he is a member of the Planning Committee at BCBC, the Vice-Chair would Chair this item and he would leave the meeting.

Two Aldi Store representatives had requested a meeting to discuss Aldi's proposals for a new food store on land at Brackla Industrial Estate, Bridgend. Before submitting a planning application to BCBC they will undertake a pre-application consultation programme which started on 5th September 2023. Amongst the meeting papers was a proposal for the store. Following their presentation Councillors asked some questions.

Resolved: The representatives answered the questions asked. Any further questions would be submitted to the Clerk to forward to Alexander and Adam.

65/23-24 TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE 14th of SEPTEMBER 2023 ORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes of the 14th of September 2023 Ordinary Meeting were presented for approval.

Resolved: The Minutes were accepted and approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

66/23-24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE SEPTEMBER 2023 MINUTES

Minute 49/23-24 To Receive South Wales Police

The Clerk informed Members that PCSO Rees would attend the January 2024 meeting.

Minute 51/23-24 Matters Arising from the July 2023 Meeting

Heol Spencer Pavement - Councillor M Williams gave an update.

Christmas 2023 - The Clerk is still waiting on V2C and BCBC to give permission to construct a Christmas tree pit to go ahead. In addition, three of the council's column motifs which have been removed from storage to install are damaged and in need of repairs costing a total of £162. The Clerk asked for authority for the repairs to go ahead.

School Community Awards Scheme - the Clerk informed Members that the chosen child's family have received the vouchers.

Minute 56/23-24 Clerk's Report Including Project and CAT Updates

Coity Castle - a draft electricity licence for Coity Castle has been received from CADW and Members have received a copy. The terms were discussed.

Allotment Garden - Members were informed that the mattress has been removed from the Gardens by BCBC.

Overflowing Bins Parc Derwen - the Clerk informed Members that Persimmon had agreed to the bins being emptied three times a week.

Resolved: The Clerk was given authority for the repairs to the Christmas Column Motifs to go ahead. The Asst. Clerk was asked to check if the council's insurance will cover the electricity supply, the Clerk was asked obtain reassurance in the form of certification if the supply is in good working order and Councillor A Williams would request a local electrician to check the supply out.

67/23-24 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEMES 2024

As BCBC had not been able to provide a scheme in the last few years, councillors were asked for ideas on what provision could be made as an alternative. Amongst those discussed was the possibility of a collaboration with Forces Fitness.

Resolved: Councillors were asked to give this further consideration and the Clerk was asked to contact the other Clerks to see who they use and what service they receive.

68/23-24 DRAFT TRAINING PLAN 2023/24

The Clerk had prepared a draft training plan and this was discussed.

Resolved: The plan was unanimously accepted and the Clerk would publish it on the council's website.

69/23-24 D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION - 6th JUNE 2023

A paper giving details of gas beacon lighting had been included with the papers and these were discussed. It was unanimously agreed that the Community Council should commemorate the anniversary.

Resolved: Councillor A Williams said she's passed on the information to Coety Primary School and Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies was asked to do the same as Governor of Litchard Primary School. Councillor M Williams agreed to book the slot with Pageantmaster Bruno Peek to light a beacon and publicise it on social media.

70/23-24 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payment of Cheques

Authority was requested for the payments of all the invoices listed on the expenditure sheet and the two, with the Chair's agreement, included on the additional sheet received after the distribution of the papers.

2.Budget Monitoring, Accounts & Budgets

The Asst. Clerk ran through the budget monitoring sheet and answered any questions raised.

Resolved: Authority was given for the payments for September and the budget monitoring sheet was accepted.

71/23-24 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING PROJECT AND CAT UPDATES

CAT Update

Additional Funding: Since the council's last meeting an opportunity has arisen for possible funding for the CAT project via REACH. This is outside of any CAT funding the council might be given. The deadline for Expressions of Interest were prior to this meeting so the Clerk had applied for funding for architect, professional, design and planning fees. The Chair, Project Business Manager and the Clerk have a meeting with REACH on 13th October to progress this further.

Architect Fees: Two of the 3 architect fee quotes have been received and the third is expected shortly.

Pitch Design Litchard Fields: The Clerk has received a quote from Oolong Sports for £5,651. This is for design and spec of 3 pitches, project manager, site visits and travel.

Project Update

Eols for the 3 project grant funding:

The Clerk asked the council if they wanted her to progress the 3 projects now funded in the revised budget. She also updated them on advice given by Guy Smith.

Ramblers Cymru Paths to Wellbeing Project: 10 bird boxes have been erected, though one had been removed and has now been reinstalled.

Pendre Post Office has requested more walks leaflets, the Clerk asked for authority to reprint.

Hendre: The first stage of this project will be carried out next week when a sack of daffodil bulbs will be planted along the hedgerow. The Clerk is still waiting for confirmation from the Highways department to see if she has to re-consult with residents.

Other Matters

Coity Village Noticeboard: no progress on this to update.

Joslin Terrace Play Area: The Clerk has now received the title deed and plan for the play area.

Bin near bench and bus stop bottom of Parc Derwen: the Clerk had been informed that Persimmon are happy for the council to go ahead and purchase and install a bin in this location.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk were noted. The Clerk was given authority to progress the 3 projects, to purchase and install a bin at Parc Derwen, to progress the Hendre project, to arrange a print run of leaflets and to arrange the pitch design with Oolong Sports at the community council's cost.

72/22-23 MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor Jeffreys had given the Clerk a written report to read out in her absence. She had attended a One Voice Wales area committee meeting and it had been agreed that the Quiet Lanes scheme would be put on the Policy Committee meeting to be held in December. Other topics discussed at the meeting included low attendance numbers at the meetings, boundaries including how some community councils may merge with others and a new ward being created in Barry and asset transfers.

Councillor Y Walton-Davies informed Members that the Local Access Forum has restarted meetings. She also mentioned attending an event at the Senedd and said she'd spoken to people at the event about the barrier on Heol Spencer and the Right to Ride scheme.

Councillor Walton-Davies said that it had been noted that there is water coming out of Litchard Fields onto the road, that Litchard Primary School are recruiting a new Head Teacher and there are speeding issues on Heol Las.

Councillor M Williams had been due to represent the council at One Voice Wales' AGM and Conference but it had been cancelled due to lack of numbers. He said that had been disappointing as in the past it had been well attended.

Resolved: The information was noted.

73/23-24 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES

Councillor A Williams said the Cabinet had agreed an extension to Coety Primary School. She said he'd walked Parc Derwen with Councillor Jeffreys and met with landscapers who happened to be on site during the Walk; Persimmon have since agreed that Councillor A Williams could hold meetings with the landscapers.

In addition, Councillor A Williams had dealt with lighting issues which appears to be causing an increase in car thefts. Persimmon have requested further confirmation of which green spaces the council wish to take over and Councillor Williams said she'd resend them the map. Councillor Williams said she would be meeting with planning regarding the L15 buffer zone and she'd been told that Welsh Government have no funding for junction 36 and the BCBC Cabinet Member said that there is no money available.

Councillor M Williams had submitted lots of referrals regarding the 20 mph road signs. He said he'd continue to press for 20mph for Heol Spencer and Litchard Hill.

Councillor A Wathan had made many referrals, one regarding grass verges and had dealt with a lot of the same issues as above.

Resolved: All information was noted.

74/23-24 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was noted. With the consent of the Chair some additional correspondence received after the meeting papers were distributed was included.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- One Voice Wales - Consultation: scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2024/25
- One Voice Wales - Cancelled Conference and AGM Saturday 30th September 2023
- BCBC - Temporary Traffic Regulation Order
- BCBC - Confirmation of receipt of Capital Grant Scheme Expression of Interest
- BCBC - Objection Report - ref. Coety Primary School
- BCBC - Decision Later ref. Coety Primary School
- Boundary Commission for Wales - Lesson Learned
- Thomas & Thomas Solicitors - Land Ownership Title Document Joslin Park & Land
- Litchard Primary School - Email ref. School Community Award
- Wales Air Ambulance - Financial Support Request
- Councillor Darren Brown - Resignation Letter
- One Voice Wales - Support to capture older people's experiences of GP services survey
- BCBC - Hearing Session LDP 21st November 2023

- Urdd Gobaith Cymru - Financial Support Request

Resolved: The correspondence was noted. The Clerk was asked to defer the Wales Air Ambulance and Urdd request to the March 2024 meeting. Councillor Brown's resignation was unanimously accepted, the Clerk would now inform BCBC and obtain a Notice of Vacancy to publish.

Note: Councillor Alan Wathan did not take part in the Planning item, this item was chaired by Vice-Chair Councillor Martin Williams.

75/23-24 PLANNING

5 applications had been received, 4 decisions and 0 appeals and these were discussed. There was also a two emails from Planning Aid Wales.

Resolved: There were no objections to any of the planning applications.

76/23-24 ITEMS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2023 ORDINARY MEETING

- Summer 2024 Play Scheme
- Suggestions for the 2024/25 Precept Budget

Resolved: It was agreed to keep the agenda open to include urgent items that may arise during the month.

The next meeting will be the be held on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.00 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.