



COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 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 (from 7.12 pm)
A Hughes (zoom)
L Jeffreys
L Lewis (zoom)
L Richards
A Williams (in person then zoom from
7.20 pm)
J Williams
M Williams
D Wingar

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: 13 present for items 1,2 & 3

Minute 102/23-24:

103/23-24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
Steve Bletsoe	BCBC Matters Co-option x 1	All relevant 107/23-24	Member Personal Interest Bridgend TC	No/No No/Yes
Luke Richards	Co-option x 1	107/23-24	Personal Interest	No/Yes
Lynda Jeffreys	Parc Derwen Co-option x 1	All relevant 107/23-24	Resident Personal Interest Neighbour	No/No No/Yes
Alan Wathan	BCBC Matters incl. Planning Parc Derwen Co-option x 1	All relevant All relevant 107/23-24	Member Resident Personal Interest BTC	No/No No/No No/Yes
Amanda Williams	BCBC Matters Co-option x 3	All relevant Coety Primary School 107/23-24	Member Chair of Governors Personal Interest	No/No No/Yes
John Williams	Parc Derwen	All relevant	Resident	No/No
Martin Williams	BCBC Matters Co-option x 2 Litchard Primary School	All relevant 107/23-24 109/23-24	Member Personal Interest Governor	No/No No/Yes No/No
David Wingar	Co-option x 1	107/23-24	Personal Interest	No/Yes

As there were 13 residents of Sycamore Close, Litchard present to hear the discussion on planning item P/23/489/OUT, the Chair asked Council's permission to bring forward the discussion from item 15 to item 3 and this was unanimously agreed. The group had also asked to speak and a representative was selected to speak on their behalf.

Note: Councillor A Wathan left the room at 7.04 pm for this item and Councillor M Williams chaired the item.

104/23-24 PLANNING

A representative of the Sycamore Close residents spoke of the residents' concerns regarding P/23/489/OUT. Many of the residents had responded to the planning application to BCBC and had copied in Coity Higher Community Council. The Clerk had provided copies in the meeting papers of that correspondence.

Councillors discussed their many concerns.

Resolved: A vote was taken on planning application P/23/489/OUT and it was unanimously agreed that the council would strongly object to this application. Councillor A Williams would request to speak at a committee and site meeting and Councillor M Williams was asked to represent the Community Council at a committee/site meeting.

Regarding PEDW cas-02920-lor2h6 A vote was taken at the December 2023 meeting on planning appeal P/22/23/Ful and it had been unanimously agreed the Clerk had objected to the appeal.

No observations or objections were made to the other applications on the meeting papers.

105/23-24 TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE 14th DECEMBER 2023 PRECEPT MEETING

The Minutes of the 14th December 2023 Precept 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.

106/23-24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 2023 MINUTES

Minute 93/23-24 Matters Arising from the November Minutes

Coity Noticeboard - the Clerk confirmed that it had been removed from the front of the closed Post Office and put into storage until permission is granted for its relocation.

New Bin Parc Derwen - the bin has been installed at the bottom of the development near the Jubilee bench, however it is being filled with unsuitable litter and seems always full.

Minute 94/23-24 Suggestions for the Precept Budget 2024/25

The Clerk confirmed that the precept had been requested from BCBC and acknowledgement of receipt of the request had been received from BCBC.

Minute 96/23-24 Urgent Clerk's Report Including Project and CAT Updates

V2C/Llys Gwyn - V2C are in discussion with one of their contractors to potentially remove, supply and fit the boue benches at Llys Gwyn. They are hopeful of being able to fund them too, the Clerk will give an update at the February meeting.

Minute 99/23-24 Urgent Correspondence

Litchard Park Play Area Equipment Damage - Approaches had been made with the council's insurance company, but no response had been received to date.

Resolved: All the information was noted. The Asst Clerk will continue to pursue the insurance company and Councillor D Wingar, a member of Pride in Coity, agreed to bag up any litter he sees around the bin.

107/23-24 CO-OPTION LITCHARD WARD

3 applications had been received and all were worthy candidates. Each application had been sent to councillors and numbered 1 to 3.

A vote was taken on 1, 2 and 3 and application 1 which received the lowest number of votes was removed from the next round of voting. A second vote was taken on applications 2 and 3 and the application with the highest number of votes was co-opted.

Resolved: : Mr G Langdon was co-opted to represent the Litchard Ward on the Community Council. The Clerk would notify all candidates of the result and the council asked the Clerk to encourage the 2 unsuccessful candidates to stand in future as all had been worthy applicants.

108/23-24 D-DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY 2024

This item had been discussed at a previous meeting; additional information had been received via One Voice Wales on a Lamp Light of Peace and this was discussed. The lamps cost £55 each.

Resolved: It was unanimously agreed to purchase 3 lamps, one for each ward. Locations were suggested but will be confirmed at a later date. The Clerk was asked to make the purchases.

109/23-24 SCHOOL HOLIDAY 2024 PROVISION

This item had been discussed at a previous meeting; the Clerk had provided details of what other T&CCs in the borough provided. Councillors A Williams and M Williams had visited Litchard Primary School during the summer holidays 2023 and updated Members on the provision they had run for 3 weeks of the 6 week holiday period. This and other ideas were discussed. A proposal was made to support Litchard Primary to run their scheme for the full 6 weeks.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to contact Forces Fitness to see what they could offer. Councillors Y Walton-Davies and M Williams were asked to discuss the cost and appetite for 6 weeks provision at Litchard Primary School and the Clerk was

asked to make enquiries as to availability and costs from other known providers. This item would be included on the February agenda.

110/23-24 PARC DERWEN GREEN SPACES

The Clerk had provided members with a map showing what the Community Council had already agreed to transfer from Persimmon and showing other areas of land for consideration. These were discussed.

Resolved: It was agreed that Councillor A Williams would arrange a site visit to look at the other areas and invite all councillors to attend. Councillors S Charles and L Jeffreys asked to be included. Councillor A Williams would then report back to this council at its next meeting and inform Persimmon at the next meeting with them.

111/23-24 T&CC FUND 2024/25 PROJECT IDEAS

Details of this fund had been sent out to all Members for consideration for projects that meet the criteria. All weather cover for the play areas was suggested, along with a small play area, or multi-use piece of equipment for Llys Gwyn.

Resolved: The Clerk would speak to V2C about the results of the consultation they conducted and arrange a site visit with the councillors for Pendre. The item would be discussed further at the February meeting.

112/23-24 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS

1.Payment of Cheques

Authority was requested for the payments of all the invoices listed on the expenditure sheet and on the additional sheet as agreed for inclusion by the Chair.

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 Decenber2023 and the budget monitoring sheet was accepted.

113/23-24 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING PROJECT AND CAT UPDATES

CAT Update

Additional Funding: The Clerk informed Members that the council's application for £15,000 of funding had been approved and will now move on to the next steps which is for REACH to work with us to commission the project and deal with the contractor arrangements, whilst we steer the project and provide direction.

Pitch Design: The Clerk had sent members copies of the pitch redesign and the designer had asked if we were in a position to put the pitch improvement works out to tender? On the business manager's advice, the Clerk had asked him to wait.

The Clerk gave an overall update on tender deadlines, feedback from Cymru Football Foundation. The Clerk had sent a copy of the pitch redesign to Guy Smith at BCBC. An approach could now be made to the CAT fund, though this is likely to need a signed lease in place prior to any commitment being given. We also need to consider whether we'd be willing to commit to future pitch maintenance post development work or if we're looking for a complete package i.e pitches and pavilion redevelopment. The Clerk informed Members about a meeting called by the FAW in Bridgend on 29th January to discuss investment facilities in the borough.

Business Manager, Ryan Jones, will attend the February meeting to update Members and answer any questions raised.

Concerns were raised on whether the CAT fund would remain following the current budget discussions at BCBC. Councillor A Williams said that she had checked this before Christmas and had been told that the funding was still in place at that time.

Project Update

Paths to Wellbeing: the second bench will be installed within the week.

3 Projects: the Clerk is waiting on a third quote and suggests this as an agenda item for February for a decision on which quote to accept.

Other Matters

Missing Items: Residents have been in touch to ask why the dog bag dispenser that was near the council's bench/bin on Heol y Groe's roundabout has been removed. The Clerk had contacted BCBC to ask and to ask for the return of our replaced bin in Pendre and is awaiting a reply.

Community Awards: It's the time of year to advertise these awards and the Clerk sought authority to go ahead with advertising for nominations.

Coety Community School Governor Vacancy: Councillor A Hughes had informed the Clerk that she's resigned from this post, therefore creating a vacancy. The Clerk would

include it on the February agenda but asked that Members consider the vacancy and declare their interest at the February meeting.

SLA Bees at the Allotment: The Clerk gave an update on the tenancy.

Resolved: The information and action of the Clerk were noted. It was agreed that following Ryan Jones' attendance at the next meeting, the proposed next stage would be to meet with BCBC. The suggested items for the February agenda were agreed as was the authority to advertise the Community Award for 2023. Councillor D Wingar requested a further supply of the Ramblers/CHCC walks leaflet.

114/22-23 MEMBER REPORTS

Resolved: There were no Members reports this month.

115/23-24 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES

Councillor M Williams - informed Members of an on-going issue in Great Western Avenue with parking on grass verges and said following enquiries at BCBC he would suggest tree planting in that area. He also updated Members on a proposed CAT and play area planned for the Pendre Ward.

Councillor A Williams - gave an update on BCBC's tree planting target for the borough, the flooding on Hendre Lanes and Heol yr Ysgol, street light issues which continue in Parc Derwen and Coety Primary School's expansion plans.

Resolved: All information was noted. Councillor M Williams' tree planting suggestions were agreed in principle subject to cost and permissions.

116/23-24 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was noted. With the permission of the Chair some additional correspondence received since the papers were distributed to Members were included.

The Clerk drew Members' attention to the following:

- BCBC - Copy Notice and Order (prohibition and restriction of waiting and loading and parking places (Civil enforcement) Order 2013 (amendment no 28)
- Resident - complaint about no Christmas lighting on the Heol y Groes estate.
- Residents Sycamore Close - copied into 5 objections send to P/23/489/OUT
- BCBC - PSPO Dog Control Order consultation
- Urdd Gobaith Cymru - generic funding request

Resolved: The correspondence was noted. The funding request was deferred to the March meeting. The Clerk was asked to respond to the resident of Heol y Groes explaining the council's policy to only put Christmas decorations on the spine roads for most residents to enjoy them and that this year the council had added a Christmas tree pit/tree/light at Coity Road. The Clerk was asked to investigate possibilities for a tree in the area near Heol y Groes roundabout for Christmas 2024.

117/23-24 ITEMS FOR THE FEBRUARY 2024 ORDINARY MEETING

- PCSO Michelle Rees
- Ryan Jones, CAT Business Manager
- Green Spaces Update (AW)
- Community Award 2023
- Summer Holiday 2024 Provision (YW-D, MW)
- Coety Primary Community School Governor
- T&CC Fund 2024/25
- Photocopier Renewal
- Project Quotes

Resolved: It was agreed to keep the agenda open to include urgent items that may arise during the month as the agenda is already quite full.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 8th February 2024 at 7.00 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Zoom.

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm.