

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of Coity Higher Community Council held on Thursday
11th April 2024 at Litchard Primary School and via Zoom**

Attendance: Councillors Y Walton-Davies, L Jeffreys*, G Langdon*, L Lewis* (until pm), A Wathan (Chair), A Williams, M Williams and D Wingar

*Attended via zoom

Apologies: Councillors S Bletsoe, S Charles, L Richards and J Williams

Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of Interest in all relevant BCBC matters were given by Councillors A Wathan, A Williams and M Williams.

Declarations of interest in Coety Primary School were given by Councillor A Williams

Declarations of interest in Litchard Primary School were given by Councillor M Williams

Declarations of interest in Parc Derwen were given by Councillor L Jeffreys

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
159/23-24	Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Councillors S Bletsoe, S Charles, L Richards and J Williams
160/23-24	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above
161/23-24	To receive the Community Award 2023 Winners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair thanked all the winners, Ella Ratucoko and Coity Chiefs Girls FC for their amazing contribution and work within the Coity Higher community.
162/23-24	To ratify the minutes of March 2024 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minutes were accepted and approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.
163/23-24	Matters Arising from the March 2024 Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All the information and action of the Clerk was agreed. Councillors A Williams, M Williams and A Wathan would arrange the printing and delivery of the information to the residents of Parc Derwen.
164/23-24	Armed Forces Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed to sign the Covenant to demonstrate the council's support for the Armed Forces Community and for the principles of the Covenant.

165/23-24	Spring Bulb Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to not order any bulb this year and to consider sowing wildflower seeds instead. It was agreed to consider planting wildflower seeds instead and reconsider purchasing daffodil bulbs in 2025.
166/23-24	New Consultation: Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk would submit feedback from Members on behalf of the council by the due date of 12th April 2024. The Clerk was asked to strongly oppose to the introduction of the closed list system which it considered to be profoundly undemocratic; it breaks the link between the electorate and those that represent them. It also puts too much power in the hands of political parties which further undermines the democratic process. The council also objects to the gender balance proposals. Candidates should be elected on their own strengths not because of gender.
167/23-24	Finance & Accounts including Conclusion of Audit 2022/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authority was given for the payments for March 2024 and the budget monitoring sheet and the Conclusion of Audit for 2022/23 was accepted. • Authority was given for a replacement cheque to be written for room hire at Coety Primary School and the submission of a Rights of Way Claim was noted. • The Chair thanked the Clerk/RFO and Asst. Clerk for their work on the audit.
168/23-24	Clerk's Report including Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information and action of the Clerk were noted. • It was unanimously agreed that the polycarbonate greenhouse must be sited at the rear of the plot and no bigger than 6ft x 4ft). • It was also unanimously agreed that the contractor should be asked to carry out the work when the ground is drier.
169/23-24	Member Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted. • The Clerk was thanked for her work on the Paths to Wellbeing project and

		<p>Councillor Williams was thanked for the presentation. The Clerk was asked to request a copy of the presentations made at the ceremony to share with councillors.</p>
170/23-24	Borough Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted.
171/23-24	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The correspondence was noted. • All financial requests will be deferred to March 2025 except for the 1st Coity Brownies request which is for a trip in May 2024. This was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to donate £240. • It was noted that the Chair is unable to attend the Mayor of Maesteg's Spring Dinner Dance and asked the Clerk to give his apologies. • Councillor M Williams will attend the OVW larger councils' meeting.
172/23-24	Development Control & Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No observations were made on the planning applications.
173/23-24	Items for the Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to keep the agenda open to include items that may arise during the month. • The next ordinary meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May 2024 7.00 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Zoom, but prior to that the Annual Meeting will be held at 6.30 pm.