

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of Coity Higher Community Council held on Thursday
13th March 2025 at 7.00 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Zoom**

Attendance: Councillors S Bletsoe, N Deere*, Y Walton-Davies*, L Jeffreys*, G Langdon*, L Lewis, Alan Wathan (Chair), A Williams*, J Williams, M Williams and D Wingar

*Attended via zoom

Apologies: Councillors L Richards and P Robinson

Public: One

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
Steve Bletsoe	BCBC Matters	All relevant	Member	No/No
Nathan Deere	Bridgend TC V2C	All relevant	Member Employer	No/No No/No
Lynda Jeffreys	Parc Derwen	All relevant	Resident	No/No
Yvonne Walton-Davies	Electoral Review Dr P Davies Sarn Library	154/24-25 147/24-25 156/24-25	Member St Brides Minor CC	No/No No/No No/No
Gareth Langdon	Parc Derwen	All relevant	Resident	No/No
Lisa Lewis	Electoral Review	Brackla CC	Member	No/No
Alan Wathan	BCBC Matters Parc Derwen Bridgend TC	All relevant All relevant All relevant	Member Resident Member	No/No No/No No/No
Amanda Williams	BCBC Matters Coety Primary School Brynteg School Proposals by M Williams	All relevant All relevant All relevant All relevant	Member Chair of Governors Governor Wife	No/No No/No No/No No/No
John Williams	Parc Derwen	All relevant	Resident	No/No
Martin Williams	BCBC Matters Proposals by A Williams Electoral Review Dr P Davies Sarn Library	All relevant All relevant 154/24-25 147/24-25 156/24-25	Member Husband Member St BMCC and Husband of Working Group Member	No/No No/No No/No No/No No/No No/No

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
145/24-25	Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above
146/24-25	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above
147/24-25	To receive Dr Paul Davies ref. Bridgend Energy Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Davies would provide the Clerk with a copy of his presentation. • The council agreed to support the objections. • The Clerk would write and request that CHCC is a consultee due to the proposal's effect on junction 36 and the common land.
148/24-25	To ratify the minutes of the February 2025 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.
149/24-25	Matters Arising from the February 2025 Ordinary Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All information was noted. • The cost of design and print was accepted.
150/24-25	Parc Derwen Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk would write to the Rights of Way department to request a bin be installed on the entrance to the new path.
151/24-25	Feedback from CAT Meeting with BCBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was unanimously agreed to ask the council's Business Manager to amend the business plan to make a case for a longer lease to give CHCC the freedom to trade. • BCBC Officer Z Shell would investigate releasing most of the restrictions within the lease, leaving only building and groundworks restrictions. • The Clerk was asked to write to the Welsh Government asking them to transfer the car park to the CHCC.
152/24-25	Feedback from Taylor Wimpey and REMUS meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerk was asked to purchase a bench for Gerddi'r Castell and arrange its installation. • Councillor A Williams would raise the lack of bins at Oakwood View with Persimmon at the council's next meeting with the management team and ask if one swing can be changed to accommodate a baby/toddler swing. • The Clerk was asked to purchase a bench and arrange its installation in the play area at Oakwood View.

153/24-25	Bus Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The information was noted. The Clerk was asked to contact the BCBC Officer to request a copy of the leases for the bus shelters that are in CHCC's management.
154/24-25	Electoral Arrangement Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coity Higher CC does not accept the proposed adjustment to the boundary change between the proposed Brackla community and the proposed Coity Higher community. It does not accept the proposal to re-align the boundary to place the whole of Brackla Industrial Estate within the Brackla community. Coity Higher strongly suggests that the boundary should be along Wyndham Close and continue to and end at the roundabout at Oakwood View. Coity Higher CC agrees with the proposal to adjust the boundary between the community of Llansantffraid and the community of Coity Higher to transfer the area south of the M4 from the ward of Sarn to the ward of Litchard and the transfer from the ward of Bryncoch to the ward of Coity. The review proposals are not compatible with the two Coity Wallia Acts of 1976 and 2006. BCBC will be aware that the terms of these Acts in their present form must be complied with.
155/24-25	Coity Wallia Board of Conservators Financial Request 25/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A vote was taken. Councillor Lewis voted against all other councillors present voted in favour of £500.
156/24-25	Contribution towards Sarn Library Services 25/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed to defer a decision until the new budget year and to include on the April 2025 agenda, whilst the FO made enquiries to find out if it is within the council's ability to donate towards a service in another council.
157/24-25	Deferred Financial Requests 24/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was unanimously agreed not to give financial support to any of the requests.
158/24-25	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authority was given for the payments for February 2025 and the budget monitoring sheet was accepted and approved.
159/24-25	Clerk's Report including Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All information was approved and accepted. Councillor M Williams made a request to meet with the footpath contractor and the

		<p>Clerk on site to find a way forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the lack of time before grass cutting starts the Clerk was asked to engage the services of an alternative contractor in the same price range as the current contractor. • The best practice document from the Standards Committee will be included for consideration on the April 2025 agenda.
160/24-25	Members Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no members reports.
161/24-25	Borough Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The information was noted.
162/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The correspondence was noted. • IRPW Annual Report 2025 and HCRLaw would be included on the April agenda, the Clerk had acknowledged receipt of the multiple emails from residents regarding the proposals for the common and these had been discussed in item 3 on the agenda. • The FOI request, the allotment tenant and the request to clear the steps on Celtic View had been addressed.
163/24-25	Development Control & Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No objections were made to any of the planning applications.
164/24-25	Items for the Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The April 2025 meeting is an Ordinary Meeting. • Items for the April 2025 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Spring Bulbs ➤ IRPW Annual Report 2025 ➤ HCRLaw - application for consent to construct works on common land ➤ Standards Committee - best practice • The next meeting will be held on 10th April 2025 at 7.00 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Zoom.