

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of Coity Higher Community Council held on Thursday  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.00 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Teams**

**Attendance:** Councillors S Bletsoe, Y Walton-Davies\*, G Langdon\*, L Lewis\*, L Richards\*, P Robinson, Alan Wathan, A Williams\*, M Williams (Chair) and D Wingar

\*Attended via Teams

**Apologies:** Councillor N Deere and J Williams

**No Apologies:**

**Public:** Jason Frowen BCBC T&CC Liaison Officer

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
Steve Bletsoe	Penybont Primary School BCBC DCC Planning	n/a All rel. 108/25-26	Governor Member Member BTC	No/No No/No No/No
Yvonne Walton-Davies	Matters Arising St Brides Minor CC Correspondece	96/25-26 1107/25- 2600/25- 26	Commoner Councillor Ind Member LAF	No/No No/No No/No
Gareth Langdon	Parc Derwen	97/25-26	Resident	No/No
Lisa Lewis	Brackla CC	n/a	Member	No/No
Luke Richards	Ynysawdre CC	n/a	Member	No/No
Peter Robinson	Bridgend TC	108/25-26	DC/Planning	No/No
Alan Wathan	BCBC Parc Derwen	All rel 97/25-26	Member Resident	No/No No/No
Amanda Williams	BCBC Clerk's Report including Project Updates Proposals by M Williams Chair Coety Primary School	All rel 108/25-26 103 All rel. 103/25-26	Member Chair of Governors Wife Governor	No/No No/No No/No No/No
John Williams	Parc Derwen	97/25-26	Resident	No/No
Martin Williams	BCBC Proposals by A Williams Litchard Primary School St Brides Minor CC	All rel. All rel. n/a 100/25-26	Member Husband LEA Governor Councillor	No/No No/No No/No No/No

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
92/25-26	Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
93/25-26	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
94/25-26	To receive Jason Frowen, BCBC T&CC Liaison Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted.</li> </ul>
95/25-26	To ratify the Minutes of the October 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes of the October 2025 Ordinary Meeting were accepted and approved as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.</li> </ul>
96/25-26	Matters Arising from the October 2025 Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> </ul>
97/25-26	Developer Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The information was noted.</li> </ul>
98/25-26	CAT Lease Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC and copy in the Leader and CEO to say CHCC proposes a meeting in December, followed by receipt of a first draft agreement which will be put to full council in January 2026. Then, following feedback from CHCC to receive an updated 2<sup>nd</sup> draft with the aim of achieving a firm agreement by the end of the financial year.</li> </ul>
99/25-26	Project Ideas for Precept 26/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All suggestions will be considered by the Finance Committee when pulling together a first draft precept budget for 2026/27.</li> </ul>
100/25-26	Community Bus and Digital Footpath Map Working Groups Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was resolved that both working groups would meet again on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Each council representative will work out their required route for the bus service and carry out their own consultations and when they meet in January they will see if they can 'join up' their routes. If that is possible, they will then arrange to meet as a group with local bus companies to look at prices.</li> <li>The Digital Footpath Map meeting representatives were also asked to look at what footpaths they wanted to include in their part of a route and again at their January meeting will look to see if they can make a route from all the proposed routes.</li> </ul>
101/25-26	Vacancies - Allotment Committee, Finance Committee, One Voice Wales Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor P Robinson was nominated and unanimously voted to be the Allotment Committee and Finance Committee</li> </ul>

	Committee and deputy T&CC Forum	<p>member.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor S Bletsoe was nominated an unanimously elected to be the Deputy T&amp;CC Forum representative in Councillor Lisa Lewis' absence.</li> <li>• The vacancy for the OVW Area Committee would be kept open and considered following the co-option to fill the Pendre ward vacancy.</li> </ul>
102/25-26	Finance & Accounts incl. Conclusion of Audit 2024/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authority was given for the payments for October 2025 and the budget monitoring sheet was accepted and approved.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to write to Audit Wales to express the council's disappointment with the VAT comment and explain why.</li> </ul>
103/25-26	Clerk's Report including project updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> <li>• It was unanimously agreed that the Chair can sign the licence for the school footpaths when it's received.</li> <li>• It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk could make the arrangements for the agreed play area contractor to order the equipment and get an installation date.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to respond saying we have done identical leases with other organisations and they had paid their own fees and given the council a commuted sum and the council's solicitor fees in this matter are only £1,500 plus disbursements so this is the maximum we are happy to pay the landowner's solicitor.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to express the council's dismay at the profiteering on our community where the council is striving, as always, to obtain best value for its residents.</li> <li>• It was unanimously agreed to refer SSE to OFGEM and to copy in the CEO of SSE to the letter.</li> </ul>
104/25-26	Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair's attendance at the following were noted: laid CHCC's remembrance wreath at Coty War Memorial, attended an SLCC/OVW online conference, a T&amp;CC Chairs &amp; Clerks meeting, a DCC Meeting (as a borough member), presented CHCC's donation cheque to Bridgend Hospital Radio and attended Coety Primary School's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.</li> </ul>

105/25-26	Member Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Alan Wathan had laid CHCC's remembrance wreath at Bridgend Town Council's remembrance service. Councillor John Williams' information was noted.</li> </ul>
106/25-26	Borough Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor A Williams updated members on parking issues, landscaping, drug issues and a disappointing DCC meeting.</li> </ul>
107/25-26	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The correspondence was noted.</li> <li>• The Clerk had accepted the invitation to be part of the BCBC/T&amp;CC working group, agreement to wear chains had been given, the two financial requests were deferred to March 2026, the location payment of £300 was noted, it was agreed to sign the licence for the footpath at Coety Primary School, the Clerk had given advice to the Troes resident, the council had previously responded regarding Quiet Lanes and the residents' objections would be discussed in the next item. The SSE response had been discussed in minute 103/25-26</li> </ul>
108/25-26	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk was asked to request that CHCC is a consultee on the McDonald's application. Councillor Peter Robinson was asked to submit his letter and the Clerk was asked to write and endorse it on behalf of CHCC.</li> </ul>
109/25-26	Urgent items for the December 2025 Precept Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting will be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at the earlier time of 6.30 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Teams</li> </ul> <p>➤ Co-option Pendre Ward</p>