



COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14th MAY 2026 AT 7.00 PM at COETY PRIMARY SCHOOL and via Teams

Present: Councillor A Wathan (Chair)

Councillors: S Bletsoe (via Teams from 7.58 pm)
A Davies
Y Walton-Davies
N Deere (via Teams)
G Langdon (via Teams)
L Lewis (via Teams)
L Richards
P Robinson
A Williams
J Williams
M Williams
D Wingar

Apologies: None

Public: One member of the public and Inspector A Phillips

Staff: A Harris (Clerk & RFO), P Ley (Asst Clerk & FO)

Minute 1/26-27

2/26-27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
Steve Bletsoe	BCBC Bridgend TC	All relevant n/a	Member Member	No/No No/No
Yvonne Walton-Davies	St Brides Minor CC	n/a	Member	No/No
Nathan Deere	Any V2C discussion	14/26-27	Employee of V2C	No/No
Gareth Langdon	Parc Derwen	6/26-27	Resident	No/No
Lisa Lewis	Brackla CC	n/a	Member	No/No
Luke Richards	Ynysawdre CC	18/26-27	Member	No/No
Alan Wathan	BCBC Parc Derwen	All relevant 6/26-27	Member Resident	No/No No/No
Amanda Williams	BCBC Proposals by M Williams Chair Coety Primary School Playscheme Financial Request	All relevant 8/26-27 17/26-27 n/a 12 & 18/26- 27	Member Wife Chair of Governors Friend of contractor Member Coity Festivals	No/No No/No No/No No/No No/No
John Williams	Parc Derwen	6/26-27	Resident	No/No
Martin Williams	BCBC Proposals by A Williams Litchard Primary School St Brides Minor CC Playscheme Financial Request	All relevant n/a n/a n/a n/a 12 & 18/26- 27	Member Husband LEA Governor Councillor Friend of contractor Member Coity Festivals	No/No No/No No/No No/No No/No No/No
David Wingar	Playscheme	n/a	Friend of contractor	No/No

3/26-27 TO RECEIVE INSPECTOR A PHILLIPS

The Chair welcomed Inspector Phillips to the meeting; Inspector Phillips introduced himself. A report had been provided prior to the meeting and Inspector Phillips talked the council through it, this included the neighbourhood support team, anti-social behaviour reports etc.

Concerns were raised by councillors and a member of the public on the cars racing around Coity and Litchard with modified noisy exhausts during the early hours of the morning. Concerns were also raised about young people on electric scooters. It was noted that descriptions, footage, registration details etc have been passed to SW Police but no action has been taken. Councillor Deere asked if the complaints warrant a traffic survey in the areas and asked if the Inspector would support it. He agreed and said it would need to be referred to the local authority.

Other concerns were the vandalism at the 4G pitch with holes being cut in the fencing, issues with e-bikes and of particular concern is the targeted abuse being received by residents of the village. Councillor M Williams asked if incidents regularly reported at the same residences are mapped and linked together and Inspector Phillips assured Councillor Williams that they are mapped and dealt with by multi-agencies. Councillor Davies raised her concern that there is no mention of disability hate crimes which are happening, issues with on-going parking on dropped kerbs and garden overgrowth which is a problem for the disabled.

Operation Snap, the SW wide initiative on the reporting of people using mobile phones whilst driving was also discussed as was the quality of driving and the lack of deterrence.

Resolved: Inspector Phillips urged people to report all crimes to 101 or use South Wales Listens. Councillors Wathan and A Williams said they would speak to Councillor Davies about her concerns.

4/26-27 TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2026 ORDINARY MEETING

The Minutes of the April 2026 Ordinary and Extraordinary Meetings were presented for approval.

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

5/26-27 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE APRIL 2026 ORDINARY and EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS

There were no matters arising from the Extraordinary Meeting.

Ordinary Meeting:

Minute 188/25-26 Council Meeting Venue

Permission had been sought and granted if the council wishes to use the community centre for its meetings.

Minute 189/25-26 Coty Higher Community Centre Update including PiPIF

PiPIF would be dealt with in item 11 on the agenda. There had been no feedback received from the FAW to Ryan's enquiries regarding the changing rooms.

Minute 190//25-26 Demonstration of App for Lone Workers

This is deferred to the June 2026 meeting.

Minute 191/25-26 Confidential Item

All actions had been carried out and the Clerk gave feedback.

Resolved: The information was noted.

6/26-27 DEVELOPER UPDATE

Councillor A Williams gave an update on Parc Derwen. There had not been a meeting with Persimmon. Issues continue with street lighting not working, kerbs reported damaged and overgrowth cutback including a residents dispute. Grass cutting had not progressed, there were issues with noisy drains and deliveries arriving for the last part of the development outside of the agreed hours during the school run and there have been issues with the woods.

Councillor Langdon raised an issue with a kerb.

Resolved: The information was noted. Councillor Langdon will raise the issue with the kerb direct with Councillor A Williams.

7/26-27 COMMUNITY AWARD 2025

A draft Community Award notice had been included with the meeting papers and this was approved for publishing.

Resolved: The Clerk would publish the notice in the council's noticeboards, on its website and ask councillors to share it on their social media pages and local hubs.

8/26-27 COMMUNITY ACCESS PLAN REVISIT

Councillor M Williams gave some background information on how the council had worked in the past to draw up a Community Access Plan which had attracted funding and a lot of projects had been completed since its inception. He noted that Councillor A Davies was part of the original team and now that she has returned to the councillor it is the ideal time to refresh the plan. The plan is on the council's website and the Clerk had paper copies for any councillor wishing to have a hard copy. This was discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to set up a meeting of the Community Access Plan group to look at new areas of concerns such as RTA on Heol Simonstone, the bridge across the by-pass and to look at it again from a DDA perspective. The Clerk was asked to write to Persimmon to ask if the council can be involved in discussions regarding the crossing point from Parc Derwen to Sainsburys.

9/26-27 WORK AT TANYRALLT AVENUE PLAY AREA, PENDRE

Work by BCBC had commenced on the council's leased land at Tanyrallt Avenue without notification on 8th April to carry out some drainage work. Whilst this work is welcomed the council noted that as a BCBC tenant it had not been notified of the proposed works. Work continues there and it is now continuing on the opposite side of the play area next to the council's small community orchard. After contacting the Highways team to ask what was being done, the Clerk had received a reply saying that BCBC land ownership records show this as being under BCBC's parks department's control. This was discussed.

Resolved: The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC to express their disappointment that no notice was served to CHCC and to ask when the work will be finished as we have not been informed. The letter should also ask for reassurance on whether it is safe for the play area to remain open.

10/26-27 ALLOWANCES POLICY UPDATE

Due to the resolutions made in the previous Annual Meeting this item was deferred to the June meeting.

Resolved: The information was noted.

NOTE: Councillor Steve Bletsoe joined the meeting at 7.58 pm

11/26-27 COITY HIGHER COMMUNITY CENTRE UPATE including PiPIF APPLICATION

Councillor A Wathan gave an update on where the situation since the last update. There was a long discussion on whether to write and withdraw. Councillor M Williams asked for it to be minuted that it is his preference that the council walks away from the project. Councillor G Langdon made a proposal to consider the current situation and not respond to recent correspondence for a month, this was seconded and a vote taken.

Resolved: Councillors A Davies, Yvonne W-Davies, G Langdon, S Bletsoe, N Deere, A Wathan and A Williams voted in favour (7 votes) against Councillors M Williams, P Robinson, J Williams, L Richards, D Wingar and L Lewis (6 votes). The proposal was to consider the current situation and not respond to recent correspondence for a month was agreed.

12/26-27 ONE VOICE WALES CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

There were two documents in the meeting papers on this pledge. One explaining the reason behind it and the other a form for the council to complete and sign.

Resolved: The information was unanimously accepted and approved and agreement given to complete the form and sign it.

13/26-27 FINANCE & ACCOUNTS**1.Payment of Cheques**

Authority was requested for the payments of all the invoices listed on the expenditure sheet shown below:

Payee	Description	£	p
HMRC	NI & PAYE April 2026		
RCT Pension	Staff Costs April 2026		
Clerk	April 2026 Salary		
Clerk	Expenses: Mileage April 2026 £40.50	40	50
Asst. Clerk	April 2026 Salary		
Asst. Clerk	Expenses: Mileage April 2026 £21.15 Microsoft Annual Subscription £84.99 Postage (allotment tenancies) £33.67	139	81
SLCC	Annual Membership Renewal 2026 (divide x 3)	442	00
Thomas Fattorini Ltd	Design, provision of chain of office and storage box	8,659	55
Garw Valley CC	Storage Room Hire April 2026	10	00
Maison et Jardin	Inv 7005 - Footpath maintenance no 12 (x 4), 14, 12a, 46 (x 2), 8 (x 2), 12a/46, 35, 36 £225.00 Inv 7006 - collect and install Welsh language play area sign for Llys Gwyn play area £49.50	274	50
Evans Gardening Services	Grass cutting April 2026	709	00
MS Waste Management	10 bins Parc Derwen 2 nd March to 3 rd April 2026	877	50
MS Waste Management	Waste bin collection and disposal service March 2026	126	00
Apogee Corporation Ltd	Print and copy 30/4/26 to 30/7/26 (divide x 3)	129	13
BNP Paribas	Photocopier hire (divide x 3)	337	39
MS Waste Man.	Ten bins Parc Derwen from 6 th April to 1 st May 2026	706	00
MS Waste Man.	Waste bin collection and disposal service April 2026	126	00
United Graphic Design	Provision of 3 play area signs (1 for Llys Gwyn and 2 spare)	524	16

2. Budget Monitoring, Accounts & Budgets

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

3. Financial Request (item 10 on the Correspondence sheet)

A request had been received from Coity Festivals for a skip for Jam in the Castle 2026.

Resolved: Authority was given for the payments for April 2026 and the budget monitoring sheet was accepted and approved. Authority was given to the Clerk to arrange a skip for Coity Festivals.

14/26-27 CLERK'S REPORT INCLUDING PROJECT UPDATES

CAT Update this had been given in minute no 11/26-27

Project Updates

Llys Gwyn Play Area: English and Welsh management signs have been installed.

Black Path Project: updated quotes for all suppliers have been obtained. The Clerk asked for authority to go ahead with the whole project.

Coity Castle Play Area Lease: no further update.

Other Matters

Electricity Supply Coity Castle: an OFGEM online account has been received and Councillor A Williams has uploaded the correspondence.

T&CC Grant Funding: Both T&CC grant applications have been submitted for all weather ground cover and a third quote had been obtained and submitted to meet the council's financial regulations requirement.

Power Washing Tanyrallt Avenue Play Area: on hold until the drainage work is completed.

Weed Spraying Parc Derwen: the Clerk gave an update on a request from Persimmon.

Allotment Gardens: the Clerk gave an update on 3 small issues at the allotment garden regarding the SLA for bees, falling apples and the side of a plot being narrowed.

Licence Coety Primary School Footpaths: the Chair was asked to re-sign the licence as BCBC are unable to find the original signed copy.

Allotment Support Grant Funding Scheme: this scheme is open to applications again this year. The Clerk asked if the council wanted her to update and re-submit an application to complete the allotment garden roadway?

Resolved: All information was noted and approved. The Clerk was given unanimous authority to go ahead with the Black Path project and order the equipment and arrange for installation. The Clerk was given authority to apply to the Allotment

Support Grant Funding Scheme and the Chair will re-sign the Coety Primary School footpaths licence.

15/26-27 CHAIR'S REPORT

The incoming Chair had nothing to report.

The outgoing Chair, Councillor M Williams had attended the opening of the allotment footpaths which the council had obtained grant funding for. He had been handed a letter to the council thanking them for their help.

Resolved: The information was noted. The letter from Coety Primary School was received with thanks.

16/26-27 MEMBER REPORTS

Councillor J Williams: reported that a public footpath sign had disappeared; this had been reported. He also said he'd check on whether a particular footpath needed cutting.

Councillor Y Walton-Davies: gave an update on a recent visit to Mynydd y Gaer with a local historian highlighting the depth of digging is not deep enough, the history of Gilfach Church and remnants of a crashed war airplane which is a war grave. It was noted that a local walk is available to book which may reveal further historical links to Mynydd y Gaer on 20th June via Eventbrite.

Resolved: The information was noted.

17/26-27 BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATES

Councillor A Williams: gave an update on the Coety Primary School extension and that highways issues are being dealt with by BCBC' CEO.

Resolved: The information was noted.

18/26-27 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:

- Resident Parc Derwen - complaint ref bin at the bottom of Parc Derwen.
- Emma Louise School of Dance - email ref. financial request.
- Wales Air Ambulance - thank you for the recent donation

- Coity Festivals - request for provision of skip for Jam in the Castle
- Ynysawdre CC - rescheduled T&CC Chairs & Clerks meeting

Resolved: The correspondence was accepted. The on-going issues with the bin at Parc Derwen was discussed and the Clerk was asked to have it removed and relocated. A financial request application form had been sent to Emma Louise School of Dance but had not been returned in order for council to consider the request. The request from Coity Festivals had been agreed in minute 13/26-27. Other information was noted.

NOTE: Councillor A Wathan left the meeting at 8.55 pm and did not take part in the next item. Councillor M Williams, as Vice-Chair, chaired the next item.

19/26-27 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AND PLANNING MATTERS

5 planning application had been received, along with 5 decisions and 0 appeals and 1 item of correspondence from Planning Aid Wales. The planning applications were discussed.

Resolved: The planning items and correspondence were noted.

20/26-27 ITEMS FOR THE JUNE 2026 ORDINARY MEETING

- Community Award 25/26 Nominations
- Spring Bulb Order for Autumn 2026
- Internal Audit and Audit Statement
- Draft Terms of Reference for Committees
- Draft Allowances Policy Update

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

The next council meeting will be held on 11th June 2026 at 7.00 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Teams.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.