

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of Coity Higher Community Council held on Thursday
9th July 2026 at 7.00 via Teams**

Attendance: Councillors S Bletsoe (from 7.11pm)*, Y Walton-Davies (from 7.36 pm), N Deere, G Langdon*, L Lewis*, L Richards*, P Robinson, A Wathan (Chair), A Williams, J Williams and M Williams.

Apologies: Councillor D Wingar

No Apologies: Councillor A Davies

Public: Mr & Mrs Stoneham for item 3 on the agenda.

Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
Steve Bletsoe	BCBC Bridgend TC	All relevant 57/26-27	Member Member	No/No No/No
Yvonne Walton-Davies	St Brides Minor CC	57 & 58/26-27	Member	No/No
Nathan Deere	Any V2C discussion Bridgend TC	56/26-27 57/26-27	Employee of V2C Member	No/No No/No
Gareth Langdon	Parc Derwen	46 & 55/26-27	Resident	No/No
Lisa Lewis	Brackla CC	n/a	Member	No/No
Luke Richards	Ynysawdre CC	54/26-27	Member	No/No
Peter Robinson	Bridgend TC	57/26-27	Member	No/No
Alan Wathan	BCBC Parc Derwen Bridgend TC	All relevant 46 & 55 /26-27 57/26-27	Member Resident Member	No/No No/No No/No
Amanda Williams	BCBC Proposals by M Williams Chair Coety Primary School Playscheme Finance & Accounts Payment to Coity	All relevant 54/26-27 54/26-27 54/26-27 53/26-27	Member Wife Chair of Governors Friend of contractor Member Coity Festivals	No/No No/No No/No No/No No/No

	Festivals			
John Williams	Parc Derwen	46 & 55/26-27	Resident	No/No
Martin Williams	BCBC Proposals by A Williams Litchard Primary School St Brides Minor CC Playscheme Finance & Accounts Payment to Coity Festivals	All relevant n/a 49/26-27 57 & 58/26-27 54/26-27 53/26-27	Member Husband LEA Governor Councillor Friend of contractor Member Coity Festivals	No/No No/No No/No No/No No/No No/No

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
41/26-27	Apologies for Absence	As above
42/26-27	Declarations of Interest	As above
43/26-27	To receive Annette Stoneham for the Community Award Presentation 2025	The award is very well deserved.
44/26-27	To ratify the Minutes of the June Ordinary Meeting	The Minutes were accepted and approved as a true record of the meetings and were signed by the Chair.
45/26-27	Matters Arising from the June 2026 Ordinary Meetings	- The information was noted. - The Clerk was asked to send the letter ref Tanyrallt Avenue play area to Janine Nightingale.
46/25-26	Developer Update	The information was noted.
47/25-26	Christmas 2026	- The Clerk will obtain 3 quotes for Christmas provision to be an item on the September 2026 meeting agenda for consideration. - The Clerk was asked to write to St Mary's Church, Gillead Chapel, Litchard Mission and the two primary schools to see if there is the possibility of working together and to see what their plans are for Christmas 2026.
48/26-27	Coity Higher Community Centre Update incl. PiPIF application and response to BCBC letter ref funding	It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk will acknowledge receipt of Martyn Morgan's email and let him know that Councillor Amanda Williams will respond in

		full to his email correspondence ref PiPIF. Councillor Williams will also chase up the draft Heads of Terms and the licence for the nursery.
49/26-27	Vacancy Litchard Primary School Governor	It was unanimously agreed that Councillor Yvonne Walton-Davies will remain as the council's representative governor at Litchard Primary School.
50/26-27	Allotment Garden Rent Increase 27/28	It was unanimously agreed to raise the rent for a full plot by £1 to £48 in 2027/28.
51/26-27	Green Space off Heol y Groes, Litchard	It was unanimously agreed to ask the Clerk to make tentative enquiries to Persimmon to see if they would be happy for the council to take it over.
52/26-27	Confidential Staff Committee Recommendations	This item is confidential.
53/26-27	Finance & Accounts including Finance Committee Recommendations and financial request from Bridgend Hospital Radio	- Authority was given for the payments for June 2026 and the budget monitoring sheet was accepted and approved. - The financial request was deferred to the March 2027 meeting and the Clerk as asked to direct them to Persimmon's Community funding pot. - All Finance & Resources Committee recommendations were approved and authority given to action all the changes. - The external audit has been prepared and posted to Audit Wales and the tracker number is showing received on 7th July 2026.
54/26-27	Clerk's Report including project updates	- All information was noted and approved. - The Clerk asked for authority to carry out all the repair, maintenance and improvement works noted in the report and this was unanimously agreed. - Authority was given to order the Portaloo. It was agreed to remove the pendant from the past chains of office and to arrange for it to be attached to a new ribbon for use by the Vice-Chair. - Authority was given for a communal skip for the allotment garden in late September when tenants are cleaning up their plots. - Authority was not given for ponds to be installed at the allotment. - The Interim Deputy Clerk's contract of employment was approved and the Chair and Deputy Clerk signed the document.

55/26-27	Member Reports	• The information was noted.
56/26-27	Borough Council Updates	• The information was noted including the fact that some years ago the council had requested a parcel of land next to the new school site to provide further allotments. • An increase in anti-social behaviour was also noted.
57/26-27	Correspondence	• The correspondence was accepted and information noted. • The resident complaint about the e-scooters and bikes had been given the South Wales Listens info to report it. • The resident asking about the use of common land had been referred to Coity Wallia Board of Conservators. I • It was agreed that Councillor Luke Richards will be the council's representative on BTC's Twinning Advisory Committee. • The Clerk was asked to write to the resident asking about a defibrillator for Pendre to say that if the enquiries he mentions in his correspondence are feasible, then to come back to the council for further consideration. • Councillor Deere agreed to speak to BCBC's lighting manager regarding the feasibility of adapting a lighting column.
58/26-27	Planning	• The planning items and correspondence were noted. • The Clerk was asked to submit an objection to the proposed wind farm planning application stating that the council's view is that the 1976 Coity Wallia Act is the correct legislation for this planning application and not 2006 Commons Act and that only the Coity Wallia Board of Conservators has the power to deregister common land. • In addition the council would like to endorse the comments submitted by Dr Paul Davies and ask his permission to attach a copy of his objection to the council's response.
59/26-27	Items for the September 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting	• The next council meeting will be the Ordinary September 2026 Meeting. Which will be held at Litchard Primary School and via Teams at 7.00 pm on 10th September

		2026. • It was agreed to keep the agenda open to include urgent items that may arise during the month. ➤ Draft Training Plan 26/27 ➤ Draft Annual Report 25/26 ➤ Update from Community Access Plan Committee ➤ Conclusion of 25/26 External Audit ➤ 3 Quotes for Christmas 2026 provision ➤ Representation at T&CC Forum Meetings
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