

Chairman: Councillor Martyn Jones JP

Clerk/RFO: Mrs. Deborah Roberts

Llangynwyd Lower Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Isaf Llangynwyd

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th September 2023
At the Coytrahen Community Centre

The Meeting commenced at 6.00pm, in Councillor Martyn Jones absence it was chaired by **Vice Chairperson Councillor Mrs. G. J. Faulkner** who welcomed members and Mr. Luke Fletcher MS at the meeting.

Also in attendance: -

Councillors: Mr. D. Davies, Mr. P. Gronow, Mr. J. Windsor, Mrs. J. Roberts.

Clerk: Mrs. D. Roberts.

Mr. Luke Fletcher MS

23/09/01 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mr. M. Jones and Councillor Mrs. J. Morgan.

23/09/02 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Mr. J. Windsor, Mrs. G. J. Faulkner and Mrs. J Roberts on all matters relating to the Coytrahen Community Association- Committee Members.

23/09/03 Police Matters

No Police Officer in attendance. The clerk has had no response from the local PCSO after contacting South Wales Police online requesting the local PCSO to make contact.

23/09/04 Confirm the Minutes of the July 2023 Meeting

Resolved: That the members present unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the July 2023 Full Council Meeting were a true record.

23/09/05 Matters arising from the July 2023 Meeting

- Members didn't walk all the rights of way during the Month of August, except for Councillor Jones who walked part of the route.

- BT Open Reach by the Bus shelter manhole has been repaired.

- After a discussion to preserve the wood on the walkway through the entrance of the Watercourse, it was agreed for Menshed to lift the mesh, request the area to be Jet washed before the Menshed paint the wood and replace it with a stronger mesh.
Resolved: Cllr Davies will contact the Menshed for a quote in lifting, painting and then replace it with an alternative mesh wire.

- The Access gate at the top of Cildaudy Road leading onto Footpath 5 is being left open at times. Cllr Davies has signage stating Farm Livestock to attach to the gate. Cllrs discussed replacing the gate with a wooden stile or a kissing gate.
Resolved: Clerk will contact BCBC to make a request that the gate be changed to protect the livestock.
- Memorial Day, which was a joint venture with the Community Council and the Community Association, went very well. A suggestion for next year was for posters to be placed just as a gentle reminder.
- Discussion regarding replacing the Vandalised Bench, Cllrs agreed to replace the Bench in readiness for next spring. And in the meantime, Menshed to paint the remaining Bench with fire resistant paint. This will be included in next year's expenditure.
Resolved: Cllr Davies to inform Menshed of a new Bench and treat existing Bench with Fire-resistant paint.

23/09/06 Discussion with Mr. Luke Fletcher MS

Councillor Faulkner again welcomed and thanked Mr. Fletcher for attending the meeting to discuss outstanding issues raised in previous meetings.

Mr. Fletcher apologised for not attending the previous meeting.

After a Lengthy discussion, Members thanked Mr. Fletcher for approaching BCBC regarding road safety with regards to a crossing.

On discussing the crossing, Mr. Fletcher is aware members want the crossing by the bus stop in the village and not by the Community Centre as BCBC stated in an email which deemed unsafe to progress with.

Cllr Roberts stated it would be beneficial by the bus shelter in the village by the estate to cross for the school bus, and there is quite a few elderly living in the village.

With regards to BCBC response to the suggested match funding of £20,000 for a crossing.

Mr. Fletcher agreed to enquire about this on behalf of the Cllrs.

Members mentioned the current Island crossing is dangerous, even unable to cross safely with a pushchair.

Mr. Fletcher walked the public pavement between Tondu and Coytrahen on the A4063 on his way to the meeting tonight and found it slippery, quite overgrown and agreed it doesn't feel safe due to the overgrowth and the speed of the traffic.

The playpark is scheduled for refurbishment in 2026.

Councillors explained how frustrating it is to have no response from Councillor E. Richards as the Village is very active, lately been awarded £100,000 to convert the changing rooms in the Community Centre and feel there's no representative in the Bridgend area for any help that is needed in the Village.

Mr. Fletcher agreed to be the contact, also very keen to attend meetings on a quarterly basis, to feedback information rather than just by email, or sooner if required.

Concerns were raised over the speed through the lane, Mr. Fletcher will address this.

Cllr Faulkner and members thanked Mr. Fletcher for attending the meeting.
Mr. Fletcher thanked all for their hospitality, leaving the meeting at 6.25pm.

23/09/07 Village Christmas Tree

Due to Councillor Mrs. J. Morgan's absence, discussion for the Village Christmas Tree is to be placed on October's agenda for the next Full Council meeting.

23/09/08 Update on Lease agreement for CAT of the Playing Field

Cllr Faulkner said she had spoken to Sasha from Llais y Coedwig, who would be willing to come to a meeting and discuss the future of the trees planted in the Playing Field.
Cllr Faulkner requested the Lease agreement to be placed on next month's agenda.

23/09/09 Website

Members were informed the Community Council Website hasn't been active since January. The Clerk checked and informed members that it is active as Councillor Morgan has been updating and upgrading it over the past few months. Cllr Faulkner agreed.

23/09/10 Playground and Road Safety

As discussed above with Mr. Luke Fletcher MS.
The Playground is due to be refurbished in 2026.
Correspondence for Road Safety is ongoing between BCBC and Mr. Fletcher on behalf of the Community Council.

23/09/11 Update on the upgrade of CCTV

Councillor Faulkner who is a member of the Community Association informed Members no emergency meeting was arranged regarding the upgrade of the CCTV system, informing members the Association had contacted BCBC but with no response yet suggesting for will be discussed at the next Association meeting.

23/09/12 Town & Community Capital Grant scheme

In Councillor Jones' absence, Councillor Faulkner requested this be placed on next month's agenda.

23/09/13 Audit report

Mr. Deryck Evans' findings of the Audit stated no matters have come to his attention to give cause for concern. However, he did draw attention to the Internal Auditor's recommendation regarding risk assessment which is currently a work in progress.

23/09/14 **Correspondence**

- Clerk read out a copy of letter sent to BCBC from a local resident, requesting calming lines/speed restriction through the lane this was read to the members.
- Correspondence from Chris Elmore MP and Traffic & Transportation regarding the crossing, suggesting Match funding for Pedestrian crossing which was discussed with Mr Luke Fletcher tonight.
- Plantscape confirmed the switch on, of the 10 Solar Christmas tree Lights. 5-10pm from 30th November to the 5th January.
- Query regarding Bin theft by Nichols Arms. Outcome was it was removed and replaced with a Dog Fowl bin by the Community Centre.
- Currently no update on the recent Tree Survey undertaken on the Watercourse during August.
- Zurich Insurance have responded they do not recommend installers for CCTV. Bench not listed on Insurance.

23/09/15 **Planning Matters**

Application proposal for Erection of demountable industrial buildings ancillary to existing operations at WEPA UK Ltd, Bridgend Paper Mills. Llangynwyd. CF34 9RS.

Resolved: Members had no objections to the Application.

23/09/16 **Members Report**

- Councillor Roberts informed members, the Parks department at BCBC had power washed all flooring, bench and play equipment in the Playpark, also signage had been damaged from the playpark fencing.
Resolved: Clerk to contact Parks to request a replacement for the damaged signage.
- The Village Halloween party run by Councillor Roberts will take place on 31st October has requested £100.00 (one hundred pounds) which will cover costs for a disco, fancy dress, and sweets for the Children of the Village.
Resolved: Cllr Roberts will present the clerk with an invoice for £100. Proposed by Cllr G.J. Faulkner seconded by Cllr J. Windsor.
- BT Open Reach manhole opposite the Nichols Arms Public house by the Bus shelter is broken.
Resolved: Clerk to report to BT Open Reach.
- The litter picker has broken requests were made to buy another 3 for Councillors to use in the village.
Resolved: All members agreed Cllr Davies to order these and invoice the Clerk.
- Fencing has been replaced on the A4063 between Coytrahen and Tondu.
- Members discussed the current state of the Footpaths and the Knotweed, as they haven't been attended to this year. Members were informed company TR33 who BCBC use can treat this.
Resolved: Clerk to contact TR33 for a quote regarding the Knotweed and contact local Community Councils with regards to who maintains their Footpaths.
- There is a Pothole just off the A4063 entering the Estate by the telephone box.
Resolved: Clerk to contact Highways.

Daffodils have been delivered from Bakers DIY, Aberkenfig. Cllr Davies and Cllr Gronow will plant shortly.

- Cllr Faulkner asked members if someone could attend One Voice Wales meetings to represent the Community Council. All Members regrettably declined due to other commitments.
- The Cherry Tree opposite Heol Coed Leyshon needs cutting back. BCBC are aware due to the recent visit regarding the Ash Trees down the Watercourse.
- The lighting is out on the Bollard on the central pedestrian crossing in the village on the A4063.

Resolved: Clerk will report to Highways.

- Cllr Roberts discussed more plants needed and possibly lighting for the planter in the winter months.

23/09/17 Finance

The Clerk presented Members with an updated schedule of payments. Members were informed of the current financial position of the council.

Resolved: That the balances were noted.

23/09/18 Public participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

23/09/19 Items for the October meeting

Village Christmas Tree
Update on Lease agreement for CAT of the Playing Field
Town & Community Capital Grant scheme

23/09/20 Date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the Council will meet on Thursday the 26th of October 2023 at 6pm.

With there being no further business to discuss, the Chairperson thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 7.30pm.

Chairman Date