**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24th of April 2024 at Coytrahen Community Centre**

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and chaired by Councillor Mr Martyn Jones. Cllr. Jones introduced and welcomed Coytrahen & Aberkenfig new local County Councillor Gary Haines.

Councillors In Attendance:-

* Cllr. D Davies.
* Cllr. P Gronow
* Cllr. G Faulkner
* Cllr. J Roberts
* Cllr. J Windsor
* Cllr. J Morgan
* Cllr. G Haines
* Clerk: Mrs. Louise Turner
1. **Apologies for Absence.**

None

1. **Declaration of Interest.**
* Cllr Faulkner & Cllr. Roberts on all matters relating to the Coytrahen Community Association.
* Committee Members Cllr. Jones Councillor for Bridgend County Borough Councillor on all matters relating to Bridgend County Borough Council.
1. **Police Matters**
* No Police Officers were in attendance and no incidents have been reported.
* Clerk to contact PCSO to invite them to our next Council Meeting.
1. **Minutes/Matters Arising From the March Council Meeting.**
* Cllr. Jones read and agreed to the minutes for March.
* Cllr. Roberts continues to advocate for having a crossing within the village. Cllr. Haines was present, and the matter was discussed. Cllr. Haines acknowledges the need and will advocate for it.
* “Mynydd Ty Talwyn” Energy Park (Wind Turbines). The clerk emailed the project coordinator with regards to an update and concerns with regards to the lack of information on meetings held within the community. The response email was read during the meeting (see letter attached).
* Due to Cllr Davies enjoying gardening and other Cllr members wishing to help, it was decided that we could thank Allan Aubrey (the gardener) who’s helped us maintain it to date and advise that the Cllr. would like to maintain it themselves. Cllr. Faulkner offered to telephone Allan to advise him and thank him for his services and would enquire if there are any outstanding invoices.
* Cllr. Davies will collect the mower from B.G.S. Motors & Mowers.
* The membership for “One Voice” has been renewed.
* Cllr. Davies and Cllr. Roberts have placed bollards across the wooden bridge in the watercourse and a Danger Sign due to the mesh being broken, causing the surface to become slippery. It was agreed that the “Men Shed” would be approached to make good. Cllr. Davies will arrange this.
* The new defibrillator will be ordered.
* Cllr. Jones has contacted BCBC to inform them that LLCC wishes to relinquish the lease agreement for the watercourse; this has now been acknowledged and passed to Pippa Kessell (BCBC).
1. **Matters to be discussed in April’s meeting**
* Memorial Day (Date and Time TBC) The Community Centre Association would like to inquire if LLCC would like to continue to undertake a joint venture together this year.
* Damage to the bus shelter near Shwt Bridge: The clerk reported this to BCBC Public Transport. Email acknowledged, advising the shelter will be surveyed and repaired accordingly.
* The condition of the steel container and refuge collecting in the layby north of Ty Mel (A4063) and the lack of luminous markers for public safety. The clerk reported this with no response to date.
* Damage Lamp Stand north of the Nicholls Arms, the clerk reported. An email of acknowledgement was received, advising it will be looked at and the case is closed.
* The clerk will email Cllr. Haines including photos and the reference numbers for all reports of repairs. Cllr. Haines will help to monitor the repairs and outcomes.

1. **Correspondence.**
* **March:**
The Council received a letter of request from Mr. Keith Falkner on behalf of the Coytrahen Community Association. For a financial contribution. Mr. Faulkner has been contacted, and a grant form will be sent to CCA should he wish to make an application in the future.
* **April:**

The council received a letter of request from Bois Goetre-Hen Male Choir for financial contributions. It was agreed that LLCCs are not in a position to provide financial contributions. Clerk to email a letter advising them of the decision and the opportunity to reapply in the future.

1. **Planning Matters**
* No planning applications were made.
1. **Members Reports**
* Concerns were raised in connection with the high traffic on the main road through the village and speeding cars. Cllr. Haines will inquire about obtaining the traffic annalist survey for the A4060 and survey statistics north of Maesteg.

**9 Finance**

* It was agreed to transfer funds to purchase the defibrillator.
* The clerk to change correspondence address to receive the bank statements to update the accounts.
* Cllr. Jones agreed to the estimated finance pending the updated statements.

**10 Tondu United Football Club Presentation**

* Joe Powton and Rich Deere from Tondu United F.C. provided a presentation seeking a collaboration agreement with LLCC to create a football academy as part of the Community Council to regenerate.
* The Chair invited the councillors to ask any questions.
* Following the presentation and questions. It was unanimously agreed that LLCC would like to develop the project further with Tondu United FC and BCBC.

It was agreed that a subgroup would be developed with the following FAW: Gary Smith (BCBC), Joe Powton.

**11 Any Other information**

* The Council Meetings will be changed to the last WEDNESDAY of the month.

**12 Items for May Meeting**

* Coytrahen Fun Day
* Memorial Day
* Update on TFU proposal
* Correspondence from Coytrahen Community Association.
* Update on repairs
* Update on Crossing
* Update on the watercourse lease
* Update on repairs to the bridge in the watercourse.

**13 Date of Next Meeting**

The next council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th of April at 6.00pm

The chairman thanked all in attendance for their contribution to this evenings meeting. And the meeting was closed

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_