The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and chaired by Councillor Judith Morgan

Councillors In Attendance: -

Cllr. D Davies. Cllr. Jones

Cllr. G Faulkner Cllr. P Gronow

Cllr. Windsor

Mrs. L Turner (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr. Haines. Cllr. Roberts

1. **Declaration of Interest.**

* Cllr Faulkner on all matters relating to the Coytrahen Community Association.
* Cllr. Jones, Councillor for Bridgend County Borough Councillor on all matters relating to Bridgend County Borough Council.
* Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Gronow & Cllr. Windsor on all matters relating to the potential collaboration with Tondu Football Club.

1. **Police Matters**

​No police presence

1. **Minutes/Maters arising from February’ meeting:**

* Watercourse - Ongoing
* Trees on the main road – Ongoing
* New Defib – There are now Defibrillator stickers on the phone box.
* Repair to the steps and kissing gate – Ongoing.
* Overgrowth on the main pathway to Tondu – Ongoing
* Crossing - Ongoing.
* Fitting of the new memorial bench – Cllr. Davies was thanked for installing the new bench in the memorial garden.
* The Pathway from the Community Centre towards the Nicholls Arms continue to be a cause for concern – Cllr. Haines has reported this to BCBC, Clerk to contact BCBC highways to chase up on the referral.

1. **Matters Discussed:-**.

CAT - Football Field. Upon today's meeting, it was agreed the expression of interest application will be submitted with the view to demolishing the disused toilet block. LLCC will apply for grants/funding to support the cost.

Cllr. Windsor - Raised that previously, at the bottom of the playing field, there were allotments, he suggested that LLCC regenerate the area to create a community allotment.  This was second by Cllr. Gronow. Clerk to include this in the CAT, EOI.

Cllr. Faulkner said she had spoken with Louise Connolly regarding the CAT lease from 2020.  Louise advised Cllr. Faulkner, that we would start afresh with a new lease and T&C's.

Clerk to complete the EOI form and submit to Louise Connolly CAT Officer at BCBC

Watercourse Cllr. Faulkner has arranged for a tree survey to be carried out at the Watercourse. This should be completed within 3/4 weeks.  The cost was agreed by all councillors being in the region of £900.

Once in possession of this report, LLCC will assess on the best way forward.

The watercourse continues to be closed for public safety. BCBC are aware of the closure.

Cllr. Davies will contact Mr. Smith to provide a quotation for repairing or replacing the wooden bridge at the watercourse - this will be placed on the Agenda for April's meeting.

Last Energy-Public Meeting - The chair thanked Cllr. Windsor and Cllr. Gronow for their help in delivering the leaflets.  Cllr. Jones will be chairing the meeting.

Information about the meeting was posted to various hubs around Bridgend to reach out to the wider community.

The chair asked the clerk to contact SWP to advise them of the public meeting and possible issues with parking on the main road.

Overgrowth and vegetation around the village.  N Thomas Landscaping was contacted to arrange to meet with Cllr. Windsor to visit all areas of concern to provide quotations. Unfortunately, Mr. Thomas has not made contact. Clerk to make contact again.

The Monkey puzzle tree, at the former St Thomas, The Aposol Church. It is of the opinion that there is a preservation order on the tree. Should this not be in place, LLCC would like to apply for a preservation order. Cllr. Haines is currently reviewing this with BCBC. Clerk to check on the progress with Cllr. Haines

Greenery behind the Nicholls Arms Clerk to inquire with Cllr. Haines if the report to highways had been made regarding the bike/skate ramp that has been erected on the greenery behind the Nicholls Arms. Thus, destroying the daffodils LLCC has planted.

Dog waste bin following its disappearance from Heol Treharne, the Clerk will arrange to order a replacement.

Clerk to contact Cllr. Haines for an update on reports made to BCBC regarding the community centre’s sinkhole and the unsafe condition of the pathway from the community centre towards the Nicholls Arms.

Clerk to contact Cllr. Haines to inquire if he has received a response from the community safety camera partnership regarding copies of all assessments conducted in Coytrahen.

Clerk to contact Cllr. Haines to inquire if he was able to make inquiries regarding the previous existing 106 moneys and where they were spent.

Council Merger - This will be addressed in April’s meeting

Christmas Lights - Cllr. Faulkner made inquiries regarding Christmas Lights for the village. She shared the cost would be more than £3,000pa. The councillors agreed this cost would not be sustainable.

It was agreed to obtain quotations to purchase Christmas trees that could be planted - Clerk to make inquiries and obtain quotations

1. **Planning Matters**

No planning matters received

1. **Correspondence**

No correspondence

1. **Members Report**

**Cllr. Windsor** - Discussed the allotment on the football field and how it would be nice to regenerate and create a community allotment. This was agreed and to be included in the CAT application.

He also advised that all leaflets for the Last Energy Public Meeting were hand delivered between him and Cllr. Gronow. The chair thanked them for their fast response in distributing them.

**Cllr. Gronow** has volunteered to paint the 3 benches around the village.

He also advised that whilst delivering the leaflets he spoke to a local resident who was upset that a tree had fallen upon their house and BCBC would not help.

He also said that whilst delivering the leaflets he noticed some of the drains around the village were blocked. Clerk to inform Cllr. Haines to arrange to meet with Cllr. Gronow to be shown the blocked drains to report to BCBC

He wanted to report further on the 2 large potholes on the road at the end of Cildaudy Street where it joins the main road. Clerk to report this to Cllr. Haines.

Cllr. Morgan was disgraced by the workmanship of the tree cutting on the main road heading up towards the papermills.  This work appears to have been undertaken by amateurs. Despite the necessity of the work, LLCC are grateful for this work to be completed. It, however, is unsightly with some trees having been left. Also, the number of trees that were removed was unnecessary. The whole area is now unsightly.  The other councillors who have passed the area are in total agreement. It is felt that as BCBC contracts the work out there is no supervision of the quality of workmanship. Clerk to address this issue with Cllr. Haines enabling him to report to BCBC

**Cllr. Faulkner** shared with the councillors that in 2025 it will be the anniversary of the community centre.  She said this would be celebrated on the 30th of August during Coytrahen's Fun Day. She inquired if LLCC would like to support them.  The chair advised us to add this to April's Agenda for the Community association to provide a small presentation on their requests.

Continues to liaise with Louise Connolly regarding the CAT and watercourse lease.

Will update us when the tree survey has been undertaken,

**Cllr. Jones** advised that the unused wooden posts that were used to advertise the events at the Nicholls Arms have been left on the banking and are unsightly. He asked if they could be removed. Cllr. Davies kindly offered to remove them with the permission of Mrs. Turner of the Nicholls Arms

Cllr. Jones has agreed to chair the public meeting with Last Energy.

**Cllr. Davies** suggested that the field be used for parking for public meeting. It was felt this would not be needed.

He also confirmed the stickers are now fixed to the phone box showing the defibrillator location.

1. **Cllr. Haines** gave his apologies for the meeting. He did, however, report that all actions raised in February's meeting were acted upon. He still awaits some outcomes and will update us accordingly.
2. **Finance**

Letter signed by Cllr. Faulkner & Cllr. Gronow gave the clerk authorisation to transfer money between accounts.

The clerk is now receiving the bank statements addressed to her, enabling the finances to be updated monthly. However, issues remain with the mandates.  This will be addressed.

The clerk shared that Audit Wales have been in contact to advise that LLCC will need to submit a full audit for 2024/2025.

In April's meeting, the full accounts will be shared for 2024/2025 in preparation for the internal audit.

The clerk advised that upon reviewing the files in storage she was unable to locate any documentation for the periods 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The previous clerks will be contacted to see if they would be able to assist in locating them.

1. **Public Participation**

1 resident was in attendance. He reported he felt the community appeared unkempt. He also had concerns regarding the trees on the watercourse. The trees have become so tall, should they fall, they would land on some of the houses on the estate. He advised other community members also share his concerns.

At today's meeting, he could see LLCC attempt to solve some of the issues raised.

1. **Any Other Business**

MTT (Wind Farm) have booked the community centre on Wednesday the 30th of April to hold a public consultation on the project.

1. **Items for March meeting:**

* Football Field/CAT Update
* Watercourse Lease/Trees/Wooden bridge
* Last Energy Public Meeting – Outcome
* Council Merger
* Community Repairs- Bench painting/Dog Waste Bin/overgrowth/potholes/sinkhole
* Christmas Tree/lights
* Community Centres Fun Day Celebration
* Easter Egg raffle – Moneys raised.
* Audit – Internal, Outcome of the AW Zoom meeting
* 2024/2025 Accounts

1. **Date of Next meeting**

Wednesday the 30th of April 2025 at 7pm

Signed (Chair) Date:

Chair Comments: