**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th of March 2024 at Coytrahen Community Centre**

The meeting commenced at 6.15pm and chaired by Councillor Mr Martyn Jones. Councillor Jones Introduced and welcomed the newly appointed Clerk/RFO Mrs Louise Turner.

Councillors In Attendance:-

* Cllr. D Davies.
* Cllr. P Gronow
* Cllr. G Faulkner
* Cllr. J Roberts
* Cllr. J Windsor
* Clerk: Mrs. Louise Turner
1. **Apologies for Absence.**
* Apologies for absence received from Cllr. Judith Morgan.
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.
1. **Confirm the meeting of February 2024 Council Meeting.**
* The February’s meeting concentrated on interviewing and appointing the new Clerk/RFO for LLCC. In which Mrs. Louise Turner was appointed.
1. **Matters Arising From January/February ‘s Council Meeting.**
* Cllr. Faulkner contacted Sasha (Llais Y Coedwig) who in return accepted her offer to attend our council meeting. Date/Time TBC.
* Cllr. Gronow is working closely with Mr Slennett (BHF) in organising the instalment, costings and options for the new installation of the Defibrillator in the old phone box. A rough guide of costs were presented to the council. This was agreed in principle pending on the following: The defibrillator is battery operated and does not require electrical installation. Cllr. Gronow will confirm this and obtain a formal quotation. Cllr. Gronow suggested offering training to members of the community on using the defibrillator. This will now be offered in the next Community News Letter. Training will then be organised for interested parties.
1. **Information Gathering For Louise Turner new Clerk/RFO.**
* The Councillors provided up to date contact details for future correspondence.
* Clerk LT requested support to purchase Office 365 for her laptop. All Cllrs. Approved the cost of £59.99 to purchase this.
1. **Correspondence.**
* The Council received a letter of request from Mr Keith Falkner, on behalf of Coytrahen Community Association. Mr Faulkner was pleased to confirm the Centre have been successful and secured funding to make adaptions to the Community Centre.

Mr Faulkner is enquiring if LLCC would consider making a financial contribution. Mr Faulkner to be provided with a Grant application form to be submitted for further discussions by the council..

1. **Planning Matters**
* No Planning applications were made.
1. **Members Reports**
* Cllr. Roberts, strongly continues to raise concerns of imperativeness on the need to have a crossing on the A4062 (Main Road through the village). Thus, being a constant busy high traffic area with HGV’s and Speeding cars. Cllr. Roberts will invite Cllr. Gary Haines to our community meeting to discuss this matter further.
* Cllr. Gronow brought to the attention the new “Mynydd Ty Talwyn” Energy Park (Wind Turbines). Mr Jones suggested as a matter of interest to enquire of the proposed project and its potential impact it may have upon LLCC. Clerk LT to make enquiries.
* Cllr. Faulkner suggested that Cllr, Davies meet with Allan Aubrey (Gardener) to discuss works to be completed moving forward to avoid double up. Cllr. Gronow to contact Allan and arrange this.
* Cllr. Davies reported that the mower will need to be collected from B.G.S Motors & Mowers. The cost of this was approved by all Cllrs.
* Cllr. Faulkner raised the renewal membership for “One Voice” The Cllr. agreed to renew and fund this. Clerk LT to enquire about the cost and renewal of membership.
* Public safety concerns were raised with regards to the extremely poor and dangerous condition of the wooden bridge in the Watercourse. The Cllrs. Agreed to temporarily cordon the area off.
* Mr Jones advised Tondu FC would like to attend our next council meeting to discuss the sports field Capital Asset Transfer. – Mr Jones will contact Tondu FC to invite to April’s meeting.
* Concerns were raised by the majority Cllr, Davies, Cllr Windsor, Cllr Gronow & Cllr. Roberts, in connection to the ongoing financial commitments, projects and funds available to LLCC.

One of the main concerns is the financial impact the Watercourse will have upon LLCC now and for the foreseeable future. Mainly the ongoing annual tree maintenance. It was agreed that Cllr. Jones will contact BCBC to inform them that LLCC wish to relinquish from the lease agreement. Cllr. Faulkner objected

wanting the Watercourse to remain as part of the community.

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1. **Finance**

The newly appointed clerk provided the balance of both bank accounts using the Statement up to 22nd February 2024.

Clerk LT to change the correspondence address in order to receive all future bank communication.

1. **Items for April 2024 Meeting**
* Prioritise Invitations to organisations wishing to attend the council meeting.
* Watercourse / Trees / sports field – Financial impact
* Defibrillator
1. **Date of Next Meeting**

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

All Cllrs, had no further business to discuss. The chairman thanked all in attendance for their contribution to this evenings meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

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