**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 30th November 2023**

**At the Coytrahen Community Centre**

The Meeting commenced at 5.30pm and was chaired by ***Councillor Mr. Martyn Jones*** who welcomed everyone to the November meeting.

**Also in attendance: -**

**Councillors: Mr. D. Davies, Mr. P. Gronow, Mrs. G. J. Faulkner, Mrs. J. Roberts,**

**Mr. J. Windsor, Mrs. J. Morgan.**

**Clerk: Mrs. D. Roberts.**

**23/11/01 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies- full attendance.

***23/11/02 Declarations of Interest***

Councillors Mrs. G. J. Faulkner, Mrs. J. Roberts and Mr. J. Windsor on all matters relating to the Coytrahen Community Association- Committee Members. Councillor Mr. Martyn Jones on all matters relating to Bridgend County Borough Council – Bridgend County Borough Councillor.

**23/11/03 Police Matters**

There was no Police Officer in attendance. The clerk has had no response from the local PCSO after requests made through South Wales Police to make contact.

There were no ongoing Policing issues of concern.

**23/11/04 Confirm the Minutes of the October 2023 Meeting**

**Resolved: Minutes of the October 2023 Full Council Meeting were a true record.**

**Proposed by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Faulkner.**

**23/11/05 Matters arising from the October 2023 Meeting**

* Councillor Jones updated members on the sports field Capital Asset transfer stating it’s an ongoing work program going into 2024. Councilor Faulkner will contact Sasha from Llais y Coedwig to arrange a meeting in the New Year.
* Councillor Gronow confirmed the pothole just off the A4063 turning into the estate entering the village by the telephone box had been repaired.
* Members again mentioned the dangerous state of the pavement between Coytrahen and Tondu on the A4063, stating the overgrowth on the pavement is not acceptable and members of the public could easily get sucked in by a large lorry passing through the village. Councillors would like this readdressed with BCBC even though BCBC state they do regular inspections.
* The playpark still has no signage after previous requests had been made.
* It was confirmed all rural footpaths had been cleared, and the invoice of £850.00 had been paid to N Thomas Landscapes.
* In relation to road safety, members discussed the response as presented to Cllr M. Jones by BCBC response of maintenance issues regarding pedestrian facilities along the A4063 Coytrahen to Tondu. BCBC position is, there is no public funds to maintain although the route is subject to maintenance checks by BCBC.

**Resolved: All members request this remains as an outstanding item on the agenda.**

* In relation to the pedestrian crossing, the Council noted BCBC response to the £20,000 to support. It was requested Cllr Jones investigate where the 106 money was allocated to.
* Talks of placing another defibrillator in the village will take place in January.

**Resolved Clerk will place on January agenda.**

* Cllr Morgan has offered to pay for the Village to have a Christmas tree planted next year, this will be discussed further next year.

**23/11/06** **Vacancy position for Clerk to the Council**

Members discussed the vacancy position for a new Clerk with the intention of interviewing in January. The vacancy is to be placed on the Community Council Website as well as being communicated around the village by newsletter, which has shown some interest.

The current Clerk thanked all members, the Chairman Cllr Martyn Jones and especially Mr. G. Wyn Davies MBE who has supported her during her tenure. It has been agreed that the current clerk will extend her notice of resignation until the end of January.

**23/11/07 Correspondence**

* Quotes have been received to trim back the trees along Heol Treharne.

A contractor advised there was a clear serious issue with 15 Ash Trees with Ash dieback on the banking of the Watercourse along Heol Treharne. A quote of £11,000.00 for remedial work has been presented to the community council.

Members were also informed of another quote for part of the work which includes removal of one tree with Ash dieback, (suggestions of a report for the other trees at an extra cost) trim trees along Heol Treharne along with the two Cherry trees.

It was agreed that the Community Council does not have this level of funding available so negotiations would have to be made with BCBC for Financial support.

**Resolved: Cllr Jones will refer the issue on behalf of the Community Council to BCBC.**

* The clerk read out a letter received from a member of the public stating the bollard light on the pedestrian crossing is still out on the A4063. As well as rubbish is being dumped regularly in the village by the bus stop which has been going on for months. After a discussion Cllr Faulkner will inform the member of the public to raise this with BCBC as fly tipping, as well as the Community Association will place it in the next newsletter to distribute in the village.
* Christmas solar lights are in place, members were informed the invoice will be due shortly. Concerns were raised that one of the trees isn’t working properly. Cllr Faulkner will check this. Once agreed all working fine the Clerk will pay the invoice of £1,560.00 including VAT once it is received.
* Matthew Thomas has accepted to do the internal audit for £100- all councillors agreed the price.
* NALC who represents the Community Council Clerks have announced a wage increase backdated to April 2023. The clerk expressed that she won’t be accepting the increase.
* Hope charity letter request a donation. Councillors agreed to review at the end of the financial year.

**23/11/08 Planning Matters**

A planning application has been made by Wiggley’s Fun Farm Limited on Aberbaiden Rd. CF32 0BQ for an extension of the existing facility.

**Resolved: Members had no objection to the application.**

**23/11/09 Members Reports**

* Councillor Roberts continues to raise further concerns regarding the A4063 Main Rd through the Village, stressing the Village needs a crossing due to the speed and heavy traffic pounding through the village.
* Councillor Morgan informed members the perplex glass on the Bus Shelter on the A4063 by the Shwt turning has been damaged.

**Resolved: Cllr Jones will make a referral for repairs.**

* Cllr Faulkner discussed the lights in the Playpark are not turning off at 10pm as they normally do. Cllr Jones feels that’s a good thing as it’s extra security for the area. Cllr Faulkner will check the electricity bill to see if it has made a big difference.

**23/11/10 Finance/Precept discussion**

The Clerk presented Members with an updated schedule of payments.

Members were informed of the current financial position of the council.

Which is currently £22,226.49.

**Resolved: That the balances were noted.**

Members had been provided seven days prior to the meeting with a precept/budget report including a cash book summary, projected expenditure analysis and details of reserves and requirements for the forthcoming financial year and were requested to debate, approve, or suggest amendments to the report.

Councillors unanimously agreed to retain the previous year’s precept of £9,500 not to put more financial pressure on the community.

**Resolved: That the Council’s Precept requirement for 2024/25 is Nine Thousand and Five Hundred Pounds £9,500.00.**

**23/11/11 Public Participation**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

**23/11/12 Items for the January 2024 Meeting**

* Continuity of Clerk support to the Community Council.
* Referral of the Watercourse tree issue.
* Additional Defibrillator facility.

**23/11/13 Date of the next Meeting**

It was resolved that the Council will meet on Thursday the 25th of January 2025 at 6pm.

With there being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all in attendance for their contribution to this evening’s meeting and wished them a lovely Christmas and New Year and closed the meeting at 6.45pm.

**Chairman ………………………………… Date ……………………….**