



COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor P. Gwilliam

Clerk: Ms M. Thomas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 22ND MARCH 2022

At 7pm in the Williams Memorial Hall, Main Road, Coychurch

Meeting Opened at 7pm

Present: Cllr Evans (Vice Chair), Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Snoddy, Cllr Brace

One member of the public was present.

2159. APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Cllr Gwilliam, Cllr Hyde, Cllr King

2160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None were received.

2161. RATIFICATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 8TH FEBRUARY 2022. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the minutes were a true and fair record of the council meeting on 8th February 2022.

2162. THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a. The response to the Planning Appeal agreed at the last meeting has been submitted to the Appeal via the online portal.
- b. Emails have been send and received regarding the Pavilion Drains as detailed under the agenda item.
- c. The Clerk has been in contact with Bridgend County Borough Council to arrange a site survey in Meadow Close. This is a pre-requisite to obtaining a licence to plant new trees.
- d. Progress is being made on obtaining the Licence to Occupy and Do Works in the Play Park from the Corporate Landlord department at Bridgend County Borough Council. The Programme of Works provided by Sovereign Play has been submitted and the installers will supply the required Method Statement.

2163. LATEST CRIME STATISTICS.

The South Wales Police website had no details for January or February 2022 at the time of the meeting.

2164. CURRENT PLANNING APLICATIONS

Planning Application Number: A/22/6/ADV

Applicant: Street Lighting Supplies Ltd

Location: Unit 1, Block A York Park Bridgend Industrial Estate Bridgend CF31 3TB



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Proposal: Display of 4 non-illuminated advert signs affixed to the front and side external elevations.

Councillors had no objections to this application.

2165. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS and RIGHT OF WAYS

- Councillor Brace advised that she had walked the Coychurch Circular Walk in early March and the route was clear of obstructions.
- The Public Footpath sign on the Coychurch Circular Walk where it joins the A473 is pointing in the wrong direction as the pole is loose in the hole.
- A new gate post is now in place on Right of Way CYL07 onto T'yn y Caeau Lane.
- There has been no progress on the fitting of the new gate onto the Golf Course on the Coychurch Circular Walk.

The Clerk was instructed to follow up on these points with the Rights of Way team at Bridgend County Borough Council.

2166. COYCHURCH PLAY PARK

- Schedule of work from the installers include:
 - i. Onsite visit to draw up the ground plan was on 14th March
 - ii. On-site inspection will be on 7 June
 - iii. Removal of old equipment will take place in the week commencing 13 June
 - iv. Installation of the new equipment will start in the week commencing 20 June and last for up to 2 weeks
- The MUGA court contractor has revisited the play park and refitted the loose panels and bolts. They will check on these periodically.
- The gate from the play park to the Main Road does not automatically close and people are leaving the gate unbolted with the resulting risk of young children running out of the park onto the road. Cllr Evans will liaise with a contractor for options and prices involved in solving this problem when the Council takes over responsibility for the Play Park through via the Capital Asset Transfer.
- The clerk was instructed to investigate the possible use of bylaws in relation to adults using the play equipment and MUGA court which are designed for use by children and teenagers.



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- The Clerk was instructed to clarify where the responsibility for recording accidents, etc while the Licence to Occupy and Do Works is in force.
- It was decided that council would look to put new coping stones on the wall along Ruthin Court when the capital asset transfer is completed.
- The Clerk presented the costs for the final stage of the Play Park renovation and these were agreed by the council. Costs will be reimbursed from the Welsh Government Play Sufficiency Fund.

2167. PLAY PARK LICENCE TO OCCUPY AND DO WORKS

Council agreed to the Licence.

2168. COYCHURCH PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION

- BCBC Highways will not clear the blockage in the drain from the Pavilion as it could not be proved that it was caused by Highway activity. Councillors expressed their disappointment at this response from the Highways department during the CAT Committee meeting and instructed the Clerk to advise the CAT officer of this and discuss alternatives.
- BCBC are looking at quotes for securing the storage area in the Pavilion so that it can be used for maintenance equipment.
- There was discussion about ride on mowers and 3 suppliers were identified for contact regarding advice and quotations which will be followed up.

2169. MEADOW CLOSE TREES

The process to obtain a Licence to Do Works has started and the Countryside Manager at BCBC has advised that as long as there is enough space then planting should be acceptable outside the houses of people who have requested a tree.

2170. PLATINUM JUBILEE AND COYCHURCH "PARTY IN THE PARK"

- A meeting of the village working group was held on 1st March. A draft schedule of events is being prepared for consideration. The group have asked that the community council consider purchasing the beacon for the national beacon lighting event on 2nd June.
- The Coed y Mwstwr golf course will host the lighting ceremony and it will be open to all. Councillors discussed the options and agreed on a gas-fired beacon and the purchase price then instructed the Clerk to purchase the beacon for the event.



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- It was agreed that the Council would oversee the production of the Party in the Park schedule/magazine and would charge for advertising and for entry to the event to cover the costs.

FINANCE

2171. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS.

The schedule for February 2022 was presented and agreed by the council. Total payments £4,798.69. Total receipts £300.11.

2172. REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS

Council agreed that donations should be restricted to local groups active in the ward and local area. A request had been received from Ty Hafan and the consensus was that it would be up to individuals to donate should they wish to.

2173. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Cllr Griffiths advised that there are old post holes to the eastern boundary of the playing field which need to be addressed by BCBC before the community council takes over the maintenance of the pavilion and playing field. The posts were originally to hold nets to keep balls out of the gardens of the properties bordering the playing field. The Clerk will make the BCBC CAT Officer aware.

2174. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PUBLIC

None

2175. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th April 2022

2176. MEETING CLOSED AT 8.08pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

On: _____