



COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor E. Caparros

Clerk: Ms M. Thomas

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 10TH JANUARY 2023

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

Meeting Opened at 7pm

Present: Cllr Caparros (Chair), Cllr Brace, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr Fudge, Cllr Sutton, Cllr Griffiths
and the clerk, Ms Thomas

2290. APOLOGIES – None

2291. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Caparros advised of an ongoing interest as he is a member of Bridgend County Borough Council.

2292. RATIFICATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 13th December 2022.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the minutes, with 2 amendments, were a true and fair record of the council meeting on 13th December 2022.

2293. THE CLERK'S REPORT

Actions Resulting from the December Meeting:

- a) Cllr Caparros has sent the briefing document about merging community councils to all council members via the WhatsApp group.
- b) The Pavilion ground plan emailed to the Business Advisor for inclusion in the Business Plan.
- c) The clerk had met with 3 contractors at the play park to discuss the existing and new footpaths. 2 quotations have now been received.
- d) The Footpaths annual report has been forwarded to BCBC's ROW department.
- e) I have contacted Mr G Jones about reimbursing him for the repair of the footpath gate.
- f) Drainage report and video sent to Cllr Sutton
- g) Training history and requests – form prepared and sent to councillors for completion and return at the council meeting.
- h) The Bio-diversity report has been posted on the council website
- i) The Public Consultation response has been posted on the council website.
- j) The Precept request has been submitted to BCBC.
- k) Email was sent to the play park contractor with pictures of the laminated wood and peeled powder coating and a request about something to protect the poles from strimmers.



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2294. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Cllr Caparros attended an on-site meeting at the Ward Jones site on the Waterton Estate about the Planning Application from January 2022 on 4th December. He briefed the council on the visit.
- b) The clerk had received a pre-planning application notification from representatives of Vodafone regarding upgrading one of their masts on the Bridgend Industrial Estate. After discussing the plans, location and surrounding area, the council agreed that they had no objections to the proposal and the clerk was instructed to reply to the letter stating the council's position.
- c) **Planning Application No.:** P/22/729/FUL
Applicant: Mr D Hilltout
Location: 19 Glebeland Close Coychurch Bridgend CF35 5HE
Proposal: Single storey side extension; convert garage to utility/boot room; provision of 3 bedrooms, 1 ensuite & shower room in roof space; dormer to front elevation; porch to front; elevational changes
After discussion, the council agreed it has no objections to this application.

2295. RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

An order to divert Footpath CY19 has been made. Councillors discussed the proposal and maps and agreed they had no objections to the plans.

The clerk had received an email from a group of volunteers prepared to come out to maintain the Rights of Way for a contribution of £150 each visit. The clerk was instructed to follow up on this and obtain further details and arrange a meeting online or face to face to discuss possibilities.

2296. PLAY PARK

2 quotations have been received so far with options for resurfacing the main footpath in the play park and creating a new one from the main path to the side entrance of the ball court. One for £12,604 and one for £7,400.

BCBC can be approached to part fund this refurbishment.

The council instructed the clerk to obtain further quotations and more details from the providers of the existing quotations.

The clerk will obtain quotations for a replacement bench.



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2297. TRAINING PLANS

- a) Councillors provided information on the training they had already done. The clerk will allocate skills/knowledge areas to individual councillors, who will attend the training and provide a briefing to the rest of the council.
- b) It was agreed that the clerk book herself and the chairman on the Understanding Section 106 Obligations online course on March 6th, Cost of £35 each.

2298. USE OF ONLINE MEETING TECHNOLOGY.

For the first part of the council meeting the camera/microphone kit, laptop and screen were set up to test it out in a real situation. The equipment worked well and it was agreed to trial it with some volunteers from the community at the February meeting. Council agreed to ask the Memorial Hall Coychurch Trust to purchase the equipment and the community council offered to increase its rent of the building to include use of the technology.

FINANCE

2299. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS.

The council reviewed and agreed the Schedule of Payments for December 2022 and they were signed by the Chairman. Payments in January were a total of £2,579.15 and income was £6.09 (bank interest).

2300. FUNDING STREAMS

There was some difficulty reviewing the catalogue of possible funders and it was agreed that the clerk would issue the document link by email and allocated a group of pages for each councillor to review for the next meeting.

2301. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- a) The issue of Dog pollution was raised and the clerk was instructed to contact BCBC regarding the dog warden paying a visit to the village. It was noted that there is only one dog warden for the whole county. There are 2 poo bag dispensers (Meadow Close/Main Road junction and on Bryn Road) but it is unclear who is responsible for filling them. The clerk will make enquiries.
- b) Excessive traffic noise on the A473 dual carriageway between 5pm and 6pm and between 10pm and 11pm was raised.

2302. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PUBLIC

None



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2303. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

21st February 2023, 7pm, Williams Memorial Hall

2304. MEETING CLOSED AT 8:45pm

Signed by the Chair:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Caparros', written over a faint circular stamp.

On: 21-02-2023

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