



## COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor E. Caparros

Clerk: Ms M. Thomas

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

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

Meeting Opened at 7pm

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

Members of the Public: None

#### 2319. APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Brace (conflicting appointment).

#### 2320. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllr Caparros advised of an ongoing interest as he is a member of Bridgend County Borough Council. Cllrs Caparros, Rowlands, Fudge and Sutton advised that they know one or more of the nominees for the place on the Local Access Forum (Item 2327)

#### 2321. RATIFICATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the minutes, were a true and fair record of the council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023.

#### 2322. THE CLERK'S REPORT

Actions Resulting from the February Meeting:

- The application was been submitted to the Town and Community Council Fund for match funding for the Play Park and commemorative benches.
- Council members were sent the Email conversation with the play park contractor for discussion in the council meeting.
- The Clerk and the Chairman attended the "Understanding Section 106 Planning Obligations" online course on March 6th
- Street numbers sign ordered as per the Council's instruction.
- The clerk and Chairman held an online meeting with BCBC's CAT Officer regarding the Pavilion and Playing Field.
- The Clerk, the Chairman and a councillor attended a meeting with a representative from a local football club. Further details about their requirements have been requested but nothing received to date.
- Planning applications responses submitted as per the council's decisions.



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- Email sent to the resident who arranged the cutting back of the public footpath overhanging vegetation thanking him for his effort
- Training courses dates emailed to councillors
- A communication from a resident about failed street and road bollard lighting was forwarded to the Chairman who has raised the issues with BCBC Highways Dept.

### 2323. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – None received

### 2324. RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged with a group of volunteers based in Cardiff to see if they can offer any support in maintaining the public footpaths.

### 2325. PLAY PARK

An application has been submitted to the Town and Community Council Fund for match funding for: 2 commemorative benches (Queen Elizabeth II and the Coronation of King Charles III), a new path around 1.5 sides of the MUGA court, repair to the main footpath edging and surface at the Main Road end, 1 airplane design springer, 4 wall-mountable bicycle stands.

### 2326. PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD

There was further discussion about the future of the Pavilion and Playing Field in response to a letter from a rugby club which was received by the Chairman and had been circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting. It was unanimously resolved that the clerk would respond to the letter, refusing their request on the following grounds:

1. Council is mindful to make decisions in line with the expressed wishes of the residents following the public consultation in April/May 2021.
2. Council sees no reason to reverse the decision of the previous council following the public consultation.
3. The proposal refers to subletting which the Terms and Conditions of the Capital Asset Transfer will expressly prohibit.

### 2327. BRIDGEND LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

The council discussed and listed the nominees in order of preference. The clerk was instructed to forward the result to Bridgend County Borough Council.

### 2328. BCBC Cabinet Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

The chairman advised of 2 items on the Agenda of the Cabinet Meeting of interest to the Coychurch Lower community:



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- Consultation on a Public Space Protection Order which will address dog fouling. The community council will receive details of the consultation in due course.
- Capital Asset Transfer Fund extension of use to cover assets currently managed by the Parks dept.

### FINANCE

#### 2329. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS.

The council reviewed and agreed the Schedule of Payments for February 2023 and they were signed by the Chairman. Payments in February were £541.15 and there was £12.26 bank interest.

#### 2330. EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT 2022

The External Auditor's report for financial year ending March 2022 has been received. It is unqualified which means that there were no issues to which the auditor wanted to draw attention. The council accepted the auditor's report.

#### 2331. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

#### 2332. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PUBLIC

None present but two items had been raised previously:

- The chairman advised that the result of enquires (conducted on behalf of a resident) about the litter / rubbish along the verges of Simonston Road was that litter picking could not go ahead because it would require road signs to comply with Health and Safety Regulations.
- The chairman advised that the non-working bollards and lights at the slip road onto the A473 (which had been pointed out by a resident) had been reported to the Highways department. He has been informed that the fault has been identified but requires new cabling which cannot be completed until the roadworks at the roundabout have finished. In addition, non-working street lights on Main Road have been reported and will be repaired as soon as possible.

#### 2333. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

In a change to the schedule, this will be on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7pm, in the Council Office at the Williams Memorial Hall



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2334. MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00pm

Signed by the Chair:

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On: 18-04-2023

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