



COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor E. Caparros

Clerk: Ms M. Thomas

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2023

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

2335. The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7pm

2336. PRESENT: Cllr Caparros (chairman), Cllr Brace, Cllr Rowland, Cllr Sutton and the clerk, Ms Thomas
2 members of the public were present

2337. APOLOGIES were received and accepted from Cllr Fudge (work commitments) and Cllr Griffiths (work commitments)

2338. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Caparros – councillor member of Bridgend County Borough Council

2339. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 14th MARCH 2023

It was resolved that the minutes were a fair and accurate record of the meeting held on 14th March 2023. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

2340. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT

- a. 6 days holiday taken in April.
- b. Glenwood Close house numbers sign has been delivered. *The Clerk was instructed to arrange for the sign to be attached to the resident's boundary wall.*
- c. The End of Year Accounts were completed and circulated to the members of the Council prior to the council meeting.
- d. Worked on the CAT business case document. *Council agreed that a meeting with the business case adviser should be arranged to clarify figures in the financial projection. The Clerk will arrange the meeting.*
- e. There has been no response to the advert to co-opt a councillor before the end date of 11th April. There has been one enquiry after that date asking for further information is being progressed.
- f. Emails received which require council attention/approval:
 - An enquiry from the Ogmores Valley Archery Club looking for an outdoor venue for the summer. *The Clerk was asked to obtain further information about the club's requirements.*
 - A request from TogetherTV to support / publish their national Sunflower Challenge. *Councillors were happy to support this initiative on the website, the Facebook hub and with posters in the village.*



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- A price has been obtained for the disposal of confidential papers at £4 per 15Kg bag.
- An email was received from the Trussell Trust thanking the village for the donations made at the civic carol service in December 2022.
- A resident has raised an issue about the quality of the work done to fill in potholes in Meadow Close. The details have been passed to the County Borough Councillors for action.
- Notification of the testing of the UK National Emergency Alert System on Sunday 23rd April at 3pm. The information has been posted on the Facebook Coychurch Hub requesting people to share the information with those who do not use social media.

2341. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Emailed previously:

Previously emailed applications:

Planning Application No.: P/23/71/DPN

Applicant: United Rentals (BakerCorp)

Location: Unit B9 (Baker Corp) New Street Bridgend Industrial Estate Bridgend CF31 3UD

Proposal: Demolition of standalone storage building

Result – No objections

Planning Application No.: P/23/148/FUL

Applicant: Nathaniel Car Sales Ltd

Location: Land at Parc Crescent & Brocastle Avenue Waterton Bridgend CF31 3XU

Proposal: Erection of a building for vehicle preparation, maintenance and MOT testing (Class B2/B8) and associated offices, external storage yard, loading and unloading areas, parking, vehicle wash, landscaping, re-grading and associated works

Result: Concerns have been expressed about: correct/dangerous entrance off the roundabout; no lighting plan; loss of wetland habitat and water run off if ground covered with impermeable material. *The clerk was instructed to convey these concerns to the planning department at Bridgend County Borough Council.*

2342. RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

The expected meeting with a group of volunteers from Cardiff was postponed and will be re-arranged.



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2343. PLAY PARK

The powder coated metal fixing on the play equipment will be replaced with galvanised steel ones due to the powder coating splitting and peeling. A quotation will be provided by the contractor.

RoSPA have provided a quote for the annual inspection. A reduced rate if the inspection is undertaken in June. The fee will be £75 for the day of the inspection and 5 play items and further items will cost £3.50 each. Council agreed to take this reduced fee and the clerk was instructed to arrange the inspection with RoSPA.

2344. PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD

There has been an approach from an Archery Club to use the playing field in the summer months for the outdoor practice. *Council instructed the clerk to follow this up by arranging a meeting with a representative from the club.*

2345. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

The Schedule of Payments and Receipts was agreed by the council and signed by the Chair.

March 2023

Payments total: £1,417.87

Receipts total: £10.20 (bank interest)

2346. REVIEW OF FINAL SPEND AGAINST THE BUDGET AND RESERVES

This item was postponed to the May meeting.

2347. YEAR END ACCOUNTS (APRIL 2023)

The accounts were circulated to the council members prior to the meeting for consideration. Council agreed the accounts and the Chairman checked the final figure against the bank statement then signed the accounts and initialled the bank statement.

2348. YEAR END BANK RECONCILIATION

The bank reconciliation was checked and signed by the Chairman.

2349. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MEMBERS

None

2350. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There was a request to have the solar bingo drums and the set of samba drums removed from the play park as they are very noisy and creating a disturbance. A councillor who also lives near the play park confirmed that the drums can be heard at a distance. It was also noted that children are climbing on the samba



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drums which is a safety issue. *The clerk will investigate options for removing, storing and / or using the equipment elsewhere in the longer term.*

2351. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for 16th May at 7pm in the Williams Memorial Hall.

2352. Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed by the Chair:

On: 16-05-2023

Minute No: 3 (Annual Meeting May 2023)