



COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor E. Caparros

Clerk: Ms M. Thomas

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th JULY 2023

Held at 7.00pm in the Williams Memorial Hall, Main Road, Coychurch

2398. The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.00pm

2399. PRESENT: Cllr Caparros (chairman), Cllr Rowland, Cllr Sutton and the clerk, Ms Thomas

There were no members of the public present

2400. APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Cllr Brace and Cllr Fudge.

2401. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

2402. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 13th JUNE 2023

The minutes, having been circulated previously were agreed by council as a true and accurate record of the Council Meeting on 13th June and were duly signed by the Chairman.

2403. CLERKS REPORT

CAT Application submitted for the meeting on 23rd June. A further meeting was arranged for the CAT Steering Group on 17th July to discuss the proposal.

Play Park remedial work has been postponed to 21st July 2023.

58 Stainless steel fittings have been ordered from the Play Park supplier at £1528.42

Planning application responses sent to BCBC Planning Dept as per meeting on 13th June.

Signs for the Play Park:

Quote from a local company received and compared with quotes for online traders.

It was agreed to purchase the following:

2 x No Dogs except Assistance Dogs allowed in the Play Park

4 x Do not Climb on the Fence / 2 x Do not Hang off the Hoop

3 x Pardon the Weeds we are Feeding the Bees

2 x Bolt the Gate after Use

- g) Unity Trust Bank investigated as an alternative to the current high street bank being used.



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- h) Clerk/RFO's contract indicates an automatic increase in the job scale points annually. 2022-23 the clerk was on SCP 8 and will move onto SCP 9 this year. The increase in salary is allowed in the budget.

2404. TO REVIEW ANY APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION

An application has been received and after discussing the application it was proposed, seconded and agreed to offer the candidate a place on the community council.

2405. TO ADOPT THE REVISED STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk presented the NALC Standing Orders, completed with the relevant tailoring specific to Community Councils. The council agreed the adaptations and adopted the Standing Orders which were signed by the Chairman.

2406. TO REVIEW CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Previously circulated:

Planning Application No.: P/23/355/FUL

Applicant: Bridgend Dental Surgery

Location: 9 Bank Buildings Bridgend Industrial Estate CF31 3SB

Proposal: Proposed additional treatment room for the existing dental surgery, by utilising an adjacent office (change of use for the additional room from B1 (Office – Business use) to D1 (Dental Clinic))

Result: No objections

Planning Application No.: P/23/342/FUL

Applicant: Mr T White

Location: Greystones Waterton Road Coychurch CF35 5EN

Proposal: Rear single storey sun room extension

Result: No objections

Planning Application No.: P/23/368/FUL

Applicant: Robert Hitchins Ltd

Location: Plot 2600 Central Park off Western Avenue Bridgend Industrial Estate CF31

3TY Proposal: Erection of a building for use as a builders merchant (storage, distribution, trade counter, offices, tool hire and ancillary retail) with associated external storage, erection of 2.4m high fence and alteration of a means of vehicular access

Result: No objections

2407. RIGHTS OF WAY / PUBLIC FOOTPATHS – None



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2408. PLAY PARK – TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS FUND GRANT

Coychurch Lower has been awarded £2,814 from the T&CC Fund. The following works and purchases for the Play Park were agreed by the council:

- Airplain springer for younger children
- Wall-mounted bicycle stands
- Repairs to the main footpath and establishment of a new footpath to access the entrance to the MUGS court.

The clerk was instructed to process the capital purchases and schedule the footpath works for after the school holidays.

The council also instructed the clerk to order a commemorative bench for Queen Elizabeth II and a celebration bench for the coronation of King Charles III as per the grant application.

2409. RESIGNATION OF A COUNCIL MEMBER

Cllr N Griffiths has tendered his resignation from the community council. The council thanked Mr Griffiths for his work on the council and for his offer to continue to empty the bins in the play park. The clerk will notify Bridgend County Borough Council's Electoral department of the resignation.

FINANCE

2410. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR JUNE 2023

The members were presented with the schedule of Receipts and Payments for June 2023. Payments totalled £1,797.65 and there was £38.89 interest from the Saving account. The Schedule was agreed by the council and signed by the Chairman.

2411. REVIEW OF SPEND AGAINST BUDGET FOR 1st QUARTER 2023

The council reviewed the council spend against the budget and the bank reconciliation for the 1st quarter was compared with the bank statements. Council accepted the bank reconciliation and it was signed by the Chairman.

2412. DECIDE ON FUTURE BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

After some discussion it was agreed to transfer the banking arrangements to Unity Trust Bank. The clerk was instructed to obtain the relevant forms for signing at the October meeting.

2413. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MEMEBRS – None

2414. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PUBLIC – None



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2415. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was set for 12th September 2023 at 7pm in the Williams Memorial Hall.

2416. Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed by the Chair: _____ On: _____

Minute No: _____