



COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor E. Caparros Clerk: Ms M. Thomas

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th January 2024

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

2459. The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.00pm.
2460. PRESENT: Cllr Caparros (chairman), Cllr Sutton, Cllr Brace, Cllr Randall and the clerk, Ms Thomas
There were no members of the public present
2461. APOLOGIES – None
2462. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr Sutton advised that he now works for Bridgend County Borough Council and is a member of the GMB trade union. Cllr Caparros is employed by BT and is a union convenor for the CWU. Cllr Brace and Cllr Randall are landowners in the Coychurch Lower area.
2463. TO REVIEW AND AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes, having been circulated previously were agreed by council as a true and accurate record of the Council Meeting on 12th December 2023 were duly signed by the Chairman.
2464. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT
The council received the Clerk's report, main points being as below:
- 7 days holiday (inc. 3 Bank Holidays) taken by the Clerk
 - The Precept request has been submitted to BCBC
 - The draft consultation document has been created and emailed for consideration
 - Bridgend CBC CAT officer has been contacted regarding costs of the pavilion demolition, funding for further surveys and the next CAT committee meeting date.
 - The landscape architect has been sent the Oolong field/pitch survey
 - Santa's Grotto and the Community Carol Service both went well. The £185 collection at the carol service has been sent on to Crisis UK for their work in South Wales.
 - Draft Openness and Transparency guidelines have been sourced and emailed for consideration/feedback
 - A draft advertising poster for new councillors has been created and emailed for consideration/amendment. We are awaiting the official form from BCBC Electoral department for display so we can start the recruitment process again.
 - A further quotation has been received for a modular pavilion (£235,700 + vat) and the contractor has been informed that this is far outside the council's proposed budget for the new pavilion.
2465. RIGHTS OF WAY / PUBLIC FOOTPATHS
The council reviewed the report provided by Mr G. Jones following his annual walking of the local right of ways / public footpaths. The Chair offered thanks to Mr Jones and the Clerk will contact be in contact with him.



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The clerk as instructed to notify the relevant people about the issues found, i.e. Bridgend CBC Rights of Way team, The Vale of Glamorgan ROW team, Network Rail. Also, Keep Wales Tidy will be informed about the missing dog poo bag dispenser on Main Road.

2466. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Application No.: P/23/740/FUL

Applicant: Columbia Threadneedle

Location: Unit 6 Kestrel Close Bridgend Industrial Estate Bridgend CF31 3RW

Proposal: Removal of existing asbestos

Result – No objections

Planning Application No.: P/23/616/FUL

Applicant: Mr A Gadd

Location: 70 Glenwood Close Coychurch CF35 5EU

Proposal: Construction of a single storey side extension and front porch [amended plans and description received 20-12-23]

Result – No objections

2467. PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD

The draft community consultation document was reviewed and it was agreed to wait for the meeting of the Williams Memorial Hall's fundraising group before completion and publication. The fundraising schedule will then be included at the end of the leaflet.

Initial face to face responses on 16th December to the choice of style of the new pavilion have been overwhelmingly in favour of the cabin style.

The Local Places for Nature team want initial feedback on their design by 22nd January 2024. It was noted that the 5-a-side layout is in a dip in the field where it is wettest in the winter and the position of the dipping pond was questioned.

These comments will be passed on to the landscape architect and Bridgend CBC Local Places for Nature team.

FINANCE

2468. TO REVIEW THE FINAL ACCOUNT FOR SANTA'S GROTTA

The Clerk provided the council with the final accounts for the Santa's Grotto.

2469. TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

The Schedule was presented, and accepted by the community council, for December 2023 with totals as follows:

Payments £4,196.62

Receipts £45.14 (bank interest)



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2470. TO REVIEW THE ACTUAL SPEND AGAINST THE BUDGET

Council reviewed the actual spend against the budget and the bank reconciliation to end of December 2023. The reconciliation was checked against the bank statements and signed by the Chairman.

2471. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None

2472. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Cllr Brace again raised the issue of the racing cars on the dual carriageway during late evenings and night time.

Cllr Caparros advised that he had met a number of residents at the Coychurch Over-50s Café and had reported the issues raised with him to the relevant Bridgend CBC department and outlined the developments so far:

- The signpost near the junction off Main Road and Manor Drive (Highways)
- Trees overhanging 14-15 Brynffrwd Close – these are not apparently BCBC owned trees though they are on the highway verge. Cllr Caparros will be taking some photos and looking into this further.
- Bollard lights at the A473 junction, east of Coychurch village. These are working now.
- Singleton's junction – B4181 and Coychurch Road. It appears that Bridgend CBC are looking to put a mini-roundabout here with a no right turn sign at the end of Coychurch Road, approaching the junction.

2473. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on 13th February 2024 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall.

2474. Meeting closed at 7.56pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

On: _____

Minute No: _____