



COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor E. Caparros

Clerk: Ms M. Thomas

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2025

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

2626. The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.00pm.

2627. PRESENT: Councillor Caparros (chairman), Councillors Brace, Sutton and Dickinson, Snoddy and the clerk, Ms Thomas.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Snoddy to the council.

2628. APOLOGIES were accepted from Councillor Randall.

2629. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

2630. MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public present.

2631. TO REVIEW AND AGREE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 10th December 2024

The minutes, having been circulated previously, were agreed, as a true and accurate record of the Council Meeting on 10th December 2024 were duly signed by the Chairman.

2632. CLERK'S REPORT

- 5 days holiday taken by the Clerk
- Costs are being obtained for notice board options. The current notice board which is ready for the Play Park is a "Lynester" notice board. We are awaiting a quote for the "Lynester" to match this one. A quotation of £1187.26 plus VAT has been obtained for a similar noticeboard.
- Councillors have looked at the main notice board in front of the Memorial Hall and a locksmith is needed to drill out the lock that is not working and to put in 2 new locks. Similar action is required for the noticeboard in the bus shelter by the church. Clerk was instructed to arrange for the repairs.
- Emailed the clerk at Llantwit Major. They used the same contractor as Coychurch Lower used for the Play Park to supply for their outdoor gym equipment, which is metal framed and they are happy with it.
- Community Field possible T&CC Fund – the clerk is researching the required quotations.

2633. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – All circulated to members previously:

Planning Application No.: P/24/762/FUL

Applicant: Willis Asset Management Limited

Location: Aviation House, Brocastle Avenue, Waterton, Bridgend, CF31 3XR

Proposal: Single wind turbine and associated infrastructure

Council Decision – No Objections

2634. RIGHTS OF WAY / FOOTPATHS

Review by Councillor Randall postponed to next meeting



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2635. COYCHURCH COMMUNITY FIELD

Local Places for Nature build phase completed. The Clerk advised that the project leader, contractor and landscape architect had conducted a site review following the severe rain of recent days. They noted that the attenuation ponds seem to be working well but identified the need for further drainage in the south-west corner area. Further seeding/planting will be completed in March/April as it was now too late in the season to plant.

FINANCE

2636. TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2024

The Schedule of Receipts and Payments for December 2024 was presented. It was agreed that the community council would donate £27 to add to the carol service collection for Ty Hafan Hospice. Totals were as follows:

Payments	£2,455.84 (which includes the carol service collection to Ty Hafan hospice)
Receipts	£283.85 (bank interest and carol service collection)

2637. TOWN AND COMMUNITY COUNCILS FUND APPLICATION

After discussion it was agreed to include 4 pieces of static outdoor fitness equipment with wheelchair accessibility where possible, distance markers for walking, jogging, running on the 363 meter path, extra waste bins, and bicycle stands. Council set a match funded budget of £20,000 with Bridgend County Borough Council and Coychurch Lower Community Council each paying £10,000.

2638. TO RECEIVE MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Brace advised that some police action had been taken to deter the cars racing along the A473 dual carriageway late at night and expressed the hope that this anti-social behaviour would be deterred.

Councillor Dickenson noted that axle counters have been installed on either side of the railway bridge at the Singleton's junction. These will be used to determine the number of vehicles using the Coychurch Road and Simonston Road junction.

2639. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 11th February 2025 at 7pm in the Williams Memorial Hall.

2640. Meeting closed at 7.40pm

Signed by the Chair: _____ On: _____

Minute No: _____