



COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair: Councillor E. Caparros

Clerk: Ms M. Thomas

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th MARCH 2025

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

2655. The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.00pm.

2656. PRESENT: Councillor Caparros (chairman), Councillors Brace, Dickinson, Snoddy, Randall and the clerk, Ms Thomas.

County Councillor S. Griffiths

There were 22 members of the public present.

2657. APOLOGIES were received from Cllr K Sutton

2658. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Caparros reminded members of his interest in Bridgend County Borough Council's Electoral Boundaries Review

2659. REVIEW AND AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 11th FEBRUARY 2025

The minutes, having been circulated previously, were agreed unanimously and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

2660. PUBLIC SESSION

Further views were taken from members of the public on the proposals by Bridgend County Borough Council to alter the ward boundary to include Waterton/Brocastle and the retail and industrial estates in the Bridgend Town ward of Oldcastle and to include Coychurch village and the surrounding farms in the new Brackla Community ward.

The Chair had requested that someone from BCBC's Electoral department attend the meeting but this had been refused.

Included in the feedback were concerns about:

- there is no explanation of where the figure of 5000 electors comes from so it seems to be an arbitrary number.
- upset about losing the name Coychurch / Llangrallo from the proposed new community council.
- the petition leader updated on the petition's progress and people were encouraged to continue the letter and email campaign.
- Those who were not in email could bring paper copies to the community council office and they would be forwarded to the county councillors

Members of the public left at this point.



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2661. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO WARD BOUNDARIES

The draft response based on the feedback from residents was considered and with two slight amendments was agreed. The clerk was instructed to forward the council's response to the electoral review team,

2662. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – All circulated to members previously:

Planning Application No.: P/25/15/FUL

Applicant: Off Grid 31

Location: Unit 2A Kingsway Buildings Bridgend Industrial Estate CF31 3YH

Proposal: Change of use from skate park to use class D2 (events space)

COUNCIL DECISION - No objections as long as all suggested noise mitigation is undertaken

Planning Application No.: P/25/66/FUL

Applicant: Stark Building Materials UK Ltd

Location: Jewson Kingsway Bridgend Industrial Estate CF31 3RY

Proposal: Reconfiguration of the existing builders yard including revised external storage arrangements and new covered cantilevered storage racking, creation of a tool hire compound, revised car parking and servicing arrangements and associated works

COUNCIL DECISION – No objection

Planning Application No.: P/25/52/FUL

Location: Dunroamin, Main Road, Coychurch, Bridgend, CF35 5EJ

Proposal: Double storey extension to the side and rear of the existing property including demolition of existing garage attached to neighbouring garage

COUNCIL DECISION – No objection

Planning Application No.: P/25/79/FUL

Location: 9 Brynffrwd Close, Coychurch, Bridgend, CF35 5EP

Proposal: Installation of air source heat pump

COUNCIL DECISION – No objection

2663. FOOTPATHS / RIGHTS OF WAY

It was noted that new steps have been installed by Network Rail on each side of the unmanned crossing from Glenwood Close to the Mushroom Farm. The metal frame and steps should last many years.

2664. TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE QUOTATION FOR REPAIR OF THE STONE WALL OUTSIDE THE PLAY PARK

Council reviewed the quotation of £180 and agreed that the clerk should instruct the contractor to repair the wall. The neighbouring resident will also be informed.



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2665. TO DISCUSS THE PLAY SUFFICIENCY REVIEW

It was decided that there was not sufficient notice (2 days) to enable people to free their diaries to attend the initial session of this review.

2666. VE-DAY CELEBRATIONS IN MAY 2025

There had been little response on Facebook for village events so it was decided not to engage in this as a council-led activity but to encourage people to have their own street activities. The council would run a front of house garden/scarecrow competition.

FINANCE

2667. TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

The Schedule of Receipts and Payments for February was presented. Totals were as follows:

Payments	£2546.68 (includes the cost for festive lights along the village main road)
Receipts	£62.72 (bank interest)

2668. TO REVIEW GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was re-confirmed by the community council that it will only support grant applications from groups that contain or serve members of the Coychurch Lower communities.

2669. TO RECEIVE MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The clerk was instructed to ask the local PCSO officer to attend the next meeting.

2670. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 8th March 2025 at 7pm in the Williams Memorial Hall.

2671. Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed by the Chair: _____

On: _____

Minute No: _____