



COYCHURCH LOWER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th MARCH 2026
Held at 7.00pm in the Williams Memorial Hall, Main Road, Coychurch

2851. The meeting was opened at 7.00pm, by the Chair
2852. PRESENT: Councillor E. Caparros (Chair), Councillor M. Randall, Councillor R. Snoddy and the clerk, Ms Thomas.
There were no members of the public present
2853. APOLOGIES were received from Councillor J. Brace
2854. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA –
Councillor E Caparros as a Borough Councillor and cabinet member of Bridgend County Borough Council.
2855. TO RECEIVE AND AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 10th FEBRUARY 2026
The minutes for the meeting had been emailed previously to all members. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chair.
2856. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT
The application for a licence to do works in the Community Field was submitted on 3rd March and we await the outcome.

Details of what councillors and clerks can and cannot do in the 6 weeks up the election in May has been received by email. This will be forwarded to members.

Details of the required information for the full audit of the 2025-26 accounts have been received.
2857. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
Planning Application No.: P/26/103/FUL
Location: 3 Glebeland Close, Coychurch, Bridgend, CF35 5HE
Proposal: Proposed loft conversion with flat roof dormers on the front and rear and new pitched roof over porch and garage

Council Decision: No objections
- Planning Application No.: P/26/92/FUL
Location: 18 St Marys View, Coychurch, Bridgend, CF35 5HL
Proposal: Side dormer extension and extension to existing garage to create double length garage and store.

Council Decision: No objections



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2858. TO RECEIVE AND UPDATE ON PROGRESS FOR THE OUTDOOR GYM IN THE COMMUNITY FIELD
The application for the Licence to do Works in the Community Field was submitted on 3rd March. The Corporate Landlord department at Bridgend County Borough Coychurch has been emailed for an update on when this can be expected. We are awaiting a response.
2859. TO REVIEW THE CONDITION OF SURFACING IN THE PLAY PARK
The Clerk has received a quotation for replacing the grass matting in the play park with wetpour. Councillors will visit the play park to identify priority areas for work.
2860. TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S MUGA RISK ASSESSMENT
The Council resolved to agree the Risk Assessment and it was signed by the Chair. This is complementary to the RoSPA annual play park inspection.

FINANCE

2861. TO REVIEW AND AGREE THE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
The Schedule of Receipts and Payments for February 2026 was presented, agreed by council and signed by the Chairman.
Totals were as follows:
Payments: £3,200.51 (which includes final payment for the zip wire repair; the Christmas displays; the review of the council's website for legal/accessibility compliance)
Receipts: £20,34.86 (which includes the grant from The National Lottery towards the outdoor gym and bank interest)
2862. TO AGREE THE COST FOR REPAIR OF THE CAR PARK WALL
The clerk advised the council that the quote for the repair of the stone wall has been revised to £950. After some discussion as to the reason for this the council accepted the revised quotation.
2863. TO AGREE THE COST FOR PLANTERS IN ST MARY'S VIEW
After discussion about the options of a 3-tier planter or 3 round precinct planters it was agreed to provide 3 round precinct planters matching those in Glenwood Close. The expected cost was approximately £190 plus VAT for each planter. The Clerk will confirm the cost for the next meeting.
2864. TO RECEIVE MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PUBLIC
No members of the public were present.
2865. TO RECEIVE MATTERS BROUGHT FORWARD BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
Councillor Snoddy noted that Poco Poco (restaurant in Bridgend) has been voted the "Best Spanish Restaurant in Wales."
Councillor Caparros advised that the feasibility study is underway at the Singleton's junction. A camera and strips across the road have been set up to monitor the traffic.
Councillor Snoddy raised the issue of the potholes in the Retail Quarter on the estate.



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Councillor Caparros advised the Bridgend County Borough Council has purchased the Rhiw Shopping Centre as part their regeneration on the town centre.

2866. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING was confirmed as 14th April 2026 at 7pm in the meeting room at the Williams Memorial Hall, Coychurch.

2867. Meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed by the Chair: _____ On: _____ Minute No: _____