

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 30th July 2025
at Coytrahen Community Centre

Chairperson Cllr. Judith Morgan

Clerk Mrs. Louise Turner

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and chaired by Councillor Judith Morgan

Councillors In Attendance: - Cllr. Davies. Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Roberts, Cllr. Faulkner. Cllr. Gronow,

Mrs L Turner (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence - Cllr. Widsor

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Faulkner & Cllr. Roberts on all matters relating to the Coytrahen Community Association. Cllr. Jones, Councillor for Bridgend County Borough Councillor on all matters relating to Bridgend County Borough Council

3. Police Matters/Report

PCSO Laura Green gave her apologies. She provided a report for July 2025. 2 calls were received for anti-social behaviour, 2 calls for violence against a person, and 1 call for concern for safety. Clerk to provide PCSO Green with the dates of upcoming council Meetings.

4. Minutes and matters arising from the councils June 2025 Meeting

Cllr. Davies has installed the new dog waste bin.

5. Matters to be discussed

Watercourse - LLLCC received notification that they have been successful with their application for the resilient community's capital grant application.

The original quotation received upon inspection included trees that may not be the responsibility of LLCC, Cllr. Haines will inquire with BCBC.

LT to contact Louise Connolly (CAT department) to request a site meeting with highways to ascertain the responsibilities of the trees.

LT to sign the grant acceptance letter and return to BCBC

Cllr. Jones advised that we should apply to the Town and Community Council Fund for additional funding to help with the additional costs needed for the watercourse. LT to make inquiries regarding the application process

Football Field CAT - It was confirmed that the community allotment will now be included in the Football Field CAT.

We are awaiting further instructions from BCBC regarding the Feasibility Assessment. - LT to chase up.

The chair raised concerns, should the council merger happen, would this have any impact upon the football field. LT to contact Louise Connolly to make inquiries about whether this could be a community-led project.

Community Council Ward Change – No further update.

It was agreed to defer the LLCC policies to August Meeting.

LT contacted Sian Thomas & Daughters solicitors to further discuss appointing them as solicitors for Llangynwyd Lower community council. Unfortunately, they do not have the capacity now. However, having appointed a new solicitor they would have the capacity to work with us from October onwards.

Flower Planter - Getting water to the flower planter is becoming difficult. Cllr. Davies will look at new connectors for the hose pipe. It was also suggested removing the top 2 tiers of the planter to make carrying water more manageable.

Cllr. Faulkner will speak to a gardener and obtain prices should we need ongoing work.

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The Post Office sign blocks the view of the flower planter. It was suggested to ask the post office to remove their sign and only display it when they're open - Cllr. Faulkner to arrange.

Village Christmas Tree – Cllr. Haines will inquire with Highways on how to access electric from the lampstand to the trees.**Planning Applications** - No Applications

6. Correspondence - No correspondence

7. Finance

Serious concerns were raised regarding HSBC. Letters and telephone calls are being sent out to the Clerk and Cllr. Faulkner, regarding a Safeguard Review by a client manager, Hemanth Kumar upon contacting him, he said that he was unable to talk to us. The information he holds on records is for 2 current councillors, both with misspelled names. Having had cheques signed and money transferred, this is quite alarming. Cllr Faulkner wanted it noted that she feels harassed regarding the amount of phone calls she is receiving from Mr Kumar.

Cllr. Faulkner intends to visit HSBS to complain.

The Natwest application is progressing, they have received all the documentation, and we are waiting for the account to be opened.

LT to provide financial information.

Pension Regulator Re-declaration due by 31st October 25 – LT to complete

Cheque no 1006211 (10/12/24) was overpaid by £52.64 – Clerk to refund.

Updated One Voice Wales LGSA pay scale for 2025/2026 – Agreed by Cllr.

Scheduled of Payments agreed for July 2025

Admin	£373.36
N Thomas -	£1020.00
Steve Ambler & Son	£954.00

8. Clerk's Report

The cheque sent to Velindre Cancer Care will now be donated under S137. The cash from the raffle will be taken down to a cancer charity shop and donated. LT to organise this.

9. Members Reports

Cllr. Gronow – Residents remain unhappy that the watercourse continues to be closed. - With the approval of the grant works can soon commence.

The bushes at Heol Treharne are overgrowing. Cllr. Davies will ask N. Thomas to quote for this work.

Cllr. Roberts - Continues to advocate the need for a crossing – Cllr. Haines reassured her this was a top priority for him to resolve.

Cllr. Davies - Would like to erect trellis/arch around the entrance. Chair suggested planting a remembrance rose being by the remembrance garden. Cllr. Jones and Cllr. Davies will organise this.

Chair Cllr. Morgan – Cllr Faulkner to contact Mavis to arrange the remembrance Sunday service. Agreed to jointly fund the memorial buffet with the Community Association – Cllr. Faulkner will arrange this.

Cllr. Faulkner - Advised the community centre will be having a new alarm installed being linked to the police.

There is a dumped car in the layby by Box Terrace - This will be reported to the police.

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Inquired about the progress of the swing park - Cllr. Haines advised that work was in progress, and he met with the surveyor all work should be completed by August.

The community association will be issuing a newsletter and invited the council to contribute any news - LT to email regarding the update on the watercourse.

Suggested fixed speeding cameras in the village - Cllr. Haines will inquire regarding the procedure.

10. Cllr Gary Haines Reports

The new CEO of Bridgend, Mr. Jake Morgan met with Cllr. Haines and visited Coytrahen and Aberkenfig. Cllr. Haines advocated the need for a safe crossing.

The difference in the height of the railway bridge has been reported and BCBC responded that all signs will be reviewed.

The TPO for the monkey puzzle tree is ongoing Cllr. Haines is awaiting a call back from BCBC.

The pothole on the pavement adjacent to the Nicholls Arms is still awaiting a response from Highways. Cllr. Haines and LT to chase this up.

The repairs to the steps at the kissing gates started today. The new steps will be constructed with a safer, more substantial material.

Cllr. Haines will contact BCBC for guidance as to why the 3 lampstands within the grounds of the community centre are the responsibility of CCA.

Cllr. Haines will continue to liaise with BCBC regarding all referrals.

11. Public Participation - None

12. Any other business - Nothing raised

13. Items for September meeting

- Watercourse
- Football CAT
- Update – Community Repairs/referrals
- Christmas Tree
- LLCC Policies

15 Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 27th August at 7.00pm in the Philip Squire Community Centre.

Approved by Chair _____

Date _____

Amendments: -