

Chairman: Councillor Martyn Jones JP

Clerk/RFO: Mrs. Deborah Roberts

Llangynwyd Lower Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Isaf Llangynwyd

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 24th July 2023
At the Coytrahen Community Centre

The Meeting commenced at 6.00pm and was chaired by **Councillor Mr. Martyn Jones** who welcomed everyone at the meeting.

Also in attendance: -

Councillors: Mr. D. Davies, Mr. P. Gronow, Mr. J. Windsor, Mrs. J. Roberts, Mrs. G.J. Faulkner

Clerk: Mrs. D. Roberts.

23/07/01 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mrs. J. Morgan was not in attendance.

23/07/02 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Mr. J. Windsor and Mrs. J. Roberts on all matters relating to the Coytrahen Community Association- Committee Members. Councillor Mr. Martyn Jones on all matters relating to Bridgend County Borough Council – Bridgend County Borough Councillor.

23/07/03 Police Matters

No Police Officer in attendance. The clerk has had no response from the local PCSO.

Concerns were raised over an increase in anti-social behaviour over another incident of criminal damage relating to fires, late at night at the local children's playground.

Police were contacted who advised Councillors to raise awareness on Facebook for the people living in the village, also suggesting upgrading with more CCTV around the area.

Councillor Faulkner apologised for being late to the meeting.

Resolved: Clerk to contact the local PCSO for attendance and support in the next meeting.

23/07/04 Confirm the Minutes of the May 2023 Meeting

Clerk noted that alterations to be made on the following,

Councillor Faulkner would like to add that concerns were raised over criminal damage by fire at the local children's playground.

Resolved: That the Clerk noted alterations to be made, and that the Minutes of June 2023 were a true record.

23/07/05 Matters arising from the June 2023 Meeting

There were no matters arising from the June meeting.

23/07/06 Discussion with Mr. Luke Fletcher MS

Apologies were made by Mr. Luke Fletcher, unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances is unable to attend tonight's meeting, offering to attend an alternative evening.

Resolved: Clerk will invite Mr. Luke Fletcher to the next Full Council Meeting in September.

23/07/07 Village Christmas Tree

Due to Councillor Mrs. J. Morgan's absence, the Clerk will contact Cllr Morgan on an update regarding the Christmas tree ready for the next Full Council meeting in September.

23/07/08 Update on Lease agreement for CAT of the Playing Field

After a lengthy discussion with members, Cllr Martyn Jones reminded members to focus their minds on the lease, as it didn't include the trees. Stating views and circumstances of the lease have changed, with suggestions to suspend the lease until advice and guidance regarding the trees are discussed further.

Resolved: Proposed by Cllr Martyn Jones and seconded by Cllr Phil Gronow.

23/07/09 Website

Councillor Faulkner suggested she knew of a couple of people who could help Councillor Morgan regarding the upgrade of the Community Council website. Councillor Morgan wasn't present to discuss further but has informed a council member that upgrades have begun on the current website.

Resolved: Place on September agenda to continue to work towards updating and maintaining the website.

23/07/10 Electoral Arrangement Review

Bridgend Council is undertaking an Electoral Arrangement review of all Town and Community councils within Bridgend. Councillor Martyn Jones discussed the boundary changes which could be implemented as soon as Autumn next year. Llangynwyd Lower would then be part of Bridgend Constituency and no longer part of Ogmore Parliament Constituency.

23/07/11 Correspondence

The clerk informed Councillors of a quotation received from Plantscape for 10 Solar panel Christmas lighting costing total of £1,560.00 (One thousand five hundred and sixty pounds) through the village which the community council have provided for the past few years. All Councillors agreed. Cllr Roberts proposed and second by Cllr Faulkner.

Resolved: Community Council to purchase Christmas trees lights for the village of Coytrahen for Christmas 2023.

The Clerk received an invoice from Coytrahen Community Association for the hire of the hall for the past 6 months including storage and cost for Zoom meeting totaling £127.00 (one hundred and twenty-seven pounds)

Resolved: Clerk will pay the invoice to the Association.

The Chairman received a letter from the Association after a discussion from previous meeting stating there will be an increase in monthly rental of the hall which will increase to £20 (Twenty pounds only) per session due to increased energy costs.

Resolved: This increase was accepted by the Chairman and Councillors.

In relation to the Application submitted by Coytrahen Community Association for financial support three members of the Council declared a personal interest and did not participate in the decision. Councillors decided to revisit financial support at a more relevant time when the project is ongoing.

Resolved: Councillor Faulkner thanked the Councillors for their support and would update the Association on this discussion.

23/09/12 Planning Matters

No planning applications or correspondence received since the last meeting.

23/07/13 Member's report

Councillor Gronow raised the issue of the Rights of Way. Councillors agreed to meet in August to walk the Rights of Way to look at maintenance and any restrictions on Footpaths.

Cllr Faulkner wanted Clarification on the Upgrade of the Playpark. Cllr Jones informed members it's not in the 1st phase but could be in the 2nd phase.

Open reach still hasn't repaired the BT manhole.

Resolved: Clerk to contact open reach for an update.

Menshed have agreed to paint the walkway down the watercourse but will need jet washing first. Councillors suggested asking local business JPE Cleaning Services for a quote, Chairman Martyn Jones agreed to go ahead if quote reasonable.

Resolved: Contact JPE Cleaning Services for a quote to Jet wash the wooden walkway.

Councillor Roberts raised further concerns regarding the A4063 Main Rd through the Village, stressing the Village needs a crossing due to the speed and heavy traffic pounding through as Villagers of all ages are struggling to cross the road.

Resolved: Cllr. Martyn Jones will contact Mr. Malcolm James for an update.

A member of the public had been in contact regarding pedestrian access at the top of Cildaudy Rd was being blocked with parked cars.

Resolved: Councillors will have a walk round in August.

Cllr Davies informed the members a metal bin had been stolen from outside the Nicholls Arms public house.

Resolved: Clerk to contact BCBC to have the theft of the Bin replaced.

Cllr Davies informed members some Ash trees are diseased, also part of the fence line in Heol Treharne needs attention due to it being loose.

Resolved: Clerk will contact BCBC asking for a tree survey and maintenance of the fence in Heol Treharne.

Issues regarding Kier bags were resolved due to them being delivered the day after the last Council meeting in June.

Councillor Faulkner said the forthcoming Memorial Day is all in hand. A local newsletter has been provided by CCA to households in the village with information regarding this special event.

One of the benches bought by the Community Council was taken from the park and burnt along with a large poster board.

Cllr Jones advised members the people in the village will not tolerate this behaviour.

The Community Association are looking into upgrading the current CCTV with more cameras around the Centre and park due to recent criminal activities in the Playpark.

A suggestion from Councillor Windsor was the installation of PIR lighting.

Councillor Jones suggested that the CCA hold an emergency meeting regarding the upgrade to protect the community assets, and for the Clerk to contact the insurance company whether to make a claim for the Wooden bench which was destroyed in the arson attack.

Resolved: Clerk to contact insurance company querying a claim and request a preferred list of CCTV installers for the upgrade.

23/07/14 Finance

The Clerk presented Members with an updated schedule of payments.

Members were informed of the current financial position of the council.

Resolved: That the balances were noted.

23/07/15 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

23/07/16 Items for the September 2023 Meeting

Extend an invitation to Mr. Luke Fletcher

Extend an invitation to the local PCSO.

Update on Website.

Update on the Upgrade of CCTV.

23/07/17 Date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the Council will meet on Thursday the 28th of September 2023 at 6pm.

With there being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all in attendance for their contribution to this evening's meeting and wished them a lovely Summer and August and closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Chairman Date