

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th of May 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. Faulkner	Cllr. Gronow
Cllr. Windsor	Cllr. Roberts	Cllr. Haines	Mrs. L Turner (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence - No apologies

2. Declaration of interest

Cllr Faulkner and 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.

Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Gronow & Cllr. Windsor on all matters relating to the potential collaboration with Tondy Football Club

Cllr. Gronow on all matters relating to the Llynfi Angling Association

3. Police Matters/Report

The Cllrs reported they witnessed a mobile speed van within the village. However, having road works at the same time was not a true reflection of the norm. Cllr. Haines will liaise to arrange another visit.

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

Cllr. Davies will install the new fog bin next week.

Cllr. Jones has arranged for a site visit to discuss the quality of workmanship of the recent tree cutting from Coytrahen up towards Maesteg

The Councillors thanked Cllr. Gronow for painting the village benches in blue. Cllr. Gronow provided the Clerk with a B&Q receipt for the materials totalling £44.00 and returned the remaining £9.00 in cash.

Cllr. Gronow reported that since the replacement pads have been replaced, the secure box has been beeping. This has now been resolved.

5. Matters to be discussed

Watercourse

Cllr. Faulkner received the arbiter's assessment of the trees at the watercourse. Upon reviewing, it was evident that a substantial amount of costly work would need to be carried out to re-open the watercourse.

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th of May 2025
at Coytrahen Community Centre

Chairperson Cllr. Judith Morgan

Clerk Mrs. Louise Turner

Cllr. Faulkner received a quotation totalling £11,000+vat.

The Clerk advised that an application was submitted to BCBC for the Community Feasibility Fund and was awaiting a reply.

With the Community Council unable to fund this work, it was suggested that the clerk email the report and quotation to Louise Connolly of BCBC to seek advice on other possible funding.

Cllr. Jones noted that should we be able to seek further funding, the community council should be mindful that we may need to crossmatch. Being that funds will need to be kept aside for this instance.

Contractors will be contacted regarding quotations for a replacement bridge at the watercourse.

There remain queries regarding who has the responsibility for the trees, BCBC or the community council. BCBC have reviewed their lease and advised that LLCC are responsible for the upkeep. Upon LLCC appointing a surveyor. They believed BCBC should have the responsibility of tree maintenance.

LLCC considered the option of seeking legal this would be deferred until a response was received from Louise Connolly following the arbiter's report.

Cllr. Haines reported again that upon his referral and site meeting with the cabinet member Cllr. Paul Davies (Cabinet member for Climate Change and the Environment), who reported that the trees are not deemed to be of a significant risk to warrant work. Cllr. Haines will contact Cllr. Davies again with a copy of the qualified arbiters' report. Cllr

Football Field CAT

The Clerk announced that BCBC had accepted our application for the football field CAT and would continue by fast tracking the application. Clerk to complete the relevant paperwork/arrangements.

Having previously been advised that the old allotment area was under lease and could not be included in the CAT. Cllr. Windsor and Cllr. Gronow spoke to the resident who initially made inquiries regarding this lease. Who, in return, supported the idea of a community allotment and offered to withdraw the application in favour of the community council. - Clerk to address.

The clerk also advised that she had applied to BCBC's Communities Feasibility Fund and is now waiting for a decision to be made.

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th of May 2025
at Coytrahen Community Centre

Chairperson Cllr. Judith Morgan

Clerk Mrs. Louise Turner

- The proposed community council ward changes continue to be in the consultation process with no further updates.
- The village Christmas tree - Ongoing
- Obtaining quotations for the landscaping/remedial work continues to be ongoing.
- Advocating on behalf of the Coytrahen Community Association Cllr. Faulkner advised that the association now wish to withdraw their request for financial assistance towards the Fun Day and 50th anniversary.

Cllr. Faulkner stressed her upset and disappointment at the approach of the councillors during April's meeting. She found the whole experience unpleasant.

She felt there was a negative response towards the centre, and she was saddened by this.

Cllr. Jones reiterated the situation that the community council currently find themselves in. With upcoming costly repairs at the watercourse and funds needed to secure the CAT football field.

The chair accepted the withdrawal.

Cllr. Faulkner and Cllr. Morgan will make personal contributions to support the event.

- Cllr. Haines and Cllr. Jones was pleased to report that, upon several meetings and consultations, they participated in advocating for the re-instatement of school transport, having unsafe walking routes.

Following the been risk-assessed, it concluded that there are no safe walking routes in Coytrahen. Resulting in the reinstatement of school transport. Updated letters will be sent to parents.

Whilst every effort was made to advocate among cabinet members and fellow councillors on the imperativeness to reinstate the school transport.

Cllr. Haines shared his disappointment with recent social media posts being unaware of the hard work the councillors were involved in.

6. Planning Applications

No applications received.

7. Correspondence

Thank you letter from Valindre Cancer Care thanking the community for the moneys raised during the public meeting.

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th of May 2025
at Coytrahen Community Centre

Chairperson Cllr. Judith Morgan

Clerk Mrs. Louise Turner

Financial Assistance application received from Llynfi Angling. Upon reviewing the application, the Cllr. advised that, unfortunately, LLCC are not in the position to financially assist any applications now, having unknown upcoming expenditure. Clerk to write a letter advising that LLCC cannot support the application now. However, we would welcome any future applications.

8. Finance

Display of the Audit Notice – Arrangements have been made.

The clerk to contact Mr. Thomas to instruct him as LLCC Internal Auditor for 24/25 and 25/26.

Petty Cash – B&Q £44.00 and Cash remaining £9.00

Scheduled Payments for May 2025

Staff Costs £373.36

Admin Costs £84.99

9. Clerk's Report

Reported the accounts for 2024-2025 have been submitted to the internal auditor for inspection.

10. Members Reports

Cllr. Gronow.

Reported youths (dropped off by parents) were camping recently and took it upon themselves to cut down a tree for firewood. Subsequently, the tree fell into the river on the playing field side. This was reported to National Resources Wales. Despite having to assess the tree, the report will not be acted upon as not being a flood risk.

Also, concerns were raised regarding the hedge along Heol Treharn.

Cllr. Windsor

Nothing to report

Cllr. Davies

Nothing to report

Cllr. Roberts

Reported a pothole by the telephone box in the village - Cllr Haines will make a referral to BCBC,

Cllr. Jones

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th of May 2025
at Coytrahen Community Centre

Chairperson Cllr. Judith Morgan

Clerk Mrs. Louise Turner

Raised concerns about the trees on the Main Road and if we could ascertain as to who has the responsibility for the upkeep, BCBC or the Watercourse.

Cllr. Morgan

Raised concerns regarding the railway bridge in Coytrahen. Being the sign on the main road displaying the height of vehicles able to pass differs from the sign as you enter the bridge. - Photos will be taken of the signs and forwarded to Cllr. Haines to contact BCBC

Cllr. Faulkner

Advised that the nurse attend the centre to undertake free health checks. This was popular and alarming, being out of 27 people, 21 were referred to their GP.

The nurse will be returning on the 19th of August to offer more health checks.

1 Light is out in the Main Road, Cllr. Faulkner will forward the lampstand number to Cllr. Haines to report.

Advised she spoke with Mathew Dawe of the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme (LDTCS) regarding possible grants that would be beneficial to the Community Council. These details will be passed to the clerk to register with them.

Continues to have concerns about speeding cars in the evenings. This is an ongoing issue.

11. Cllr Gary Haines Reports

- Repairs to the steps at the kissing gates - 2 referrals and met with Cllr. Gronow to take photographs. The original referral was in February 2025. Cllr. Haines will chase again.
- Removal of the skate ramp on the greenery behind the Nicholls Arms - Has now removed
- The pathway from the Community Centre to the Nicholls Arms - Substandard work was reported. BCBC placed filling in the potholes that have since broken up. This will be reported.
- Sink Hole at the Community Centre - Work completed however, not to a good standard soil was placed over the hole and the grate was painted.
- Pothole on the main pavement adjacent to the Nicholls Arms. - Mrs. Turner is liaising with Highways without much success.
- Blocked drains around the village - Reported to BCBC for Inspection.
- Potholes at the end of Cildudy Road joining onto the main road - Reported to BCBC

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28th of May 2025
at Coytrahe Community Centre

Chairperson Cllr. Judith Morgan

Clerk Mrs. Louise Turner

- Update on the potential preservation order for the Monkey Puzzle Tree at the former St. Thomas, The Apostle Church, Coytrahe - Ongoing
- Coytrahe Swing Park - Refurbishment due to take place in July/August 2025

Cllr. Haines advised that BCBC are now using in house contractors to undertake all the grass cutting and pathway maintenance. There is currently a back log due to recruitment. However, this will soon be resolved with BCBC having more control over the workmanship.

12. Public Participation

Two community residents attended this month's meeting having concerns about the proposed MTT Wind Farm with 6.x 250mtr blades and battery solar panels.

Due to the project being in the consultation period, there is very little that can be done.
- Clerk to check on the progress of this project and the expected planning submission date.

13. Any other business - Nothing raised

14. Items for June's meeting

- Watercourse
- Football Field Application
- Community Feasibility Fund
- Crossing
- Update – Community Repairs

15 Date of Next Meeting -

Wednesday 25th June at 7.00pm in the Philip Squire Community Centre.

Approved by Chair _____

Date _____

Amendments:-