

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 Thursday the 29th June 2023
At the Coytrahen Community Centre

The Meeting commenced at 6.00pm and was chaired by **Councillor Mrs. G. J. Faulkner until Chairman Councillor Mr. Martyn Jones arrived.**

Chairman, Councillor Martyn Jones apologised for his late attendance, but, explained that he had been delayed by attending another council's business. The Chairman arrived at 6.30pm and immediately relieved Councillor Mrs. Faulkner of the chair.

Also in attendance: -

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

Clerk: Mrs. D. Roberts

23/06/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Windsor.
Councillor Mrs. J. Morgan was not in attendance.

23/06/02 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Mrs. G. J. Faulkner 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.

23/06/03 Police Matters

No Police Officer in attendance. Concerns were raised over reported log fires being set by teenagers at the local children's playground.

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

23/06/04 Confirm the Minutes of the May 2023 Meeting

Resolved: That the members present unanimously agreed that the Minutes of the May 2023 Full Council Meeting were a true record.

23/06/05 Matters arising from the May 2023 Meeting

Councillor Mrs. G. J. Faulkner raised the following matters:

Update of the Dog fouling bins for the Playing field, Clerk had advised members this has been raised and recently followed up with another email to chase a response.

Cllr Faulkner will address the Council at the next full Council meeting in July regarding an increase in rental of the future hire of the hall to cover the costs of increased energy charges.

The Pavement between the Community Centre towards The Nicholls Arms Public House is in dire state of repair.

Cllr Faulkner stressed this is dangerous, adding there has recently been an incident of a resident having a nasty fall on this pavement. During a recent meeting held in the Community Centre by Mr. Chris Elmore MP discussed with the villagers that due to our financial climate the pavements won't be repaired.

Same applies for any of the footpaths in the village.

With regards to the pavement between Tondy and Coytrahen on the A4063 it needs clearing and not just weed killer applied.

Councillor Martyn Jones said it's not BCBC's intention to repair any highways in the Borough, as the pavements were recently inspected. The outcome from highways was that the pavements are not dangerous, but they are aware of the state of the railings on the A4063.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Highways to have the pavement between Tondy /Coytrahen cleared of the overgrowth, also to review the pavement between Community Centre and The Nicholas Arms Public House.

The playpark in the village needs replacing /upgrading. Cllrs Davies and Cllr Gronow mentioned this with Mr. Chris Elmore MP in the meeting, who responded by saying he will investigate this.

Resolved: Clerk will contact Mr. Chris Elmore MP on Councillors behalf regarding an update on upgrading the village playpark.

Chairman Mr. Martyn Jones informed the councillors of his meeting with Mr. Luke Fletcher MS Member of Plaid Cymru with issues arising from the last Council meeting. Mr. Luke Fletcher accepts there's minimal support for the village.

Resolved: After a lengthy discussion the members agreed the Clerk will contact Plaid Cymru office with the ongoing issues and lack of support for the village.

Cllr Faulkner confirmed the daffodil bulbs had been ordered from Baker's, the local DIY store in Aberkenfig. Pyle Garden Centre account has been set up and is in use for plants for the planter.

23/06/06 Village Christmas Tree

Due to Councillor Mrs. J. Morgan's absence, the discussion about the Village Christmas tree will be put on the agenda for next month.

23/06/07 Update on Lease agreement for CAT of the Playing Field

Councillor Martyn Jones discussed with members he spoke with Mr. Guy Smith to consider BCBC include a 10-year maintenance plan to maintain the trees in the Playing fields on the lease agreement. Update of this will be discussed at the next full council meeting in July.

23/06/08 Council Risk Register

The Council Risk Assessment Register was discussed and accepted the council needed one-work in progress.

23/06/09 Website

Councillors all agreed the Community Council website needs updating. Councillor Morgan wasn't present to discuss further regarding upgrading the current website.

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

23/06/10 Marquee

The invoice was presented to the Council members of the Association for the payment of the Marquee.

Councillor's agreed to pay the invoice total of £552.00 (Five hundred and fifty-two pounds) for the Kings Coronation in support of the village event which was run by the Coytrahen Community Association back in May.

Resolved: Cllr Phil Gronow proposed and seconded by Cllr Derwyn Davies.

23/06/11 Updated Standing Orders

Councillors resolved to adopt the Updated Standing Orders.

23/06/12 Correspondence

Chairman Mr. Martyn Jones advised the members of Risk Assessment procedures in relation to the use of ladders and further advised members in other use of equipment owned by the Community Council.

Resolved: Clerk will update Risk assessment schedules for the use of gardening equipment.

Councillor Mrs. G. Faulkner discussed the upkeep of footpaths in the village, especially footpath 16, the Clerk has made attempts to contact Mr. P. Meredith who maintains the footpaths regrettably with no response. After further discussion the members agreed if there's no contact from Mr. Meredith this week, it was advised that Councillor Davies should contact another gardening company to get a quote and arrange a meeting for the maintenance of the footpaths.

Resolved: Place on July agenda with a further update.

23/06/13 Planning matters

Pre-application Proposal for additional Storage Buildings at Bridgend Paper Mills.

The Development has already taken place due to the urgent health and safety risk on site, however they are now seeking to regularize this Development through the planning system.

Resolved: Members had no objections to the development.

23/06/14 Members report

Councillor Mrs. J. Roberts spoke of the main road and how dangerous it is to cross, due to the speed and heavy flow of traffic.

Resolved: The Clerk will draft a letter on behalf of the members to the Office of Mr. Luke Fletcher MS Member of Plaid Cymru.

Councillor Davies reported the BT manhole by the Bus shelter on the A4063 is raised and open slightly.

Resolved: Clerk will contact Open Reach.

The wooden walkway in the watercourse needs attention and the clearing of debris.

Resolved: Cllr Davies will contact the Men shed to assess.

Suggestions for a Memorial Day for this August were discussed as last year was a great success. Chairman Cllr. M. Jones suggested an afternoon tea event with a provisional date of Sunday August 20th. The cost will be split between the Community Council and the Community Association. The Association will draft a newsletter regarding information about the forthcoming Memorial Day.

Cllr Gronow expressed his difficulties contacting Kier, to access council blue bags has been unsuccessful. Suggested why can't the borough have these available to pick up in local shops/library as RCT have this option.

Cllr Mr. M. Jones will enquire when visiting the Council offices this week.

23/06/15 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.

23/06/16 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

23/06/17 Items for the July 2023 meeting

Discuss the Village Christmas tree with Councillor J. Morgan present.

Update on the Community Council website

Update on the Lease agreement for the playing field.

23/06/18 Date of the next meeting

It was resolved that the Council will meet on Monday the 24th of July 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 closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Chairman Date

