

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 30th March 2023
At the Coytrahen Community Centre

The Meeting commenced at 6.00pm and was chaired by **Councillor Mrs G. J. Faulkner**

Also in attendance:-

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

Clerk: Mrs. D. Roberts

Observer: Mr. G. W. Davies

30/03/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Chairman Councillor Martyn Jones -other business
Councillor Mrs. J. Morgan-unavailable

30/03/02 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Mrs. G. J. Faulkner, Mrs J. Roberts and Mr J.Windsor on all matters relating to the
Coytrahen Community Association- Committee Members

30/03/03 Police Matters

There was no police officer present.

30/03/04 Confirm the Minutes of the February 2023 Full Council Meeting

Clerk noted alterations are to be made on the following:

Councillor Faulkner raised that the Council was to consider purchasing gifts for the community's children to commemorate the forthcoming King's Coronation, not Councillor Faulkner personally as previously noted in February's minutes.

Query on whether the Capital Asset Transfer is called Community Asset Transfer- Former Clerk Mr.G.W. Davies had confirmed it as Capital Asset Transfer.

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

30/03/05 Matters arising from the February 2023 Minutes

Councillor Gronow raised that temporary railings have been put in place along the A4063 in front of the original broken railings.

Councillor Ellie Richards hasn't responded to emails from the Clerk to accept an invite to the monthly Community Council meetings also regarding concerns over village matters which includes the crossing on the main road.

30/03/06 New Bank Mandate and Signatures

Resolved: That Mrs. G. J. Faulkner, Mr. P. Gronow, Mr. J. Windsor, and Mrs. D. Roberts are to be the council's cheque signatories.

30/03/07 **Wales Audit Report**

The report was similar to the previous year whereby council's surplus bank balances were not taken into account when setting its budget. Its intended expenditure was not clearly shown with budget heads etc.

Its Financial Regulations and Standing Orders needed updating. The Annual Return figures were in certain sections shown as accumulated and not separate as required.

Not enough information was being placed on its website and (not in the report) members believed a new website was necessary in order to achieve its statutory requirements.

Members noted the contents of the report and in defence argued that they had been left in limbo by Bridgend CBC's failure to implement the Capital Asset Transfer programme and thereby retained in their opinion sufficient funds to purchase future assets such as machinery and other equipment to properly maintain, (when the time comes), its future parkland.

Part of the surplus balance was to be used when negotiating a future merger with a neighbouring community council.

Members are now satisfied that following the 2023/24 Precept meeting that future budgets are accounted for correctly.

Members also noted the delay in receiving the Audit Wales report, which, is nearly one year out of date.

30/03/08 **Correspondence**

1. An order has been made by BCBC to upgrade Footpath 5 Llangynwyd Lower to a Restricted Byway. A copy of the order and order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at Aberkenfig and Bridgend Library or may be inspected online at <https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/business/licensing/legal-notice-and-orders/> or by contacting rightsofway@bridgend.gov.uk telephone 01656 642545. Copies are displayed in the village notice boards.
2. Councillors all agreed to pay former Clerk Mr. G.W. Davies travel expenses which were to assist the council during Mrs. Roberts introductory period as Clerk/RFO to the council, total of Thirty Five pounds and Ten pence ... (£35.10).
3. Councillor Faulkner had correspondence regarding Road signs- Pedestrian pack which might be useful for the village.
4. Coytrahen Community Association have written to the Chairman to ask members of the council for financial help to hire a marquee for the King's coronation. As only two councillors could vote it was suggested it would need to be addressed in the next meeting on April 27th 2023.

23/01/09 **Planning Matters**

Planning application is in place for a property in Nicholls Road, The Clerk and Councillors were not aware and will follow this up.

23/01/10 **Members Reports**

1. Councillor Roberts queried whether it's worth paying a gardener to do the Rockery/ Bus stop area as some of the councillors are already doing planting/gardening around the village. Agreed that the current gardener works on other areas and for it to continue.
2. Councillor Davies reported the fence in Heol Treharne going towards the Stone bridge is loose and needs attention.
3. Councillor Gronow mentioned a sign has been placed on the gate of the football field regarding dog fouling. Also discussed placing Poo bags/bins in the football field to try to encourage people to pick up the dog foul. Councillor Faulkner will see if she still has a contact number for clean up the country who supply these bins. Councillor Windsor volunteered to collect used bags from bins down the field if need be.

4. Councillor Gronow would like to discuss at the next meeting planting a Christmas tree in the village.

5. Trees over hanging the footpath by the telephone box need addressing.

Resolved: Councillors Davies, Gronow and Windsor have agreed to cut them back.

6. Councillor Faulkner said the down pour of recent rain had blocked the drains on both sides of the A4063 in the village. Also for the council to consider a gift for the community children for the forthcoming Coronation.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Highways regarding cleaning the drains and to address the forthcoming year budget as currently not costed for it this year.

7. Code of Conduct training will be discussed at next meeting for training in May when dates are released.

8. Suggestions were made regarding the Community Council and Coytrahen Community Association provide a joint Newsletter for the village with discussions about going electronically in the near future.

9. Councillors asking to send Councillor Ellie Richards another invite to the next Community Council Meeting.

23/01/11 Finance

The Clerk presented Members present with a schedule of payments totaling £1509.00 and requested approval to make payment with immediate effect

Resolved: That the schedule of payments is approved.

Members were informed of the current financial position of the council

Resolved : That the balances were noted.

23/03/12 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

23/01/13 Items for the April 2023 Meeting

King's coronation Marquee/gifts funding for the children of the village

Discuss Pathway 5

Christmas Tree in the village

Newsletter

Special meeting date for capital asset transfer

23/01/14 Date of the next Meeting

It was resolved that the council will next meet on Thursday the 27th April 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 finally closed the meeting at 7.20pm

Chairman Date