

**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 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023***  
***At the Coytrahen Community Centre***

The Meeting commenced at 6.00pm and was chaired by **Councillor Mr. Martyn Jones**.

***Also in attendance: -***

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

**Clerk:** Mrs. D. Roberts

**Observer:** Mr. G. W. Davies

***23/05/01      Apologies for Absence***

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Windsor.

Councillor Mrs. J. Morgan was not in attendance.

***23/05/02      Declarations of Interest***

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

***23/05/03      Police Matters***

No Police Officer in attendance.

***23/05/04      Confirm the Minutes of the March 2023 Full Council Meeting***

A Member considered that a specific request had not been recorded in the Minutes, namely that our local County Borough Councillor “should be reported to the Council’s Monitoring Officer for failure to acknowledge this council’s requests to attend our meetings.

At this point Council went into CAMERA (Not in the public’s interest) in order to discuss personal issues.

***23/05/05      Matters arising from the March 2023 Meeting***

Councillor Faulkner expressed her disappointment at this council’s failure to provide funding and support towards local celebrations of the Kings Coronation.

Council was aware a request by the Community Association could not be debated at the March 2023 meeting as certain members personal interest would have left the meeting inquorate.

The May 2023 meeting was cancelled due to the majority of members being unavailable to attend. Therefore the Council, in the opinion of the Chairman, was blameless.

A lengthy debate on the eligibility of backdating a S.137 payment resulted in members requesting the invoice for the cost of the Marque to be addressed to Council in order that it can be discussed at the June 2023 meeting.

Cllr Gronow emailed BCBC requesting extra Dog Waste Bins for the Local playing field, the outcome has been closed by BCBC. No further report.

**Resolved: Clerk will send another request asking for Bins to be placed and put on a collection route to be emptied.**

**23/05/06**                    **Footpath 5 Restricted Byway**

The Council resolved to not support Bridgend County Borough Council's planning request to upgrade Llangynwyd Lower Footpath No.5 to a "Restricted Byway"

**23/05/07**                    **Annual Return**

Members were supplied with the Internal Auditor's report, which was read out, noted and accepted by those present.

The Clerk/RFO then took Members through part 2 of the Annual Return, namely the "Annual Governance Statement" each question/section was discussed and confirmed as being adhered to by this council. The Chairman and Clerk/RFO then duly signed and dated the document in readiness for submission to Audit Wales.

**Resolved:- That the Annual Return including the Internal Auditor's report is noted and accepted as being a true reflection of the council's finances for the financial year 2022/23.**

**23/05/08**                    **Correspondence**

The Chair received an application to contribute £100 (One Hundred pounds) to lighting costs. After discussing this it was rejected. However, the Community Council is aware of increased energy charges and invite the Community Association to increase the cost of future hire of the hall to cover the costs of increased energy charges.

**Resolved: That the Community Association will address and increase their energy costs.**

**23/05/09**                    **Planning Matters**

No planning applications or correspondence received since the last meeting.

**23/05/10**                    **Member's report**

1. Cllr Gronow reported the Footpath from the Community Centre to the Nicholls Arms Public House is deteriorating. Reports of a lady who recently fell. The Chair had informed the Council that it has already been referred to BCBC.
2. Benches in the village are in the process of being painted.
3. Discussion about the Village Christmas to be put on for next month's council meeting for discussion with Cllr Morgan.

**Resolved: Clerk will place discussion of the Village Christmas Tree on June's Agenda.**

4. Cllr J. Roberts has again raised concerns over parking just off the A4063 turning onto the Estate, as motorists continue to park their vehicles near the junction of Maesteg Road A4063 on the entrance to the housing estate. This is causing a serious problem for cars trying to enter and leave the estate.

5. The Councillor also queried the current position regarding the main road pedestrian crossing.  
**Resolved: The Chair and the Clerk will craft an email to send to the Office of Luke Fletcher MS Member of Plaid Cymru as the Community Council have had no response from the local Borough Councillor Richards.**
6. Cllr G. J. Faulkner raised concerns over the dreadful state of the pavement between Coytrahen and Tondy. The growth of foliage/weeds on the inside of the pathway is a safety issue for Pedestrians. Villagers are only able to walk closer to the kerb along the A4063. Which has a heavy fast flow of traffic.  
**Resolved: The Clerk will include the footpath in an email to Luke Fletcher MS of Plaid Cymru.**
7. The Playpark in the Community needs an upgrade. Local villages have been replaced with an upgrade, it was discussed there are no plans for BCBC to upgrade our Village Playpark.  
**Resolved: Clerk to contact BCBC for request of upgrade.**
8. Daffodil Bulbs need to be ordered with Baker's, the local village DIY shop.  
**Resolved: Cllr's all decided on 4 sacks of daffodils.**
9. Pothole in road just off the A4063 coming into the estate by the telephone box. Needs attention.  
**Resolved. Clerk to contact BCBC Highway.**
10. Cllr Faulkner reported Pyle Garden Centre are happy to open an account for Llangynwyd Lower Council. Cllr Roberts is to clear the planter ready for new plants.  
**Resolved: Councillors agreed. The clerk will provide Pyle Garden Centre with an email address for correspondence.**
11. Cllr Davies requested more fuel for the Lawn Mower, and that the flower patch is coming along nicely. Request was made for a longer hose pipe.  
**Resolved: Cllr Davies will buy a new Hose pipe and collect fuel from local business and invoice the Clerk.**

#### **23/05/11      Finance**

The Clerk presented Members with an updated schedule of payments.  
Members were informed of the current financial position of the council.  
Cheque for Gardening services was written to Alan Aubrey to the value of £40 (Forty Pounds).  
**Resolved: That the balances were noted**

#### **23/05/12      Public Participation**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

#### **23/05/13      Items for the June 2023 Meeting**

Discuss Village Christmas Tree  
Council Risk Register  
Finances for the coming year  
Discuss Lease agreement for CAT of the Playing Field.

**23/05/14      Date of the Next Meeting**

It was resolved that the Council will meet on Thursday the 29th of June 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 7.40pm.

**Chairman ..... Date .....**

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