

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 29th of April 26
at Coytrahen Community Centre**

In attendance: Cllr. June Roberts Cllr. Derwyn Davies
Cllr. Jean Faulkner Cllr. Phil Gronow Clerk Mrs. Louise Turner
Cllr. Martyn Jones Cllr. Mark Lewis

1. **Apologies for absence:** - Cllr. Gary Haines (Coytrahen & Aberkenfig)
2. **Absence:** - No
3. **Declaration of Interest in accordance with the councils code of conduct & Section 106 the of the Local Government Finance Act 1992**

- 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.

4. **Approval or Amendments of March Council Meeting:**

No issues were raised by the councillors in attendance. The Chair signed the minutes.

5. **Items for discussion or approval.**

- a) LLCC New Website: - The clerk is in discussion with the designer to create a more friendly version. This will be brought back to the next council meeting for consideration,
- b) Christmas 2026: Following recent advice on planting Christmas trees, the proposed tree can be no more than approximately 5 feet tall and is expected to cost £50–£60. Jason Frowen (BCBC) is helping to obtain the landlord's permission for planting. Considering this, a further meeting will be arranged with Mr Anthony Gough to discuss the revised plans and updated costs.
- c) Safe Road Crossing: Cllr Haines is still advocating for the need for a safe road crossing. This matter is ongoing and will remain on the agenda.
- d) The Clerk will arrange for Cllr. Lewis to receive training on the Code of Conduct and the new councillor role. Other councillors will review the upcoming training available and will request any courses they feel would assist them in their role as community councillors. This will be reviewed.
- e) The CAT continues to have mixed views regarding acceptance of the lease, due to the financial commitment involved both now and in the foreseeable future for LLCC. It was decided that the lease should be investigated further in the best interests of the community. Councillors will also compile a list of questions and concerns to be raised for further clarification.
- f) Mr Gareth Adams provided a letter expressing his wish to be co-opted onto the Council for consideration. No other correspondence was received, and the

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Clerk also confirmed that no letters had been sent to the Electoral Office in error.

Mr Adams was nominated by the Chair and seconded by Cllr Lewis. It was agreed to co-opt Mr Adams onto the Council. The Clerk will write to Mr Adams to welcome him as a Councillor for LLCC and invite him to the next Council meeting.

- g) There will be no additional charges made to LLCC insurance policy by adding the garden machinery onto the policy.
- h) The Clerk has submitted the PIPF application and awaiting the outcome.
- i) A letter of thanks was sent to Mr Windsor and Mrs Morgan, thanking them for their time served on the Council and for their commitment and support to the community.
- j) No further information has been received from Last Energy regarding the nuclear development. This item will remain on the agenda to ensure any future progress is noted and discussed.

6. Finances-

- a) The schedule of payments for April 2026 was presented and approved.
- b) The Councillors were provided with the bank statements for the year-end for review.
- c) Clerk to chase up with HSBC regarding the £150 in compensation to be paid.

9. **Planning Applications:** - No application.

10. **Correspondence**

A letter was received from Environmental Health regarding a report from a resident concerning a rodent infestation within Coytraheh.

It was agreed that, due to recent reports of refuse collectors dropping waste during collections and not clearing it away, this matter will be further addressed and the situation monitored closely.

Due to the semi-rural nature of the area, issues with rodents are unfortunately likely to remain an ongoing concern. Whilst every effort will be made to minimise the risk, it is acknowledged that the issue cannot be fully eradicated. The possibility of laying bait was discussed; however, this was considered unsuitable due to the safety of children and residents.

The Clerk will email Cllr Haines to share the correspondence for information purposes. The Clerk will also respond to Environmental Health and the

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resident who raised the concerns, advising that the situation will continue to be monitored.

11. Application Requesting Financial Support

A letter was received from Mrs L Turner enquiring about sponsorship from LLCC for a skydive she intends to undertake in aid of the Leukaemia Charity. It was agreed by all Councillors to sponsor £25.00. It was also discussed that the Councillors will review all charities that have communicated with the Council over the last year regarding sponsorship requests, for further consideration and agreement.

12. Police Matters: There has been an increase in antisocial behaviour recently, including incidents of eggs being thrown at residents' windows.

Despite numerous attempts to contact the local PCSO to date, no response has been received. It was therefore suggested that a call be made to 101 to raise concerns regarding both the antisocial behaviour and the lack of PCSO support within the community.

13. Clerks Report - Nothing to report

14. Members Reports

Cllr Davies - Nothing to report.

Cllr Roberts Continues to advocate for a safe road crossing within the village. Due to the recent increase in vehicle speeds through the village and the number of accidents reported, it was suggested that a speed check sign should be installed.

Further enquiries and advice will be sought from the Road Safety Partnership regarding these concerns. It was also noted that a clamping sign has been placed on the wall outside the Community Centre advising that the area is private property. This is not the case, and similar signs have previously been removed by Highways. The Clerk will report this matter to Cllr Haines for further assistance.

Cllr Gronow Garden waste has been dumped at the entrance to the woods at the top of Nicholls Road, creating a safety concern. The Clerk will report the matter to Cllr Haines for further assistance.

Cllr Faulkner – In previous years, LLCC has jointly worked with Coytrahen Community Association by sharing half of the cost of the food provided following the Remembrance Day service for the community. It was agreed to continue with this arrangement. LLCC will purchase a wreath, and it was agreed that Cllr Gronow will place the wreath on behalf of the Council.

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It was agreed for Cllr Faulkner to purchase daffodils on behalf of the Community Council for planting within the community.

The notice board at the entrance to the Community Centre is broken. Cllr Roberts advised that she would ask Nick to assist with the repairs.

Following enquiries from Jason Frowen (BCBC) regarding the number of dog waste bins within the community and whether they were being emptied on a regular basis, all members advised that they were satisfied with the current service, with bins being emptied approximately every fortnight. The Clerk will relay this information to Jason.

Cllr. Jones – Will email the clerk the link for GoSafe Partnership

Cllr. Lewis - Reported that, since the last meeting, the Railways have returned and filled the potholes, and the matter is now considered resolved.

15. Cllr Gary Hains Reports:

Cllr Haines gave his apologies and submitted a report on all issues raised at last month's meeting. These have all been reported to BCBC, and he is awaiting a response to further advise on the outcomes.

16. Public Participation: - None

17. Any other business. The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday the 27th of May at 6.00pm

18. Items for Consideration in Mays Meeting: - Any items for consideration will be placed on the agenda.

19. Date for the next meeting.

Wednesday 27th of May at 6.30pm, The Philip Squire Community Centre, Coytrahen.

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm and was closed at 7.30pm

Amendments to April's minutes:

**Approved by chair. Cllr. Jean Faulkner:
Turner**

Signed:

Dated:

Approved By Clerk: Louise

Signed:

Dated: