

**Draft Summary of the Ordinary Meeting of Coity Higher Community Council held on Thursday  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Litchard Primary School and via Zoom**

**Attendance:** Councillors S Bletsoe, Y Walton-Davies, N Deere, G Langdon, A Wathan (Chair), A Williams\*, J Williams, M Williams\* and D Wingar

\*Attended via zoom

**Apologies:** Councillors L Lewis and L Richards

**No Apologies:** Councillor L Jeffreys

**Public:** 1

**Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor	Item	Minute	Interest	Speak/Vote
Steve Bletsoe	BCBC Bridgend TC	All relevant None relevant	Member Member	No/No
Alan Wathan	BCBC Matters  Parc Derwen	All relevant  33/24-25	Member  Resident	No/No  No/No
Amanda Williams	BCBC Matters  Coety Primary School  Proposals by M Williams  Planning  Matters Arising	All relevant  39/24-25 & 40/24-25  All relevant  P/24/303/FUL  32/24-25	Member  Chair of Governors  Wife  Resident  Child in Bridgend Guides	No/No No/No  No/No  No/No No/No
John Williams	Parc Derwen	All relevant incl. 33/24-25	Resident	No/No
Martin Williams	BCBC Matters  Litchard Primary School  Proposals by A Williams  Planning	All relevant  40/24-25  All relevant  P/24/303/FUL	Member  Governor  Husband  Resident	No/No  No/No  No/No No/No

	Matters Arising	32/24-25	Child in Bridgend Guides	No/No
	St Brides Minor CC	40/24-25	Member	No/No
Yvonne Walton-Davies	St Brides Minor CC	40/24-25	Member	No/No
Nathan Deere	Llys Gwyn	34/24-25	Employed by V2C	No/No

Minute Number	Agenda Item	Action
29/24-25	Apologies for Absence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor S Charles</li> </ul>
30/24-25	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As above</li> </ul>
31/24-25	To ratify the minutes of the June Ordinary Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Minutes were accepted and approved as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.</li> </ul>
32/24-25	Matters Arising from the June 2024 Ordinary Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All information was noted.</li> <li>Councillor A Williams will seek certification from the electrician who checked the lights at Coity Castle that everything is now in order, prior to the Clerk agreeing the licence and the Chair signing.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to request that CADW remove the heras fencing and re-open the side gate to the Castle.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to send a Get Well card to the contractor.</li> <li>It was agreed that no further consideration could be given to the financial request from 4<sup>th</sup> Bridgend Guides without the information requested.</li> <li>Councillor A Williams said that the PCSOs had invited the 3 borough members to go out with them and look at some of the speeding areas.</li> </ul>
33/24-25	Parc Derwen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 3 suggestions were unanimously agreed.</li> <li>The representatives of Coity Higher CC who will attend will be Councillors</li> </ul>

		J Williams, L Jeffreys, G Langdon, A Williams and M Williams. The later as community councillors separate to the meeting they have as borough councillors.
34/24-25	Llys Gwyn/Road Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk was asked to write to BCBC to request bollards outside the house at Llys Gwyn.</li> </ul>
35/24-25	Christmas 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk was asked to arrange the usual trees, lights, solar trees and column motifs for Coity, Litchard and Pendre.</li> <li>The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the construction of a pit off the roundabout at the entrance to Heol y Groes and supply of tree and lights and the provision of a tree outside the Six Bells in Coity. If it is not possible to place a tree at Heol y Groes, the Clerk was asked to look at another location.</li> </ul>
36/24-25	Draft Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed to accept the Report and the Clerk was asked to publish it on the council's website.</li> </ul>
37/24-25	Allowances Policy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The amendments were approved, subject to the Clerk checking if the Civic Head of Council bullet point was appropriate.</li> </ul>
38/24-25	T&CC Fund - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was unanimously agreed to accept the Report and the Clerk was asked to publish it on the council's website.</li> </ul>
39/24-25	VE Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Clerk was asked to purchase two additional Lamp Lights of Peace and to get them inscribed before donating to the schools.</li> <li>It was agreed to investigate the part animals played at a future meeting and to be mindful that remembrance wreaths in other colours can be controversial.</li> <li>It was noted that the Pageantmaster is likely to give further information on marking this anniversary in due course.</li> </ul>

40/24-25	Allotment Rent 25/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was unanimously agreed to raise the rent for 25/26 by £1 an increase</li> <li>• for a full plot to £45</li> </ul>
41/24-25	Finance & Accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authority was given for the payments for June 2024 and the budget monitoring sheet was accepted and approved.</li> </ul>
42/24-25	Clerk's Report including Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was accepted.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to write to Zak Shell and cc cabinet member Paul Davies to ask BCBC to reconfirm timescales to progress the CAT transfer.</li> <li>• The Vice-Chair, Councillor M Williams, was asked to visit the play area to sign off the work on behalf of the council. In addition, a representative of the contracted company will inspect the work and give a written report to the Clerk.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to write to the land owner again regarding access for the work in October if no reply is received in the next few weeks. The unforeseen extra cost was disappointing, but accepted.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to re-submit the Llys Gwyn T&amp;CC Fund application with amended elements and to say we've sought external advice and have adapted the plan as requested.</li> </ul>
43/24-25	Member Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The information was noted.</li> <li>• Councillor Wathan said he'd submit a BCBC referral regarding the road surface erosion and asked Councillor Walton-Davies to forward photos of the road to him.</li> <li>• It was noted that no planning applications had been sent to CHCC for shipping containers in Coity.</li> </ul>
44/24-25	Borough Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All information was noted.</li> </ul>
45/24-25	Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The correspondence was noted.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to decline the request from the Nursing Home Abuse Centre as this was not based in Wales</li> <li>• The request from Coity Wallia Commoners was following a comment</li> </ul>

		<p>made by a resident not in an official capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clerk was asked to respond, the Age Cymru and Welsh Blood Service information had been shared with Councillors and the enquiry about land ownership had been answered by the Clerk.</li> </ul>
46/24-25	Development Control & Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No objections were made on the planning applications.</li> <li>• However CHCC has concerns that due regard is not being given to the Coity Wallia Act 1976 and the Clerk was asked to write to seek assurances that it is being handled correctly as the 1976 Act shouldn't be overlooked with an application under the 2006 Act.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to write to Planning at BCBC to seek reassurance that retrospective applications are treated the same as any future applications of similar requests.</li> <li>• It was agreed to object to the de-registration of land at Cefn Hirgoed as junction 36 does not have the capacity for more traffic.</li> </ul>
47/24-25	Items for the Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powell Dobson Architects Presentation - Coity Higher Community Centre</li> <li>• Parc Derwen</li> <li>• Christmas 2024</li> <li>• Remote Meeting Equipment</li> </ul> <p>The next ordinary meeting will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at the earlier time of 6.30 pm at Litchard Primary School and via Zoom.</p>