



CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF MEETING
BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE
Wednesday 14th February 2024 AT 6.00PM

Present:

Cllr C Crick (Chair)
Cllr S Matthews

Cllr D Williams
Cllr J Boycott

Sian Davies, Clerk
Kelly Lewis, Administrator

1. Apologies

Cllr S O'Dobhain, Cllr M Price, Cllr N Davies

2. Presentation/Workshop

None

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes of Business Planning Committee Meeting 10th January 2024

Members received and considered the Minutes of the BPC Meeting 10th January 2024.

RESOLVED: Members approved the Minutes

5. Matters Arising

- Cllr D Williams advised members that contact had been made with Able and Coleg Gwent regarding support services, Able are only currently covering their own area, but Coleg Gwent will be looking for work placements for learners with additional learning needs in future, and will send a presentation to the Clerk regarding work placements.
- The administrator notified members that a post has been added to the website and social media to invite businesses who may be able to support the resident support services project but as yet has had no response
- The Clerk notified members that Bron Afon and TCBC have confirmed they would be happy to work collaboratively with CLCC to support tree planting which coincides with a current tree replacement initiative
- Cllr D Williams has also been in contact with Llanyrafon Primary School who are interested in supporting planting at Llanyrafon shops
- The Clerk asked members to determine tree size preference to be able to obtain costs relating to the tree planting list – members agreed established trees with a sufficient root ball would be best – the Clerk will now obtain costs for different species for members to consider
- Members suggested Llanyrafon AFC football pitch is added as a potential site for tree planting
- The Chair reminded members that any further suggestions to be sent to the Clerk to be added to the list for consideration
- The Clerk advised members that a meeting with Torfaen Museum Trust to discuss progress relating to the booklet is imminent and awaiting a meeting date.

- Traffic survey on The Highway, Croesyceiliog – Member requested clarification from Welsh Government on TCBC’s decision discussed at the previous meeting, the Chair has asked the Clerk to seek a response

6. Review of Project Plan

6.1 Trees at Llanyrafon Shops

The Clerk asked members to clarify the sites suggested for Llanyrafon shops. Cllr D Williams advised TCBC have recently installed fence posts at the shopping area with a view to plant trees in the same location, additionally members suggested an oak tree is planted on the opposite side of the road located outside of the social centre

The updated plan was discussed and:

- Identification of sites for tree & flower planting –Royal Oak Green – Bron Afon have confirmed they are happy to replace and maintain the missing hedge
- Litter bins – TCBC have advised they are awaiting on additional bins being delivered and will discuss CLCC requests and update following receipt of the bins. Clerk to request a replacement bin on the Highway near the cricket and rugby club, and also request whether community councils are able to access the litter bin mapping.
- Boating lake sign – the sign has been installed – Blitz media notified the Clerk of concerns relating to negative feedback regarding the sign on social media, members agreed it is difficult to please everybody and feedback locally has been positive, and members are pleased it is now installed
- Riverbank erosion – Carys Williams, TCBC attending the next FC meeting to discuss flood defences including riverbank erosion
- Memorial to Cllr Rappell – project completed and can be removed from the project list
- Members agreed Cwmbran Big Event should be added to the project plan

7. Items for discussion

- Cllr S Matthews advised members that a meeting was recently held regarding the local canals which was set up by Torfaen Canal who has adopted the TCBC canal strategy, various groups met with a view to setting up workshop committees and obtain funding in future to support the strategy. Invitations to join the committees have been sent and Cllr Matthews may be interested in volunteering and wanted to notify members – the Clerk to add to the FC agenda to notify all members
- Residents have raised concerns regarding lack of availability of food caddy bags and other domestic receptacles. The CC has recently shared a post from TCBC advising availability of the items and therefore members have asked the Clerk to express concerns as a CC.
- Cllr D Williams – suggested the need for a bus shelter outside of the Boating Lake which will also support the use of public transport for visitors – Clerk to contact TCBC
- Cllr D Williams advised members that the lease is due to be signed on Llanyrafon Manor imminently – the return of the farmers market and other events have been suggested which Cllr Williams feels the CC should support – members agreed
- Cllr J Gauden has sent the following resident suggestions to the CC
 - Cleaning up bus stops – members agreed the bus stops are the responsibility of TCBC
 - Tree planting at the end of Steepfield Close to replace a tree that was cut down – members agreed to add it to the tree planting list
 - daffodil planting on Edlogan Way – this has previously been added to the planting list

8. Next Meeting – 13th March 2024

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 7.15pm

Signed:.....(Business Planning Committee Chair) – 13.03.24