



CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Caring for the Community

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 26th February 2024 at 6.00pm
Council Chamber, Woodland Road Sports & Social Centre, Croesyceiliog

Present: Cllr S O'Dobhain Cllr D Dewar
Cllr S Matthews Cllr V Crick
Cllr D Williams Cllr N Davies
Cllr C Crick (Remote)

Sian Davies, Clerk
Kelly Lewis, Administrator
Carys Williams, TCBC
Ben Black, Cwmbran Life

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr J Boycott, Cllr M Price, Cllr V Williams, Cllr D Payton

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3 Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 29th January 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

RESOLVED: Members approved

3.2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 29th January 2024.**

None

3.3 **To receive draft minutes of Business Planning Committee of 14th February 2024**

Noted

4. Financial Reports and Statements

4.1 Bank Statements

Bank Statement and Visa Card Statements.

RESOLVED: Members noted the statements

4.2 Cheque Payments List

Cheque payments list was received & approved.

RESOLVED: Members approved the payments

5. Presentations & Representations

Carys Williams, TCBC – Flood Risk Management

Members were advised that the flood risk management strategy is aimed to be renewed every 6 years, however the last was approved in 2013 and is therefore overdue as a result of covid. However, the strategy has been approved by TCBC cabinet this week and will now be sent to Welsh Government for approval. The presentation outlined why the strategy is needed and TCBC's aims and objectives. Members were shown a map detailing flood risk within Torfaen, which illustrated that Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon are a high flood risk, with 1976 homes at risk of a 1 in 1000 year flood, 582 homes at risk of 1 in 100 year flood and 335 homes most at risk of 1 in a 30 year flood, however TCBC's action plan aims to support high risk properties. As part of the strategy, TCBC aim to engage with local schools to educate learners on the risk of flooding

and to involve younger generations in the process. They also aim to conduct real time asset monitoring to allow the collection of data involving any risks. Members highlighted existing flood defences in Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon that they feel is no longer up to standard and may not be serving its purpose, as well as drainage blockages. Members advised that as local residents they are aware of the need to review and develop existing flood defences, as well as the importance of consideration for biodiversity and considering natural defences to encourage wildlife. Members were reassured that TCBC are taking action to tackle local flood risk and appreciated that Carys is a point of contact should the community council have any further concerns.

6. Chair’s Announcements

- Will be attending the Ponthir memorial blessing on Saturday 2nd March with Cllr S Matthews

7. Clerk & Administrator Reports

Forthcoming Meetings:

21.02.24 - Torfaen Engagement Officers re: Engagement in the community.

22.02.24 – Police re: building relations and having regular reports and Police presence – members agreed a monthly update report and quarterly representation at FC meetings would be a reasonable request

29.02.24 – Torfaen Officers re: discussing litter bin needs.

Other business being addressed:

- Liaising with TCBC & Bron Afon to plant trees.
- Actioning matters arising from Council meetings.
- Attending Employment Tribunal to support an outside organisation.
- Actioning matters reported by individual Councillors where appropriate.

8. Planning Applications considered in advance of this meeting of Council:

SPRI/24/P/0037/FUL	Construction of new garage extension on existing car parking hard surface area.	Arthur Peake And Sons Funeral Directors, Woodland Road, Croesyceiliog	Noted
JJON/24/P/0054/DEM	Amenity and Administration buildings.	Gwent Constabulary Headquarters, Turnpike Road, Croesyceiliog	Gwent police indicated further public engagement as the plans progress. Members agreed that any future plans will be considered and feedback will be sent during the public engagement process. Noted
MMCA/23/P/0470/FUL	Retention of lamp post with	Llanyravon Social	Noted

	floodlights in car park	Centre, Llanyravon Way, Llanyravon	
TBRA/24/P/0102/HH	Single storey front extension	24 Plantation Drive, Croesyceiliog, Cwmbran	Noted

9. Members Reports – Meetings of Outside Bodies:

- Cllr V Crick advised members that Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre are appreciative of additional financial support, and that although the Arts Council funding has been cut by WG, the cuts have not been reflected in grants

10. Items for consideration:

10.1 Canal Strategy Meeting Update

Cllr S Matthews attended a Canal Strategy meeting and was informed the current Canal Officer is due to leave but the position has been advertised and will be filled, and that the Canal Strategy has been approved by TCBC for the next 10 years. The meeting was attended by various bodies, and the aim of the meeting was to instate committees to support the strategy, and Cllr S Matthews requested that members support his representation for the Community Council in Canal Strategy meetings – members approved

11. Any Other Business

- The Chair advised members that a resident had requested for mementos of Cwmbran to take on a trip abroad. It was suggested the resident makes contact with Cwmbran Community Council, members agreed.

12. Date of Next Meetings

Business Planning Meeting – Wednesday 13th March 2024 commencing 6.00pm
 Full Council Meeting – Monday 25th March 2024 commencing at 6.00pm

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

Signed:..... (Chair) – 25.03.24