



CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Caring for the Community

MINUTES OF MEETING
BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE
Wednesday 10th April 2024 AT 6.00PM

Present:

Cllr C Crick (Chair)
Cllr S Matthews
Cllr S O'Dobhain

Cllr M Price
Cllr N Davies
Cllr J Boycott

Sian Davies, Clerk
Kelly Lewis, Administrator
David Leech, TCBC

1. Apologies
Cllr D Williams

2. Presentation/Workshop
David Leech, TCBC

David advised members that attendance at the meeting was to discuss any concerns and to discuss the local community resilience group initiative. Members were advised on a partnership between TCBC, community councils and other organisations including the health board, TVA, Gwent Police and others to support residents by giving advice and work collaboratively as a professional panel to empower the community. Generic terms of reference will be circulated to community councils prior to the next LCPC meeting where there will be an opportunity to discuss. It was agreed that a local partnership as part of the local community resilience group would provide an opportunity to meet and discuss any issues and determine how best to support the community. It was suggested that the group should meet separately to other CC meetings which would also provide an opportunity for others to attend to conduct presentations, which would be met by a core group but an open invitation to all members and the community to attend if the subject of the meeting would be of interest or use. Members expressed that the agenda should be set by CLCC to ensure the meetings relate to and best supports the residents within Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon. Members were also advised that TCBC have recently been awarded funding for health determinants research collaboration which will be used to highlight data to determine how to support local residents to improve health, and how the community council and others can enable and empower.

Members also raised that sometimes when contacting TCBC regarding suggestions to improve the local area the response can be negative, however David advised of the aim to create a culture change in which if TCBC feel they are unable to assist, the CC will be provided with a rationale and an opportunity to suggest other options.

Members felt that the presentation was positive and will discuss at FC, and will await the terms of reference which will be sent to the Clerk prior to the next LCPC meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Price – Community Garden, Chair of Hwb
Cllr J Boycott – Community Garden

4. **Minutes of Business Planning Committee Meeting 13th March 2024**

Members received and considered the Minutes of the BPC Meeting 13th March 2024.

RESOLVED: Members approved the Minutes

5. **Matters Arising**

TCBC advised the Clerk that they would not support the installation of speed reminder banners on lamp posts but did not say it was illegal. However the Chair was advised by local borough councillors that they would support, Clerk to request clarification. The Chair reported that the speed banners in Monmouthshire were an initiative of the community councils who funded and installed them in their areas within the County.

6. **Review of Project Plan & Planting Suggestion List**

The updated plan was discussed and:

- Identification of sites for tree & flower planting - Gower Green hedge infill & Llanyrafon Shops trees project completed. No response from TCBC yet to the query if the cherry trees at the Boating Lake or the replacement trees at White House Rd have been planted as expected. The Clerk also sent the planting suggestion list to Bron Afon who identified whether the suggestions related to Bron Afon or TCBC land and requested locations using What 3 Words to specify precise locations. The Clerk will send the list to BP members for What 3 Words locations
- Riverbank erosion – Carys, TCBC has stated TCBC & NRW will work together to address the issues with the riverbank and the path. She agreed to have the path inspected for safety and to erect barriers if necessary to ensure public safety. It was also confirmed that signage regarding the bunds will be installed. Members agreed that Carys Williams, TCBC has been supportive of concerns raised and has responded positively. Cllr S Matthews to liaise with Carys regarding confusion relating to property boundaries located next to the bund.
- Memorial Area - Cllr Price to obtain options & costs of erecting a flagpole at the site. Also, Clerk has asked if TCBC would allow for some Christmas lights to be run from a lamppost to light up a tree close to the memorial. No response to date. Clerk to contact Revd Karin Pardoe to advise that the dedication ceremony is likely to be held later in the year than originally expected.
- Museum Trust Project - The progress meeting went well with the Museum having gathered information & photos for the 75th anniversary booklet. Layout and content ideas were put forward. Next progress meeting to be set for early June.
- Education project – Clerk has contacted TCBC to ask for a safety inspection to take place to enable schoolchildren to maintain some planters at the Co-op on North Road. No response to date.
- Cwmbran Big Event - Clerk confirmed Council's commitment to support the 2024 event as usual.
- Litter clearance hub - To be progressed when The Hwb upgrade is complete.
- Path at Llanyrafon AFC - Clerk has been advised that as the path is not a public footpath, TBCB are unable to assist. Members agreed no further action but will re-engage in future if needed and that it should remain on the project plan.

Members agreed that as there are several ongoing projects within the project plan, following the start of the next council year it would be beneficial to concentrate on a small number of projects to action and complete before starting others, keeping ideas and suggestions on the plan as part of a wishlist.

7. **Items for discussion**

- Carys Williams, TCBC, contacted the Clerk relating to the sports development team as they wish to establish a kit room as they have identified the lack of affordability for sports equipment has created a barrier for the community to participate in sports and aim to

help get people more active. They requested support through suggestions of suitable sites. Members suggested the Clerk respond suggesting they contact local sports groups who may be able to support the initiative, and that if the volunteer group does proceed to make contact as the Community Council may consider supporting.

- Rhiannon Bennett, CCYP contacted the CC regarding an open evening at CCYP to provide local councillors with an opportunity to experience the works of CCYP, and requested suitable dates they could consider for the evening. Members agreed to send the cycle of meetings highlighting meeting dates which would not be suitable.

8. Next Meeting – 8th May 2024

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 7.35pm

Signed:.....(Business Planning Committee Chair) – 08.05.24