



CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Caring for the Community

MINUTES OF MEETING
BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Wednesday 8th January 2025 AT 6.35PM (FOLLOWING PRE BUDGET MEETING)

Present:

Cllr C Crick (Chair)
Cllr V Crick
Cllr S Matthews

Cllr M Price
Cllr N Davies

Sian Davies, Clerk
Kelly Lewis, Administrator

1. Apologies

Cllr J Boycott

2. Presentation/Workshop
None

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Price – Community Garden, Chair of Hwb

4. Minutes of Business Planning Committee Meeting 13th November 2024

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

RESOLVED: Members approved the Minutes

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Review of Project Plan & Planting Suggestion List

The updated plan was discussed and:

- Identification of sites for tree & flower planting – for information Cllr S Matthews advised members that some trees have been reduced in the area as Bron Afon are cutting back trees which may be due to the recent storms
- Riverbank erosion – works are believed to be completed however it was agreed the Clerk to follow up an update on the works and the following concerns to be relayed to TCBC – some of the stone bags on the riverbanks have started to wash away, an exposed pipe identified by residents, a large boulder situated near the footbridge in Llanyrafon which could cause problems, Woodland Road allotments recently flooding and to enquire about flooding prevention.
- Memorial area – The Clerk liaised with TCBC, Bron Afon and Cllr D Williams regarding planting. Written permission has been received from TCBC and 5 hazel trees have been gifted by TCBC to be planted. Cllr D Williams to liaise with Able regarding planting – Cllr Price obtained a quote of £1200 for the installation of 2 hardstanding areas to house new benches – members agreed to purchase 2x recycled plastic benches for the memorial area.

- Christmas tree lights - It was agreed for Cllr Price to progress with having the necessary work completed to install Christmas Tree lights in readiness for Christmas 2025. Council expressed disappointment that the installation could not take place for Christmas 2024. Members agreed to re-visit the project in summer 2025, and will then contact Ponthir Community Council for advice and contacts
- Museum Trust Project - The booklets, together with a December Newsletter were delivered during the end Nov, beginning Dec and have been very well received. Residents seem pleased with having the keepsake and are enquiring after additional copies which they would like to hand on to relatives and friends who have now moved away from the area but are interested in the contents. Some enquiries from residents outside Council's wards have also shown interest. Any identified missed households will be covered.
- Street Poppies - Poppies were taken down at the appropriate time. Council have agreed to expand coverage in 2025 by purchasing an additional 50 lamppost poppies. Administrator to liaise with the contractor to ensure the poppies have been returned.
- Education project – Cllr S Matthews reported back following the governors meeting – the headteacher is keen to proceed with the project in Spring
- Defibrillator replacement – An external cabinet has been purchased and will be installed in due course.

Trees and planting

Updates to planting list below

- Mark Burchell, Bron Afon suggested an additional planting site of a cherry tree at Croesyceiliog Primary School – members agreed
- Boating lake – awaiting confirmation from TCBC that it has been added to their planting list
- 25 Cardigan Crescent – not suitable as there is no room due to recent planting
- Harlech Close – not suitable due to resident objections
- 18-22 Caerwent Road – 1 downy birch to be purchased
- 1-2 Chepstow Rise – 2 cherry trees and 1 hawthorn recommended
- 63 Cardigan Close – 1 hawthorn recommended
- Steepfield – 1 birch recommended
- Garw Row – 1 oak recommended to replace a fallen oak – Additional Oak suggested to replace a potentially unestablished Oak - Cllr M Price to obtain W3W and inspect the tree, members are hopeful the tree is still healthy
- The Clerk has requested costs for the above recommendations and if suitable will agree to proceed as previously agreed by members.

7. Items for discussion

- Cllr S Matthews raised a resident's concerns regarding pedestrian safety on the one way road leading to The Highway, and the suggestion of a gravel path to make it safer
- Cllr V Crick raised concerns regarding speeding vehicles on The Highway. Cllr C Crick reminded members he is supportive of tackling speeding concerns, and aims to share a petition with residents in due course
- Cllr C Crick reminded members that any project suggestions for 2025/26 are to be shared

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Next Meeting – 12th February 2025

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 7.20pm

Signed:.....(Business Planning Committee Chair) – 12.02.25