



**CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**CYNGOR CYMUNED CROESYCEILIOG a LLANYRAFON**  
**Caring for the Community**

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on**  
**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm**  
**Council Chamber, Woodland Road Sports & Social Centre, Croesyceiliog**

**Present:** Cllr S Matthews (Chair) Cllr V Williams  
Cllr D Dewar Cllr N Davies  
Cllr V Crick Cllr C Crick  
Cllr M Price Cllr J Boycott  
Cllr D Williams Cllr L Boycott  
Cllr S O'Dobhain

Sian Davies, Clerk  
Kelly Lewis, Administrator

**1. Apologies for absence**

None

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr M Price – Hwb, Community Garden  
Cllr J Boycott – Community Garden  
Cllr C Crick – Torfaen Museum Trust  
Cllr V Crick – Friends of Bruchsal

**3 Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 were approved as an accurate record

**RESOLVED:** Members approved.

3.2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

Members were advised that the Community Council Charter meeting has been rearranged for February. Members noted

3.3 **To receive draft minutes of Business Planning Committee of 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Members noted.

3.4 Minutes of the Pre-Budget Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were approved as an accurate record

**RESOLVED:** Members approved.

3.5 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

None

**4. Financial Reports and Statements**

4.1 Bank Statements

Bank Statement and Visa Card Statements.

**RESOLVED:** Members noted the statements

4.2 Cheque and Direct Debits Payments List

Cheque and direct debits payments list was received & approved.

**RESOLVED:** Members approved the payments.

4.3 To receive the monthly Financial Report up to 27.01.2025

**RESOLVED:** Members noted.

**5. Presentations & Representations**

5.1 None

**6. Chair's Announcements**

The Chair attended the following:

- The Congress Theatre Board meeting – the theatre has had a very good Christmas and put on extra pantomime shows, it was the most attended pantomime at the theatre
- The One Voice Wales Gwent Valleys meeting – speaker Jane Mudd, Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner – Cllr Matthews asked for an update relating to the police headquarters and was advised that developments are on hold for the foreseeable future due to awaiting funds, but in the meantime police are using the existing grounds as part of police driver training. At the meeting Ponthir Community Council raised speeding concerns and was advised that Police officers are available to meet to discuss speeding concerns and Cllr Matthews suggested this may be useful for members concerns relating to The Highway. Cllr C Crick to contact the Police and Crime Commissioner to discuss further.

**7. To receive the Clerk & Administrator Reports**

7.1 Members noted.

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

CPULLE/25/P/0004/F UL	Erection of temporary structure to provide discharge lounge facilities building to be in place for 3 years.	Grange University Hospital, Caerleon Road, Llanfrechfa	Being considered
CPULLE/25/P/0029/H H	Proposed front extension	36 Caernarvon Crescent, Llanyravon, Cwmbran	Being considered

**9. Members Reports – Meetings of Outside Bodies**

- Cllr D Williams attended the Torfaen Museum Trust meeting where discussions related to core funding and a forward plan and that a subsequent meeting with TCBC is coming up following a letter sent to them. Cllr C Crick added that this is a result of TCBC reducing the 3-year SLA to an annual SLA, and so TMT have submitted SLA proposals to TCBC, who are awaiting consideration of a consultation report which was completed over a year ago.
- Cllr N Davies – attended a CCYP management committee meeting and advised members that money from the social enterprise fund will include redecoration of the centre. Members were also advised that an open day for young people and their families will be held at the centre on 26<sup>th</sup> February between 12pm and 6pm
- Cllr D Williams attended a talk with Pethau Bychain relating to managing habitats for adders. Members were advised that they hold interesting, informative talks which may be of interest to members.

**10. Items for Consideration**

10.1 **To discuss and confirm the budget and agree the Precept figure for 2025/26 financial year**

Members agreed to review core funding, and any organisations outside the constituency to be considered as a larger grant rather than core funding and will maintain the same total amount for core funding and larger grants, but increase grant funds and decrease core funding. Members agreed it would provide an opportunity to review larger grants annually, and the annual completion of a larger grants form ensures the community council applies a fiduciary duty and justify spending public money. Administrator to send previous grant forms to members to

consider what should be included in the larger grants' application form prior to the review to be held at BP meeting where all members will be invited.

Members discussed the precept figure for 2025/26, and Cllr M Price proposed an increase of 5% which was seconded by Cllr V Crick, and unanimously agreed by members.

**\*\*Cllr V Williams left at 6.45pm\*\***

**10.2 Bruchsal Return Visit**

Cllr V Crick advised members that Annette at Friends of Cwmbran had made contact with members of Friends of Bruchsal requesting a virtual meeting to discuss the FOB visit to Bruchsal. Members of FOB, Harmonise choir, and Community Council Chairs are hoping to visit at the end of October this year but Cllr V Crick will report back to members following the meeting. Cllr Crick also reiterated thanks to the Clerk and members who attended the events of the Friends of Cwmbran visit as the Germans were delighted with the welcome that they had.

**10.3 Community Council Charter**

Cllr S Matthews and Cllr M Price attended the meeting but unfortunately the meeting did not proceed due to poor attendance, however the meeting has been rearranged to 6<sup>th</sup> February and it was agreed that if there is low attendance the charter will be adopted.

**10.4 Joint Projects with Cwmbran CC**

Cllr's S Matthews, J Boycott and M Price attended the meeting relating to community council core funding contributions for organisations within the constituencies however although Cwmbran Community Council had previously expressed an interest in working together with CLCC to support joint projects, which is also an expectation of TCBC, unfortunately CCC refused to contribute to any projects outside of their own area. Members agreed the reluctance to work together on joint projects to be fed back to David Leech, as part of the Local Partnership Committee meetings.

**11. Any Other Business**

- Cllr N Davies advised members that a local resident, Amanda Say, raised concerns with Cllr Davies relating to the unreliable lifts at Cwmbran Train Station, which are regularly closed, and so suggested the CC makes contact with Transport for Wales relating to the unreliability of the lifts. Clerk to send an email to TFW and copy in Gareth, Clerk at CCC as the concern relates to their area.
- Cllr D Williams – advised members that Able and TCBC are happy to provide trees for the memorial area but wondered whether any members would like to be involved in planting. Cllr S Matthews and Cllr J Boycott volunteered to support planting. Cllr Williams also had a hedgehog box from Able and members agreed to place it at the community garden but will find out costs for more so that members can consider other areas.

<b>12. Date of Next Meetings</b>
Business Planning & Core funding review meeting – Wednesday 12.02.2025 commencing 6pm Full Council Meeting – Monday 24.02.2025 commencing at 6pm

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 7pm

Signed:..... (Chair) – 24.02.25