



CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Caring for the Community

****Report of the Full Council Meeting held on**
Monday 28th October 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

Sian Davies, Clerk
Kelly Lewis, Administrator
Carolyn Wallace, Academic Lead HDRC, University of South Wales
Gareth Cook, Head of HDRC, TCBC

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr S O'Dobhain, Cllr L Boycott, Cllr D Williams,

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Price – Hwb, Community Garden
Cllr J Boycott – Community Garden
Cllr C Crick – Torfaen Museum Trust

3. Minutes

3.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 23rd September 2024 were approved as an accurate record

RESOLVED: Members approved.

3.2 **Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 23rd September 2024.**
None

3.3 **To receive draft minutes of Business Planning Committee of 9th October 2024**
Members 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

4.3 To receive the monthly Financial Report up to 28.10.2024

RESOLVED: Members noted.

5. Presentations & Representations

5.1 **Gareth Cook and Carolyn Wallace – Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC)**

Members were advised the objective of the presentation was to ask a question to help start develop research strategies for HDRC. The proposal was illustrated through the Group Concept Mapping which was shared with members and aims to talk to Community Councils and

Community Groups to determine priorities and inform decision making that comes from research. Members were asked to collectively answer the focus prompt “When I consider wellbeing in Torfaen, I think we need to do something about...”, and discussions were recorded and included:

- Access to GP’s
- Empowering residents to independently manage their health
- Traffic and crime prevention for a safer community
- Appropriate housing
- Looking after green spaces to promote wellbeing
- Supporting the elderly to maintain their homes
- Encouraging use of community groups to support wellbeing
- Education and empowerment in finances and wellbeing
- Tackling social isolation/poverty/access to food/fuel poverty

The brainstorming discussion was positive and members were advised that the collated list will be shared as part of the grouping task once completed

6. Chair’s Announcements

- Attended the Blaenavon Town Council Awards Evening – it was a good evening attended by a lot of people, and a lot of awards were granted
- Attended the Woodland Road War memorial dedication
- Windrush Event – it was unfortunate that due to very short notice a CLCC representative was unable to attend

** Cllr J Boycott left the meeting at 7pm **

7. To receive the Clerk & Administrator Reports

7.1 The Clerk advised members that assistance was offered to Cwmbran Community Council to support the Bruchsal Dignitaries Visit but CCC assured that arrangements were in hand and that the Chair was welcomed to give a short speech. The Chair advised members that it was hoped as many members would support the event as possible. Members noted.

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

Planning applications detailed on the agenda were noted.

9. Members Reports – Meetings of Outside Bodies:

- Cllr N Davies – attended a CCYP meeting and advised members that they have now brought in a new structure for the organisation and will now be a CIO as recommended by TVA and the Charitable Trust
- Cllr V Crick – was unable to attend the recent virtual meeting for Llantarnam Grange Arts Centre but advised members that the group’s trustees are now well balanced with people who can give interest to the group, and that the group are looking for a Welsh speaker and to let the centre know if there is someone who may be interested in becoming a trustee. Members were also advised that the centre is doing well but grants from the Arts Sector has reduced considerably, and therefore the centre has looked at the budget as they are considering works to be done to the building, and that a lift would provide better access for disabled users, particularly as it is used as a warm hub. Information of their latest exhibition to be shared with members.

10. Items for consideration:

10.1 Remembrance Services Attendance

It was agreed that the following members would attend and lay a wreath on behalf of the Community Council:

Cwmbran Service – Cllr D Williams

Pontnewydd Service – Cllr N Davies

Pontrydyrun Baptist Church Service – Cllr V Williams

Woodland Rd Service – Cllr S Matthews. Cllr D Dewar and Cllr S O’Dobhain will also support the service in reading the roll of honour and reading Flander’s Fields.

10.2 **Hwb Report**

Members received the report and agreed to the first 50% payment of SLA

10.3 **Community Review**

The results of the online consultation were shared with members, members suggested the Clerk respond to query the validity in terms of the overall exercise.

10.4 **Grant Evening Arrangements**

Members approved the grant applications received that meet application requirements. It was agreed that invitations should be sent, and that catering should be ordered equivalent to the previous year. Larger grants were approved at January's budget meeting and members requested that the Clerk contact Cwmbran Community Council to arrange a meeting prior to annual budget meetings to discuss larger grant payments.

10.5 **75th Anniversary Booklet**

The Clerk thanked members for their feedback relating to the booklet and advised that the final draft will be amended as suggested, in the hopes that the proof would be ready for printing by the end of the week. Members noted.

10.6 **Display Cabinet**

Display Cabinet options for Chambers were provided and members agreed on a display cabinet to be purchased from Ikea

11. **Any Other Business**

The Clerk advised members that an email was received from TCBC requesting a separate meeting for 1 hour to share the draft Cwmbran Placemaking Plan but members were unable to meet within the dates given due to other commitments.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded at 8pm

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