



CROESYCEILIOG AND LLANYRAFON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Caring for the Community

****Report OF MEETING**
BUSINESS PLANNING COMMITTEE
Wednesday 9th April 2025 AT 6.00PM

Present:

Cllr C Crick (Chair)
Cllr J Boycott
Cllr S Matthews

Cllr M Price
Cllr D Williams

Sian Davies, Clerk
Kelly Lewis, Administrator

1. Apologies

Cllr D Payton

2. Presentation/Workshop
None

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Boycott - Community Garden
Cllr M Price – Community Garden, Hwb

4. Minutes of Business Planning Committee Meeting 12th March 2025

Members received and considered the Minutes of the BPC Meeting 12th March 2025.

RESOLVED: Members approved the Minutes

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Review of Project Plan & Planting Suggestion List

The updated plan was discussed and:

- Trees and flower planting – Tree planting in the agreed areas have been paid for by Council and completed by Bron Afon. As it is no longer an option for TCBC to carry out wildflower seed sowing as discussed, Cllr J Boycott offered to scatter some seed. Research shows that not first preparing and scattering onto grassed areas has a lower success rate. This is being reconsidered prior to purchasing seed for all the areas suggested. Cllr J Boycott is awaiting a response from Kris Thobroe, TCBC, regarding suitable timings to distribute wildflower seeds, once this is determined members will be notified to support if they choose to proceed.
- Traffic survey, The Highway - No response to the request to have the speed indicator adjusted to date, a reminder has been sent. The Police have arranged to meet with Cllr C Crick on site on 10th April to determine suitable positions and timings for use of the speed gun. Cllr Crick mentioned the meeting will also provide an opportunity to discuss the possibility of installing repeater speed signs and will report back both items to members.

- Riverbank erosion and allotments - Still no response from TCBC Flood Risk Officer or Access & Recreation Dept. A response has been chased. The Clerk advised the request will be forwarded to members services in the hope of a speedy response.
- Memorial area - Following FC approval, costs for 2 Armed Forces Remembrance benches were considered and discussed, and members approved purchase of the benches.
- Street poppies - The purchase of an additional 50 poppies to extend coverage will be made to prepare for November's display in due course.
- Education project - The caretaker is arranging for the planting and maintenance of both North Rd shopping site planters to be planted and maintained by the pupils of Croesy Primary School. Council is expected to be asked to contribute to any costs.
- Cwmbran big event - The purchase of new noticeboards approved by Council is being addressed.
- Path at Llanyrafon AFC - Council's donation to the project has been accepted and the project is now in the hands of the club. This item will be removed from future reports.

Trees and planting

Updates to planting list below

- Wildflower areas identified – Clerk to contact Kris Thobroe, TCBC regarding alternative options to plant bulbs in the areas identified later in the year.
- Oak trees – Clerk to also query whether there are 3 oak trees available for planting to replace deceased trees, 1 on The Highway and 2 near The Boating Lake.
- Cherry trees – members also suggested KT is asked to identify possible sites on Edlogan Way that would be suitable to plant cherry trees so that members can consider the locations for future planting.
- North Rd planters outside both shopping areas – shrubs/flowers to be planted and maintained by pupils of Croesyceiliog primary school

7. Items for discussion

7.1 Memorial Site Benches

- Discussed within item 6

7.2 Potential project – discuss creating disabled access at Garw fields

Cllr C Crick advised members that after liaising with Cllr J Gauden regarding the locked padlock at Garw fields, Cllr Gauden suggested the CC consider creating disabled access at the field as a project. Members were concerned about the stability of the fields, advising that the grass is often left to grow very tall, and questioned whether the field was useable and whether there was a need for access. Members agreed though that if there was a need a project could be considered which would make the field accessible to all, that was also wide enough for wheelchair users. Cllr Crick to obtain further information and report back to members, the Clerk advised it will be added to next month's agenda to discuss further

7.3 Small Grant Consideration – Community garden

Members agreed the purchase of gardening tools would be beneficial in developing the community garden, and welcomed the idea of a volunteer event to further develop the garden, thus benefitting the community. Members approved the small grant application.

8. Any Other Business

- Members agreed further project ideas from members would benefit the committee in adding to the project plan. It was suggested the Clerk contact One Voice Wales regarding a schedule of project ideas which may be helpful.
- Cllr M Price advised members that during recent discussions with Croesyceiliog Bowls Club, they advised they were considering a project to provide further storage and changing areas and will be submitting a project grant form in the near future.
- Cllr D Williams – advised members that the phone box that will soon be made redundant is a traditional red phone box, and could be used as part of a project idea such as a defib cabinet, storage etc. Clerk to enquire to BT for further information

- Cllr D Williams – advised members that Llanyrafon golf course is due to open on 23rd April. Members were pleased with the update.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 14th May 2025

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