

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

**Report of the Full Council Meeting held on Monday 28th April at 6.00pm Council Chamber, Woodland Road Sports & Social Centre, Croesyceiliog

Present: Cllr S Matthews (Chair)

Cllr S O'Dobhain Cllr N Davies Cllr C Crick Cllr J Boycott

Cllr L Boycott Cllr V Crick Cllr D Payton Cllr D Williams

Sian Davies, Clerk

Kelly Lewis, Administrator CSO James Llewellyn

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr M Price, Cllr D Dewar

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Boycott – Community Garden Cllr C Crick – Torfaen Museum Trust

3 Minutes

- 3.1 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held 24th March 2025 were approved as an accurate record **RESOLVED**: Members approved.
- 3.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 24th March 2025.

 No matters arising

3.3 To receive draft minutes of Business Planning Committee of 9th April 2025 Members noted.

Cllr N Davies asked that his apologies are recorded within the minutes – members agreed Cllr C Crick asked members to begin thinking about potential projects to add to the project plan, a PCSO confirmed that repeater signs are not illegal and will be discussed during BP, and that the orchard at the comprehensive school is looking good

Cllr S Matthews advised members that Neil Hodson, TCBC visited the allotments and is hoping to submit a grant application to Welsh Government and also suggested an email is sent to Croesyceiliog Primary school to follow up the education project

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.

The Clerk advised members that a new setup of the telephone and broadband is in process which will significantly reduce costs.

RESOLVED: Members approved the payments.

4.3 To receive the monthly Financial Report up to 28.04.2025

RESOLVED: Members noted.

4.4 To receive the final 2024-25 accounts to be submitted to internal auditor

RESOLVED: Members noted

5. Presentations & Representations

5.1 CSO James Llewellyn (Llanyrafon) – Gwent Police

Members were advised that ward surgeries will soon be arranged at both Llanyrafon Church and Glaslyn Court and that dates will be shared with the community council. Members were also advised that a speed operation will be conducted on the Highway and Edlogan Way in May, and that any further suggestions should be emailed to the ward PCSO's, additionally any Go Safe reports can be made to highlight speeding, and a speed van will be sited at any areas of concern

The following Croesyceiliog and Llanyrafon ward police reports were also shared with members:

April Call Volume:

Public safety & welfare	8
Transport related	12
Crime related	0
Administration & information	9
Anti-social behaviour	3
Open log	0

Crime Volume:

Crime Categories	No of Crimes
Violence without injury	7
Criminal damage & arson	3
All other theft	1
Public order offences	1
Residential burglary	0
Commercial burglary	0
Other sexual offences	2
Possession of weapons	0

6. Chair's Announcements

None

7. To receive the Clerk & Administrator Reports

Members noted.

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

Planning applications detailed on the agenda were noted.

Members suggested an update is sought from TCBC regarding the following planning items

- 2 Garw Wood Drive as the decision is approaching 6 months but no action has yet been taken
- The car parking area at the top of Chapel Lane

9. Members Reports – Meetings of Outside Bodies

Cllr V Crick – attended the Archive Day exhibition and advised members it was extremely
interesting and included a display of CDC documentation. The archivist introduced the
exhibition to attendees and discussed the information and pictures that were researched.
Members were also advised that the exhibition would be going into Cwmbran Library

- Cllr V Crick also advised members that the Crownbridge school café will be open Monday Friday 11am – 2pm
- Cllr C Crick and Cllr D Williams attended the Torfaen Museum Trust AGM. Members were advised that the museum has had an extremely successful year and museum members are pleased with the turnaround and what the museum has been doing. A volunteer also discussed volunteer work and the skill base. Members were also advised that the museums work for the upcoming year has not yet been agreed as the SLA with TCBC has not yet been agreed, but they are hoping to maintain service at the same level including outreach work with schools, and that interesting negotiations are continuing behind the scenes.
- Cllr D Williams advised members that the TVA AGM is due to be held at Garndiffaith Millennium Hall on 12th June 10am 1pm

10. Items for Consideration

10.1 Red BT Phone Box at Ludlow Close, Llanyrafon

The Clerk advised members that BT have confirmed the telephone will be decommissioned and that the remaining phone box would be available to relocate, however costs would include refurbishment of the phone box due to them being prone to breakage, transport to new location and making the existing ground good. Members suggested a local contractor may be less expensive, and to add to BP as a potential project

10.2 **Cwmbran Big Event**

Members were asked for ideas for items to be purchased and distributed to residents at the Big Event, ideas suggested included sweets, pencils/crayons and seed sticks. Members agreed the Clerk and Administrator to look at different ideas and agreed a budget of £250

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Mic Morris donation request

Members agreed to add the organisation to the database of grant applicants and advise them that a grant form will be sent out when grant applications open in the Summer.

11.2 Youth issues at Harlech Close/Cardigan Crescent

Cllr J Gauden, TCBC, suggested members considered hedge planting to deter football and parking on grass verges however members agreed that as trees have recently been planted locally they want to ensure they establish before considering further planting.

** This report is NOT a set of authorised meeting minutes, but a reflection of the meeting held. The minutes of the meeting this report refers to will reviewed and discussed at the next Full Council meeting and authorised accordingly.