

COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE SYCAMORE TREE INN
COLWINSTON ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2019 at 7pm

1. Attendance

Cllrs: Cllr P Graham-Woollard (Chairman)
Cllr E Lewis (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr C Roach (Temporary Honorary Clerk)
Cllr G Jones
Cllr B Morris
Cllr J Lloyd

Also Present: Kevin Protheroe (Clerk)

Apologies: Apologies: Cllr J Savery

Members of the public present: Mr C Hawkins. The Chairman agreed to bring item 5 on the agenda forward to assist Mr Hawkins.

At the start of the meeting the Chairman welcomed back the Clerk following illness. The Council confirmed that, as previously agreed, Cllr Roach would continue as Deputy Clerk until the Annual General Meeting on the 20th May 2019, at which Kevin Protheroe would then resume his duties. To assist Mr Protheroe, Cllr Roach will continue to support him until Christmas. The Chairman hoped that the support would assist in helping Mr Protheroe return successfully to the role.

Mr Protheroe thanked the Chair, Cllr Roach and the other members of the Council for the support he had received over the last few months and for covering his duties during his absence. It was greatly appreciated. Cllr Roach's continuing support was also appreciated.

2. Disclosure and confirmation of Declarations of Interest

The Chairman confirmed a declaration of interest on behalf of Cllr J Savery in respect of Item 4, regarding a building in the field adjacent to Green Lane, noted in the Council's OGM minutes of the 25th March 2019.

3. To receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 25th March 2019.

The following adjustments for accuracy were required:

Item 6: Alleged abandoned vehicle: the Chairman noted that the vehicle was wrongly reported as abandoned by a member of the public.

Item 6: Tree planting programme: Cllr Lewis noted that the action agreed was that comments on the proposals should be sent to the Clerk.

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis to accept the minutes of the OGM as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by all.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

5. Public Session

The Chairman decided to bring this item forward, prior to consideration of matters arising.

Prior to Mr. Conway Hawkins addressing the meeting, the Chairman explained that he would be required to leave the meeting following this item as the Council intended to discuss an issue in closed session.

Mr. Hawkins outlined progress in respect of the Youth Club. He noted:

- 5.1 That volunteers had been recruited to help with the running of the club throughout the summer but was concerned about support from September onwards. Cllr Roach noted that the Vale of Glamorgan Council (VOG) had assured Colwinston Community Council (the Council) that VOG Youth Services would be providing ongoing support to the youth club.

Action: It was agreed by all that this matter should be clarified with Cllr Cave at the Council's next meeting.

- 5.2 The Newsletter will be ready for distribution on 29th April 2019, with contributions to be submitted by 22nd April 2019. He explained that all content selected for inclusion is not subject to editing.
- 5.3 The youth club's new constitution is making good progress and should be ready within the next two weeks. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Cllr Cave with a view to her becoming a trustee of Colwinston Youth Club.

Action: the Chairman to contact Cllr Cave.

- 5.4 The cheque received in error by the Council for £2,000 from VOG was intended for the Wick Community Association (WCA) following a submission of a grant application from WCA. The Council confirmed that the cheque had been returned to VOG for reissue to WCA.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hawkins for his update and attending the meeting. The Chairman assured Mr. Hawkins that the Youth Club has the Council's full support and offered any practical assistance, particularly in respect of relations with the VOG.

Mr. Hawkins left the meeting at 19:14.

4. To consider any matters arising from those minutes not covered elsewhere in the agenda

There were thirteen items of matters arising:

- 4.1 **Colwinston Community Association (CCA):** The Chairman fully briefed the Council on last week's meeting with CCA attended together with Cllr Roach. The Chairman explained that there were two matters arising out of the meeting that required decision by the Council both relating to the redevelopment of the children's park:

4.1.1 The VOG has requested the Community Council contribute in the order of £300 to playground project costs.

It was proposed by Cllr Morris that the Council should contribute the £300 requested by VOG. This was seconded by Cllr Jones and agreed by all.

Action: Chairman to contact VoGC regarding contribution.

4.1.2 CCA had requested a contribution of £2,700 to extend the proposed new dry-standing, which forms the base play area of the new park. It was noted that the total cost of the new park, which is receiving substantial grant funding, is circa £75,000.

After careful and detailed consideration of this request it was proposed by Cllr Roach that the VoGC should negotiate with the contractor to determine if a saving in the project cost can be made to accommodate the additional dry-standing work. This was seconded by Cllr Lloyd. A vote was called with three votes for the proposal and three against. The Chairman was thus required to use his casting vote and voted against the proposal. The proposal was not passed.

A further proposal was then made by Cllr Morris, that the Community Council should contribute the requested £2,700. This was seconded by Cllr Lewis and considered by the Council. A vote was called with two votes for the proposal and four against. The proposal was not passed.

4.2 Broadband: The Chairman advised that he was still trying to contact BT, but so far to no avail. He explained that the Council will have to carry out a needs survey to justify any grant application to Welsh Government (WG). The Council will need to consider how it can organise such a survey, albeit the Council is already aware that between 217-220 in the village are currently receiving broadband, and circa 50% use it for business as well as personal purposes.

The Chairman noted that Llancarfan and Llangan had been successful in installing a fibre optic service but went from dial up to digital. Colwinston is already connected via a fibre optic and copper cable and this will complicate the grant application process.

Action: The Chairman will continue his efforts to contact BT and will approach WG regarding grant availability. The Chairman will also endeavour to clarify the position regarding the previously installed copper cable.

4.3: Defibrillator installation: The Chairman could currently report no progress, despite contacting the potential provider.

Action: The Chairman will continue efforts to obtain a quotation for replacement defibrillators.

4.4: The Vines: The Chairman advised that there had been no response from Persimmon regarding the site's adoption. The Council will continue its endeavours to resolve this matter.

Action:

- 1. The Chairman to contact VOG.**
- 2. Cllr Lewis to discuss with local resident, Mr M Burne.**

4.5: Heol Cae Pwll: The Chairman advised that he had received no information on the proposed site visit to discuss the issues relating to the attenuation basin.

Action: The Chairman will continue to monitor this matter and confirm the site visit.

4.6 Footpath, Old School House, Village Green: The Chairman advised that the requested site visit, to discuss the poor-quality repair work to the path with VOG had not taken place.

Action: The Chairman will continue attempts to arrange the site meeting with VOG and obtain a quotation to rectify the poor workmanship.

4.7 Tree planting: Cllr Lewis confirmed that the proposal to plant new trees on various sites around the village has now been posted on the Council's website and Facebook pages, inviting comments from residents.

4.8 Noticeboard: The Chairman confirmed that this was now installed on the village green.

4.9 Benches: The Council noted that there was no current progress to report.

Action: The Chairman to carry out a site visit to determine, with the assistance of Mr J Lloyd, the benches requiring repair or full replacement and will report back to the Council.

4.10 Dog fouling: The Council noted some improvement, which was welcomed.

4.11 Abandoned vehicle: Cllr Roach confirmed that she had received no response regarding the ownership of the vehicle from the DVLA and that the Police cannot deal with this matter as it is on land owned by the VOG.

Action: Cllr Roach to chase the matter with VOG.

4.12 Stable block: Cllr Roach has confirmed that this matter is now to be investigated by the VOG under its confirmation of building regulations procedure.

4.13: Changes to recycling collection: The Chairman advised the Council that the VOG has brought co-mingling collection to an end and introduced the separate recycling of different products such as paper, glass, plastic, etc. The new system has been trialled in various villages, including Colwinston and has now been introduced throughout the Vale of Glamorgan.

Action: The Chairman will attend the forthcoming consultation meetings being organised by VOG and report back to the Council.

6. To consider Police matters

The Council noted that no report had been received from the Police, who were not in attendance.

7. To consider County Council matters

The Council noted that no report had been received from the VOG, and Cllr Cave was not in attendance.

8. CCC website and Facebook page: Update

Cllr Lewis noted that there had been 46 visits to the Council's website in the last month and that the Council has 54 Facebook 'followers. Cllr Lewis explained that he has continued to update the site and the information displayed. The Council noted progress and thanked Cllr Lewis for his efforts.

The Chairman noted that he has been advised by One Voice Wales and the VOG's Governance Officer that the Council did not have to maintain a Register of Interests. This was required only where elected representatives were paid. Community councillors, such as those on Colwinston Community Council, are unpaid elected members.

It was, therefore, proposed by Cllr Lewis that the Register of Interests would no longer be maintained. This was seconded by Cllr Morris and agreed by all.

Action: Cllr Lewis to remove the Register of Interests from the website.

9. St. David's Church in Wales School: Update

Cllr Jones advised the Council that the consultation regarding the proposal to build a £4.5 million, 210 pupil, two-storey new school on the current school's playing field had now closed. The School Governors will consider the responses to the consultation at its meeting on the 8th May 2019.

Action: Cllr Jones to attend the School Governors' meeting as the Council representative and feedback to the Council.

10. To consider the Finance Officer's report

Cllr Lewis outlined the Council's current financial position, noting a positive balance of £13,854.60. Cllr Lewis noted expenditure in the January-March 2019 quarter of £978.00.

It was proposed by Cllr Lewis that the Council approve the report. This was seconded by Cllr Lloyd and agreed by all.

The Chairman noted that Grant Smith Contractor has completed £180.00 of work maintaining various village public areas and had submitted his invoice directly to the Chairman, who duly forwarded it the Council.

It was proposed by Cllr Morris that the Council approve the £180.00 payment to Grant Smith Contractor. This was seconded by Cllr Lloyd and agreed by all.

11. Clerk's update

Cllr Roach noted that all matters relating to the Clerk's role had been dealt with under other items. There was, therefore, no further report, which the Council noted.

12. To consider and planning matters

Cllr Roach advised that there were were no planning matters that required the Council's consideration. This was noted by the Council.

13. To consider any correspondence and associated replies required

Cllr Roach advised that there was no correspondence that required the Council's consideration outstanding. This was noted by the Council.

14. To consider any reports of Councillors.

The members noted that all matters had been dealt with under earlier agenda items.

15. Any other business

None.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Council will be on May 20th, 2019 at 7pm at St. David's Church in Wales School, Colwinston.

The meeting was closed at 09:25pm

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CHAIRMAN, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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CLERK, COLWINSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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