



Minutes of the Newcastle Higher Community Council meeting held by telephone conference via Zoom on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 8.00 p.m.

Cllr Meryl Wilkins: Presided

Present (4)

Councillors, Marged Griffiths, Meryl Wilkins, Heidi Bennett, James Radcliffe, Altaf Hussain

Clerk, Adam Davies

1. To Receive Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

2. To Receive Declarations of Interests (if any) of Members in respect of the business to be transacted.

Cllr Meryl Wilkins made a declaration relating to her personal interest in the following subject; Street Naming of the Ilanmoor homes development Parc Tondu, Merthyr Mawr Estate land. PenY Fai Common. Cllr Meryl Wilkins' full list of declarations of interests can be found on the Councils website.

Cllr James Radcliffe declared an interest in the Planning due to his association with Bridgend County Borough Council Planning Committee.

3. To confirm and sign minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 30th June 2021

Resolved:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th June 2021 were confirmed and signed.
Proposed by Cllr Heidi Bennett, seconded by Cllr Altaf Hussain.

4. To consider matters arising from the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 30th June 2021

There were no matters arising.

5. To confirm and sign minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th June 2021

Resolved:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th June 2021 were confirmed and signed.
Proposed by Cllr Heidi Bennett, seconded by Cllr Altaf Hussain.

6. To consider matters arising from the Council meeting on 8th June 2021

There were no matters arising.

7. To receive Reports from Community Associations

Cllr Griffiths on behalf of Pen Y Fai Community Association informed the Council of the success of the public Zoom meeting regarding Bridgends Local Development Plan.
The Community Association is arranging a litter pick that has been arranged for the 1st August.

8. To receive questions or comments from Members of the Public

There were no questions from members of the public.

9. To review standing orders

The Clerk noted that no progress has been made so far.

10. To receive a report on the Pheasant Field

The Clerk informed the Council that the Lease is now in his possession and awaiting the Chair to sign.

11. To consider ways to address the current issues with speeding traffic, in particular along Bridgend Rd, and Penyfai Rd, Aberkenfig

The Council discussed the recent incident that occurred within Aberkenfig along Bridgend Road.

Resolved:

The Council agreed to write to the local PCSOs requesting them to monitor the area.

12. To discuss NHCC current assets

a. Tree survey at the Woodland in Aberkenfig.

The Clerk informed the Council that he has concerns that trees in and around Aberkenfig Woodland have not been tendered to for a number of years. The Clerk requested if the Council would agree to a Tree Severy to take place to better inform the Council regarding what maintenance is necessary.

Resolved:

The Council agreed for the Clerk to tender a tree survey with costings provided to Councillors during the Summer Break for agreement.

13. To agree on the All Saints Church electric wire removal

The Clerk updated the Council that a wire that connects to the Council's Christmas lights at All Saints Church requires removal to allow safe removal of a tree nearby.

Resolved:

The Council agreed to remove the wire at All Saints Church, the Clerk will provide the costing for approval via email.

14. To confirm a co-option process for Councillor vacancies

The Council discussed its preferences for the Co-Option process.

Resolved:

The Council unanimously agreed that it would require an expression of interest to be Co-Opted onto the Council.

15. Finance

a. Future grants process for decision

Resolved:

The Council agreed to consider any applications on a 6 monthly basis. Each application should include certain criteria which would include the amount requested and how it would benefit the Councils Wards

b. Independent Auditors report - cheques for consideration and/or approval

The following cheques were presented to the Council as there was no reference to them being agreed within a Council meeting previously as brought to our attention by our internal Auditor.

	£	Cheques
BCBC Bus Shelter cleaning	59.63	1745
Matt Scott Landscaping	1785	1746
JV Tree Service	440	1747
JV Tree Service (Knotweed)	720	1748
Bridgend Town Council Dog Bins	2080	1749
Swalec Lighting	43.63	1750
Wages JR	****	1751
HMRC JR	****	1752
JR Reimbursements	245.03	1753
Meetings Kenfig Hill	181.5	1754
ACD Skips	230.4	1755

Resolved:

The Council agreed to accept the payments above but did reference a payment to JV Tree Service for £440. The Invoice references Angleton Common which is not managed by our Council. The Council, due to not receiving the correct information, considers this payment unlawful but has no authority to take further action.

c. To receive accounts for payment

	£	Cheque
Payroll Graham Paul	36.00	1815
Internal Audit KLG Internal Audit	450.00	1816
Dog Bins Bridgend Town Council	1,120.00	1817
Hanging Baskets Boverton Nurseries	2,095.	1818
Lease Check King Davies and Partners	120.00	1819
Scribe Accounts	462.00	1820

The Council accepted these payments.

d. To note bank reconciliation and current budget spending.

A bank reconciliation was provided to Council for their consideration. The bank reconciliation was £150 out, this was due a cheque not being cashed for the previous financial year.

Resolved:

Cllr Heidi Bennett proposed to accept the bank reconciliation and Cllr Altaf Hussain seconded.

16. To Consider Planning Applications

Cllr James Radcliffe declared an interest due to him sitting on the Planning Committee of Bridgend County Borough Council and declined to comment.

Land adjacent to Tondu Ironworks Tondu CF32 9TF
Demolition of existing offices (former Resource Centre for Groundwork Trust) and proposed
9 detached houses in outline with all matters reserved

The Council discussed the Tondu Iron Works and agreed to object to the planning application.

The Council noted the following applications made, with no objections:

P/21/578/FUL

Corniche Angelton Road Penyfai CF31 4LS

Two storey/single storey rear extension; extension to existing rear dormer; internal alterations

P/21/389/FUL

9 Chantal Avenue Penyfai CF31 4NN

Extension to side of property (full height) including extension to front and rear dormers

P/21/485/RLX

Springfield 28 Heol Tyn y Garn Penyfai CF31 4NZ

Vary standard time condition on P/16/536/FUL for a detached garage to extend the period for commencement for a further 5 years

P/21/483/OUT

a. To discuss LDP response

Cllrs confirmed their attendance of a Planning Aid Wales event to discuss the Local Development Plan for Bridgend.

The Council discussed its view on the local development plan with Cllr Bennett drafting a response prior to the meeting that included the following headings

Green Space

Travellers / Roma Site Court Colman

Small Developments

Roads at capacity

The removal of the proposed development of the "Circus Field" off the LDP plan.

Resolved:

The Council agreed to accept the draft kindly provided by Cllr Bennett the Clerk was to provide some alterations to include issues raised by Aberkenfig Community Association prior to sending to Bridgend County Borough Council.

17. Correspondence

Valleys To Coast

Confirmation that Countrywide, to cut the communal grounds at Grass at Protheroe Avenue

2. Cllr Marged Griffiths

A member of the public reported that Trees at Pleasant View, Aberkenfig CF32 9BY are dangerous with theread branches that are hanging off

3. BCBC Electoral

Notice of Councillor vacancies received

4. Defibrillator for Pentre Felin retail park

An email was sent to Paul Ryan

5. Bridgend Road, Aberkenfig CF32 9BG Request for URGENT Traffic Assessment

An email regarding a member of the public concerns regarding the traffic in Aberkenfig.

6. One Voice Wales

Model Financial regulations and Standing orders received.

7. Lighting at All Saints Church

Disconnecting of lights at the All Saints Church

8. BCBC

BCBC noted that any older Ordnance survey maps must be received from the Ordnance survey directly.

18. To receive BCBC Members Reports

a. Cllr Altaf Hussain

Cllr Hussain informed the Council that recent complaints have been received from residents that food has been left outside local shops which may attract vermin. He assured the Council that it is being looked into.

Cllr Hussain noted that new dog bags have now been installed around Pen Y Fai along specific dog routes. Along with new dog bags, additional patrols have been arranged to tackle littering and dog fouling within the borough.

A local resident provided their comments to Cllr Hussain regarding the Local Development plan and its possible arrangement of a gypsy within the Pen Y Fai Ward.

Cllr Hussain had no comment to make and suggested local residents complain using the correct LDP process using the email address providing their response.

b. Cllr James Radcliffe

Cllr Radcliffe has received a number of complaints that a number of licenced premises within Aberkenfig are breaking Covid restriction and causing a lot of anti-social behaviour since they were allowed to reopen.

Cllr Radcliffe suggested that if anyone has a complaint please contact BCBC's licencing department and make a complaint.

19. To receive Reports from Councillors

Cllr Bennett reported that she has had a walk around our ward with the BCBC Cabinet Member for communities. She brought up the following issues for their attention, Fence at Cavendish park has been removed and is now causing a health and safety issue that allows members of the public to enter a building site. A log retaining wall at Cavendish park is falling apart. Cllr Bennett suggested that Cavendish park be placed on the upgrade list due to funding currently available to BCBC.

There being no more business, the meeting closed at 21:48 p.m. The next meeting would be via video link, on Tuesday 14th September 2021.