

## Coedkernew Community Council

### Minutes: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

#### **Present:**

Chair Cllr T Boswell    Vice-Chair Cllr D Johnston    Cllr H Boswell

Cllr A Roger-Hewitt    Cllr G Thomas    Cllr P Turner

#### **1. Apologies**

None.

#### **2. Declaration of Interest**

None.

#### **3. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 accepted as a true record.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Boy Racers: They were back over the Bank Holiday Weekend cars and motorbikes this time around. A speed camera was observed on the Tredegar Park Island at 21:15 hrs, there was some surprise about it in use so late at night.

Police Matters: The grey horsebox has been parked up on the island for a month now, isn't this a dedicated clearway? Every day a pony and trap are on the A48 training.

Some concerns were raised about the horse box parking out into the island obstructing the island to offload ponies and traps.

Celtic Horizon Play Area: With a brief respite in the weather, upgrade work has started.

#### **5. Newport City Councillors Report**

None.

#### **6. Police Matters**

None.

#### **7. Finance Matters**

We start with £3474 in the bank.

In March we have paid £7.20 website costs and £10.38 HMRC interest cost. Still waiting on the fine refund. No extra upcoming costs.

It transpires that the CCC needs to pay pension costs for me so time will be spent collating information for me to bring to you, for a decision. I will have to contact the pensions regulator as we have not started a scheme, costs will have to be back dated.

I have been paid and £13 expenses have also been paid – covering printing costs, a notebook for minute taking and a diary. So far in February and March I have

exceeded my hours significantly, this has been offset by a lower workload at the end of last year.

Several leads of enquiry are underway for finding an internal auditor to review my work and processes. The internal audit needs to be completed before we can agree and sign the annual audit (which is completed), then I can file the audit with Wales Audit Office; 30th June deadline.

## **8. Planning**

A discussion took place about IQE chemical store Local Exhaust Ventilation system, some concerns about possible ammonia fumes.

Playgroup: The playgroup affected by the large fire in Rogerstone has now relocated to Cleppa Park. With the addition of another café in the area concerns were raised about parking in the area, as it is already limited.

## **9. Correspondence**

OneVoice Wales: Vote to continue membership at £391; unanimous.

OVW Training: Recommendation for Cllr A Roger-Hewitt to attend the New Councillor Induction, bursary to be applied for.

OVW: Senedd Cymru Consultation no comment.

## **10. Any Other Business**

Vantage Data Centre: They are now working all over the weekend, combined with the trees on the bund being removed there is now no respite from the noise. Cllr Roger-Hewitt is in contact with Charlotte and Phil about these unnecessary working hours.

Imperial Way: Due to the high volume of lorries now using Imperial Way there is some damage to the road.

Farmers Muck Spreading: We were shown a video showing a farmer muck spreading from the road, with run off blocking drains and contaminating the road. Cllr T Boswell is meeting with NRW and will raise this issue with them.

Road Repairs: Some disappointment expressed amongst Councillors that small potholes were being filled in on the coast road this month when the significant potholes which are several feet long on the A48 have not been touched in months.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be 18:30hrs on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and it will be our AGM, followed by our usual meeting at the Parc Golf Club.