

Coedkernew Community Council

Minutes: 7th January 2025

Present:

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

Cllr A Roger-Hewitt NCC Cllr T Watkins

1. Apologies

Cllr P Turner (Work Commitments) Cllr G Thomas Police (none available)

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting on 5th November 2024 accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Vantage Data Centre: A community engagement meeting with Vantage was high conflict with some participants walking out in disgust. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Coedkernew Community Council website when available. Another meeting has been scheduled. It has been confirmed that the bund is the wrong size and now needs increasing in height, fast growing trees are needed to provide suitable screening for residents. It is clear from the bund height and tree issues that NCC planning are not monitoring the site to ensure compliance with planning applications. The CWL11 site is carrying out unauthorised work – NCC Cllr Screen to follow up with planning about the bund, more mature trees and measures to ensure compliance with agreed plans. The building is now being clad with manilla coloured cladding, much to the dismay of residents, who have observed how the original colour scheme blended well. The manilla coloured cladding makes the building look like an oversize Amazon box and is dominating the skyline – this is not agreed with planning.

Residents are also reporting a build-up of diesel particulates in gardens and on patios making it slippery and to their detriment.

5. Newport City Councillors Report

NCC Cllr T Watkins gave a report, Council tax will be increasing, and fly tipping cameras have been deployed in our area.

6. Police Matters

None presented as unfortunately no Officers were able to attend.

7. Finance Matters

The 2022-23 Annual Return was reviewed and signed by the Chair and Clerk. **Vote:** To accept the 2022-23 Annual Return – **Unanimous**. The return will be emailed to the WAO this evening at their request.

The Internal Auditors report was reviewed. **Vote:** To accept the report by the Internal Auditor – **Unanimous**.

A proposed budget was presented by the Clerk, with discussion around the accepted amount to raise the precept by considering the cost-of-living crisis and our residents. **Vote:** To raise the precept by 2% - **Unanimous**.

106 Money: Could 106 monies be used to maintain/upgrade the footbridge or provide some lighting? What about public access to the pond by the A48? NCC Cllr t Watkins to investigate who owns it, it was thought that it was part of the Vantage site at one time.

8. Planning

24/0996 The Old Rectory Cardiff Road Newport NP10 8TY – noted.

24/0975 Land To The South And East Of Celtic Way Celtic Lakes Newport South Wales – noted.

24/0957 Celtic Technology Centre Celtic Way Celtic Lakes Newport NP10 8BE – noted.

24/0953 Property Known As IQE Silicon Compounds Celtic Way Celtic Lakes Newport South Wales – There were some concerns from members about the risks to the local community from the ammonia, in case of loss of containment and subsequent noxious fumes. It is not known how long this has been on the site.

24/0909 Quinn Radiators Celtic Way Celtic Lakes Newport NP10 8FS – noted.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted as per the agenda items.

OVW: Digital Guidelines to be reviewed at another date when Cllrs have time to read and digest the guidelines

Tredegar Park and Marshfield Ward Meeting 29th January 2025 6pm Duffryn Community Centre – this will be an update presentation for residents about the NCC budget for 2025-26.

10. Any Other Business – for information only

Police Attendance: It is noted that CSO C Doidge has now retired.

Agenda item for February: Parc Golf Club Donation.

Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on 4th February 2025 at 6:30pm at the Parc Golf Club.