

Coedkernew Community Council

Minutes: 4th March 2025

Present:

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

Cllr A Roger-Hewitt Cllr G Thomas Cllr P Turner NCC Cllr R Howells

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting on 4th January 2025 accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

Church Lane: A request will be sent explaining the issues residents have found with the recent trimming of hedges and the driving hazards.

A48 Potholes: Several severe potholes have been reported along the A48, residents are concerned. Those that use the A48 observe how it is common practice to see drivers move into the outside lane to avoid the potholes. NCC is aware as several reports have been made to them. Work is pending on settlements from the Welsh Government and Parliament.

Vantage Data Centre: NCC planners and Councillors are engaging with Vantage and are waiting on email responses before further steps can be taken. Several meetings are in the pipeline with Councillors and residents expected to attend. The plumes of dust are a nuisance to residents and the road sweeper appears to be ineffective. It was noted how noisy the recent maintenance work carried out on the motorway was, and concerns were voiced about the whirring of fans from Vantage when it is fully online

Footbridge: Would the recent letter from Microsoft be a starting point for the bridge maintenance?

5. Newport City Councillors Report

NCC Cllr R Howells gave a report, noting that NCC had presented a budget based on “bread & butter” needs for Newport. The campaign for Tredegar House Library and various Community Centres has worked, they will continue. A publicity campaign is now required for residents to fully use the facilities. No news on the Tredegar House play park. NCC has listened to concerns over street lighting and now every other light will be on. This is to improve conditions for residents who said they felt unsafe when the street lights were off from midnight to 06:30hrs.

6. Police Matters

None presented as unfortunately no Officers were able to attend and no report was available prior to the meeting.

7. Finance Matters

Vote: To adopt the OVW Financial Regulations. **Unanimous vote carried.**

Vote: To continue to meet on the first Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year, as we are now expected to advertise meetings for the year. **Unanimous, vote carried.**

8. Planning

The planning item was discussed and noted.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted as per the agenda items.

OVW: Digital Guidelines – Vote: to have a working party to discuss the guidelines, costs and impact on our budget and bring suggestions to council. **Unanimous, vote carried.**

10. Any Other Business – for information only

Waste Collections: There are collection issues in our area, overflowing bins, confrontations, upset residents, the need for bigger bins. The tip visit can now be booked same day. Any impediment encourages fly tipping which is a blight in the area.

Fence at the top of Blacksmiths Way: This was knocked down some time ago and has not been repaired by NCC. Most recently the two posts have been removed and there are concerns that this is being used as a short cut to the A48/bus stop.

Date of Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on 1st Aril 2025 at 6:30pm at the Parc Golf Club.