

Coedkernew Community Council

Minutes: 4th February 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 A Screen

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of Interest

None

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting on 7th January 2025 accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

106 monies: Can the 106 monies or the area be used to maintain the footbridge – no update available on this.

Vantage Data Centre: At a meeting between residents and Vantage representatives, the bund height and the maturity/effectiveness of the trees was discussed. The meeting was very chaotic and left residents feeling unheard. Testing of the black particulates contaminating the residents' grounds and properties has still not gone ahead despite assurances. In fact, residents were promised regular window cleaning, double glazing, removal of the black particulates and compensation for the intrusion into their lives; so far these promises have not been honoured. NCC Cllr Screen has promised to follow up these concerns again, he suggests that an Ecological expert be requested to join our next monthly meeting to explain why there is a limit on the maturity of trees planted on the bund for screening. Residents are concerned that the six-foot saplings currently planted will take twenty years to provide a screen for the residents compared to the height of the building, which is grossly unfair.

Footbridge: CCC Cllrs have expressed concerns about the condition of the bridge – it has a poor surface to walk, some of the non-slip surface is raised and causing a trip hazard. It was installed in 1996, and no maintenance has been done on it since. A tree has fallen across the path to the bridge which has been reported to NCC. Cutting back of the brambles near to the bridge has been poor in the past allowing litter to accumulate and with inadequate bramble removal a litter pick is not possible, NCC Cllr Screen has taken note of this for future reference.

Road Surfaces: The A48 by Berry Hill Farm travelling eastwards, the road has been patched, however this is now failing and causing issues for drivers. The A48 junction with Pencarn Way, travelling towards Cardiff still has large potholes despite being reported several months ago. NCC Cllr Screen to follow up.

Parc Golf Club Donation: Vote: in recognition of the goodwill of Parc Golf Club, in allowing us to hold monthly meetings onsite we will donate £200 to their chosen charity – Ronald McDonald House Charities. **Unanimous.**

5. Newport City Councillors Report

NCC Cllr Screen gave a report, a petition is available to sign objecting to the proposed closure of Tredegar House Library, the building is currently leased from Tredegar House Trust. Link to petition: <https://chng.it/9GyiWXP9jp>

Vantage: The change of colour to the building has been refused on a technicality and they are not permitted to appeal under planning rules.

Fly Tipping: No feedback available at present from the covert cameras.

Save the Six bells: Please support this community share scheme, Microsoft have donated £5K to the Save the Six Bells Campaign from their Community Engagement Fund. [Home - Save the Six Bells](#)

Church Lane Closure: Residents have expressed dismay at the extremely short notice about the road closure, which is merely for filming and not emergency works, NCC Cllr Screen acknowledged that this was well thought out and that residents' needs were not considered, he was asked to represent this to the relevant department.

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

A log of this year's online and direct debits, to date was presented to the meeting, the balance is now £4,964.49.

Ionos offer of .org email addresses was considered, we would need 8 potential addresses, more information needed.

Precept request for 2025-26 has been submitted to NCC.

23-24 Annual Return has been submitted to WAO.

8. Planning

Two planning items were discussed and noted.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence was noted as per the agenda items.

OVW Area Committee Survey was completed with the aid of CCC Cllrs.

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

10. Any Other Business – for information only

CCC Cllr Thomas has commented on the glare from lights from the driving range as you leave Church Lane.

Date of Next Meeting

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