

BISHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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**[DRAFT] Ordinary Meeting Minutes February 1st 6:30PM Conference Room
Underwood Community Centre**

1. Roll Call

John Davies, Cherie Hall, Andrew Cork, Carol Cork, John Hall, Rachael Stephens

Jacob Richards-Powell (Clerk) on Zoom

2. Apologies

Craig Johnson

3. Declarations of Interest

None declared

4. Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting (held Wednesday 4th January 2023)

Proposed and seconded as accurate. Proposed by Cllr Andrew Cork, seconded by Cllr John Hall

5. Matters arising (that are not part of the agenda)

Simon Heron has ordered the part for the gymnasium / hall doorway to be installed.

Amend previous Minutes date (January from December)

6. Public Participation (limited to 20 minutes)

- a. Tanya Demarco; Concern over lack of school bus for school children
- b. Mr Webber
- c. Mrs Devlin
- d. Ms. Avril Gray

7. Ward Councillor Matters

Ward councillors were not in attendance. The Clerk explained that Tanya Demarco had contacted BCC regarding the lack of school bus to Llanwern school and that a response had been sent setting out that this was a priority concern from City Councillors. Ms. Demarco's email was forwarded to city councillors.

The consensus of BCC was to contact the appropriate people at NCC directly as the council feels its views are not being followed up by city councillors.

8. Announcements

The Clerk informed BCC that Cllr Gillian Burton has resigned as councillor. The Clerk will write Gillian on the council's behalf thanking her for her service.

9. Newport East Speedway Club Grant application

The installers fitting the fibre broadband in the area have quoted roughly £6000 to lay the pipe to the Speedway. The application for £10,000 was successful at the Participatory Budget grand presentation.

The club contact BCC to ask if the council could offer a bridging loan for the works to be carried out prior to the release of the grant. However, as an official quotation was not available at the time the council could not agree to this action.

10. Local surgery / Health board discussion

As time of meeting no response has been received. **Action; Clerk to contact surgery again.**

11. Youth Club at UCC

No further leads on a youth club organiser have been successful. The Clerk explained that following contact with an organisation called People Plus that the lack of youth club organisation in the area is not an isolated event.

12. Note receipt of LDP consultation email and share face-to-face meeting dates

Councillors noted receipt of email and have been asked to attend Local Development Plan consultations if they wish to relay any input into the plans. (Further information can be found here; <https://newportrlpd.co.uk/>)

13. Note Council Consultation with Solar Farm Proposers

Councillors were reminded of a closed meeting taking place with the proposers of a local solar farm on February 20th. Public consultations have taken place.

14. Comments from OVW Area Meeting

The Chair attended the area meeting and noted that Rachel Carter of OVW was the guest speaker. Insight was provided into biodiversity options and S.6 planning.

15. Finance & Procedure

- a. Run through January expenses / income

These were agreed to be acceptable. Proposed by Cllr Andrew Cork seconded by Cllr Cherie Hall

- b. Update on action points for councillors

Clerk took councillors through action points.

c. BVHA Monthly Reports

Clerk explained that since BCC meetings have returned to second Wednesday of the month BVHA are not always able to submit monthly reports in time for meeting. Suggested that BCC ask BVHA to submit numbered reports instead of monthly reports showing a date range for clarity. **Action; Clerk to contact BVHA to change Report layout**

- d. Leisure Centre Utility Rebate

16. Maintenance

- a. CCTV Underwood Community Centre

Following further vandalism to the new key box at UCC it was agreed by councillors to proceed with the approved installation of CCTV cameras at the centre. This would include one within the lobby area and one covering the outside aspect.

- b. Damage to football field

CLlr Stokes reported that vehicular damage has been caused to the football site but may not be recent. The installation of a barrier with a council padlock was suggested. **Action; look at affordable and effective means of preventing unwanted vehicles on football pitch.**

c. Ongoing issues with water system in football buildings

Further leaks have developed within the referee building at the football club. Frost heaters and lagging have been installed but have not been effective.

Action; Look at effective means of repair to prevent cracks from cold / frost

17. Planning Applications

Mr Webber attended the meeting as proprietor of Castle Farms in Bishton. He explained that NCC was contesting a planning application (21/0980) following changes made at the farm and that Mr. Webber would appreciate the support of the community council in this matter given the positive effect he believes the business has on the community.

18. Any other business (at discretion of The Chair)

No other business brought forward

19. Date of next meeting; Next ordinary meeting to be held on March 1st 2023 at Underwood Community Centre / via Zoom.

Signed by The Chair:

Dated: