

**BISHTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
CYNGOR CYMUNED TRESEFGOB**

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Ordinary Meeting Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Underwood Community Centre & Via Zoom

**MINUTES**

**1. Attendance**

John Davies, Pamela Davies, Samantha Voaden-Miller, Chelsea Powell, Richard Stokes, Rachael Stephens

Clerk: Jacob Richards-Powell

Two members of public (1x football club member)

Councillors and Clerk introduced themselves to members of the public

**2. Apologies**

Andrew Cork & Carol Cork – accepted

John Hall & Cherie Hall – accepted

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Chelsea Powell, 7Ai

Samantha Voaden-Miller – Allotment POC

**4. Announcements**

No Announcements

**5. Public Forum (Limited to 20 Minutes)**

- a. Public Participation
  - i. Questions submitted were:
    1. Bishton Village Sign entering East Bound missing
      - a. Reported to Highways at NCC
    2. State of Church Yard
      - a. Reported to Church of Wales
    3. Damaged Planters
      - a. Reported to City Councillors at previous meeting
  - b. Underwood Football Club are looking to improve the club so that they can move up a league (Gwent County)
    - i. Improvements to facilities will help them meet the criteria for moving up a league.
    - ii. Ongoing issue of the woodland at the bottom of the football pitch – lots of balls go missing or get punctured resulting in around £450 per year spent on balls. Club exploring ways to remedy this problem.
  - c. City Councillors Updates & Comments
    - i. No updates received

**6. Approval Of Minutes**

- a. November 2024
  - i. Agreed and approved

**7. Action Points & Clerk Report**

- a. Action Points

- i. Lease completed for Bishton Village Hall
- ii. Updates on outstanding matters
  - 1. Correspondence from NCH
    - a. Offer to put handrail around the shop to help people walk around. Asset team to inspect alleyway to see if it can be opened.
    - b. Handrails have been installed on the steps on the pavement on Waltwood Road, asset team to inspect to see if ramp can be installed.
  - 2. Correspondence from ecology department
    - a. Access to toilet block at the speedway during community garden sessions
    - b. Name suggestions for the Remembrance Garden in Underwood
    - c. Request to attend the BCC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### **Finance & Procedure**

- b. Review and agree Bank Reconciliation November 2024
  - i. Accepted by Councillors
- c. Review quotations for Bishton Park Maintenance and agree as appropriate
  - i. Council agreed unanimously to accept the quote provided by Jeremy Widdas to carry out comprehensive repairs and maintenance to the Play Park in Bishton
- d. Review and adopt recommendations made by Finance & Procedure Committee meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024
  - i. The recommendations made by the Finance & Procedure Committee were accepted by the Full Council at this meeting.
- e. Review and agree draft budget for 2025/2026
- f. Review and agree precept to be submitted January 2025
  - i. The precept will increase to £38,798.94 (11%) this includes inflation uplifts and increased staff hours to ensure all Council work can be carried out.

### **8. Community**

- a. Flooding in Underwood: Discuss and resolve action to take complaint forward of ongoing flooding in Underwood – dropped verge on road leading into Underwood
  - i. Resolved: Lodge complaint with Newport City Council & Natural Resources Wales, residents on the estate cannot enter or leave the estate when flash flooding takes place.
  - ii. It is believed that work carried out on the waterway at Chapel Lane in Llandevaud has led to an increase in water making its way to Underwood
- b. Contaminated water on former leisure centre car park: Discuss and resolve action to take complaint forward.
  - i. Resolved: Newport City Council and Councillors have taken this action.
- c. Note injury caused to local minor: Note response from NCC concerning poor state of Underwood MUGA following recent injury of a local resident.
  - i. Resolved: Noted that a poor repair has been carried out, this is to be taken back to NCC
- d. Note request for replacement planters in Bishton
  - i. Resolved: This action is with City Councillors.

### **9. Planning**

- a. Note receipt of November Delegated planning Decision List
  - i. Noted

### **10. Date for Next Meeting**

- a. Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Underwood Community Centre

The meeting ended at 20:03

Signed:

Dated: