

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH
MARCH, 2019 AT 7.15p.m. AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: W. OWEN (CHAIR); I CLARIDGE; P CLARIDGE; E COATES; J DILWORTH; N EVANS; H PARSONS; D SNOOK AND G LEWIS (CLERK).

1. ELECTION OF MEMBER TO PRESIDE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Chair was present.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Dilworth declared an interest in items 11, Correspondence and item 19, Clearance of Plot 7, Laureldene Allotments.

Councillor Coates declared an interest in items 14, Creation of a wildflower meadow and item 19, Clearance of Plot 7, Laureldene Allotments.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Miss L. Rosser & Ms A. Popham were in attendance. Miss Rosser brought her correspondence regarding the allocation of the grounds maintenance contracts to a contractor other than P&P Gardens to the attention of members (A copy of the letter has been circulated to members prior to the meeting). She acknowledged the reply from the Clerk outlining the regulations and procedures that the Council has to work to. She then stated that P&P Gardens had worked tirelessly for the village and asked why they weren't given the contract this year. Members again explained that sealed bids are sought for contract and that the contract is then awarded to the contractor with the lowest bid. In this case it wasn't P&P Gardens. The Council does not have to accept the lowest bid but does have to have a very good reason not to accept it. The contractor who has been awarded the contract this year not only supplied the lowest bids for the contracts but is very professional and has a proven track record as they have been maintaining the playing field and football pitch

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since 2015.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING

PCSO Phelps sent his apologies for his absence from the meeting due to the fact he is on rest days.

The Crime figures for the period 11th February to 11th March 2019 are as follows:

- Theft/Handling – 3 accounts;
- Drugs – 1 account;
- Damage – 1 account;
- Anti-Social Behaviour – 1 account.

56 calls were made to the Police during this period.

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

6.1 Payment of Accounts

Resolved: to make payment of all the accounts listed below:

TalkTalk Business	Telephone & broadband	57.54
Wages	March	1037.20
HMRC	Tax & National Insurance - March	129.82
Office Rental	March	100.00
P & P Gardens	Grounds Maintenance-General/Cemetery/Church	1000.00
Marcon Services	Grounds Maintenance – Playing field	510.00
RCTCBC	Trade Waste - Cemetery	43.02
G Lewis	Travelling allowance	31.95
Complete Bus Sols Ltd	Printer cartridges(CMY)	40.56
Complete Bus Sols Ltd	Exercise Books	7.55
Complete Bus Sols Ltd	Printer cartridge (Black)	14.94
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Wybone	Dog bag dispenser	202.31
SSE/SWALEC	Ambulance Hall electricity	82.58
Wales Air Ambulance	S137 Grant	500.00
Friends of Ysgol Llanhari	S137 Grant - Re-issue of cheque not received	200.00

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6.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to accept the bank reconciliation for February

6.3 GFFEB19/BESFEB19

Resolved: to accept the GF Sheets and Budget Estimate for February

6.4 Bank Statements

Original bank statements were available for inspection.

7. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Audit and Monthly Meeting held on 13th February were confirmed.

8. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings were duly signed by the Chair.

9. MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

AFC

Fixture lists for March have been received by the Clerk.

Request from Mr Wayne Arnold on behalf of Bryncae Mini & Juniors - inquiry into the possibility of using the football pitch & changing facilities at the Community Centre for three youth sides.

Resolved: to hold a special meeting with Mr Arnold and representatives of Llanharry AFC to discuss this matter.

9.2 Matters at Tylagarw

Councillor Owen has reported the matters to RCTCBC but doesn't feel that additional lighting will be installed at Coed Mieri due to financial constrictions.

9.3 Planning Applications at Laureldene & Hazeldene

Councillor Owen is awaiting a decision from RCTCBC on this matter.

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9.4 Items for the newsletter.

Partnership working with RCTCBC to install dropped kerbs/grants given to local organisations/new council website address.

9.5 Consideration Of The Re-Siting Of The “Welcome To Llanharry” Sign

Awaiting a decision regarding this matter from RCTCBC Highways.

9.6 Consideration Of The “Twinning” Of Llanharry

To be kept on the agenda.

9.7 Review of Electoral Arrangements by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales

To be kept on the agenda.

9.8 Provision of dog bag dispensers.

The dispenser has been received and is awaiting installation.

9.9 Date of the next Litter Pick

10am – 11am Saturday 6th April – weather permitting.

10. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND COMMITTEES

Last month Councillor Owen reported the following, a formal request has been made to RCTCBC Highways and a formal response is awaited:

- The removal of the pebbles at the roundabout in Tylagarw and the replacement with a metre wide strip of tarmac and a central flower bed.
- Planting of trees on the green area opposite the Community Centre.

Councillor Owen reported a request to work in partnership with RCTCBC in upgrading the facilities at the community centre. This was agreed in principal if they would commit, in writing, to a long term rolling project to upgrade the community centre.

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11. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

OVW – Welsh Government

Senedd and Elections Bill to introduce Votes at 16

The Assembly Commission is proposing a new law to renew democracy in Wales. It will empower 16 and 17 year olds to vote at Assembly elections, giving them a voice on decisions that will define their future.

It also proposes changing the name of the Assembly to reflect its true status as a national parliament.

Innovative Practice Annual Awards Ceremony - 28 March 2019 - Royal Welsh Showground

OVW – Training

Module 21 - ADVANCED Local Government Finance training - Neath - 28th February 2019;

Module 16 - Use of IT, Websites & Social Media training – Usk - 7th March;

Module 16 - Use of IT, Websites & Social Media training - Barry - 13th March 2019;

Module 19 - Devolution of Services / Community Asset Transfer training - Cowbridge - 14th March;

Module 21 - ADVANCED Local Government Finance training - Bedwas - 19th March

List of Training Dates for South Region:

Welsh Government

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report - February 2019

Funding Support available in 2019-20

[letter, guidance note and application form in respect of Welsh Government support for the initial setting up of joint arrangements around three core themes of community engagement, increasing citizen participation and engagement in local democracy, and working together on a shared service.](#)

RCTCBC

Proposal to extend Dolau Primary School - Amendment to Statutory Notice;

Licensing Committee & Licensing Act 2003 – meeting agendas.

RCT Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Out and About 2

[Following a great response from our consultation on the draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2019 - 2029 which took place over last summer, we would like to inform you that the `Summary of Observations` is now available to view on the Council's Public Rights of Way webpage at the following link:](#)

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/PlanningandBuildingControl/Countryside/Publicrightsofway.aspx> (A detailed report is available on request)

The final revised plan, `Out & About Two: The Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Rhondda Cynon Taf` will be available from the 1st April 2019.

Planning Aid Wales

Newsletter, February 2019

Planning policy & Place Plan training for communities – Newport - 4th March

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SLCC

New regulations called ‘The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018’;
Your SLCC & OVW Joint Conference - Liberty Stadium, Swansea - 15th May 2019

Plantscape - Councils budget for blooms to brighten their towns and cities.

PlayWales – E-bulletin, March 2019.

Calor - launches £70,000 rural funding scheme.

Jill Evans MEP – CND Cymru Chairperson - No Underground Nuclear Waste Dump in Wales

Miss L Rosser & Family – letter of complaint regarding the appointment of a grounds maintenance contractor who is not P & P Gardens.

Mr Wayne Arnold – inquiry into the possibility of using the football pitch & changing facilities at the Community Centre for three youth sides – see Playing Field/AFC Matters.

Linden Court Social Club – Letter of thanks for grant.

Clerks & Councils Direct – publication.

Chris Elmore MP & Huw Irranca-Davies AM – Funding Advice Day.

The Allotment & Recreation Ground Charity – Ystradowen

Successful grant application – January 2019;
Poster for next round of grant applications.

Councillor Dilworth declared an interest in the following item.

Joanne Pullman and Rachel Cooper – Provision of an External heated, LED lit defibrillator cabinet at the Community Centre.

Confirmation has now been received from RCTCBC that they would have no objections to the provision and installation of an external heated and LED lit defibrillator cabinet at the community centre providing they would not be held responsible for any loss or damage to the unit or equipment and that the cost of electricity is covered.

Members voiced their concerns regarding the siting of the cabinet at the community centre and suggested that a better location might be outside the Spar shop (which is covered by CCTV) and suggested that Blakemore might consider covering the cost of the electricity.

12. PLANNING

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Resolved: to note the following:

12.1 Planning lists

From 4th February to 1st March.

12.2 Planning Correspondence

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council:

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 / TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012:

19/0104/10 - Erection of a single storey side extension - 41 Sycamore Road, Llanharry,
Pontyclun, CF72 9HN

19/0234/10 – FPP – Rear two storey extension – 14 Laureldene, Llanharry, Pontyclun.

13. GRANTS

Resolved: that the Council in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972(amended), should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interest of the area or its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure:

Wales Air Ambulance.....£500

14. CONSIDERATION OF CREATING A WILDFLOWER MEADOW AREA

Councillor Coates outlined the proposal to create a wildflower meadow area and suggested the area in the playing field behind Spar. She stated the intention to install information points to identify the wildflower species and that Llanhari Primary was working closely with Pencoed College. Members agreed in principle to this proposal subject to further information.

15. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISION OF A SKIP FOR FFOREST ROAD ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Claridge informed members that all the vacant plots have been cleared and are now being cultivated. In doing so, they have amassed rubbish which needs to be disposed of.

Resolved: to provide a skip for Fforest Road Allotments.

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16. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FROM LLANHARRY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION TO RE-LOCATE THE EXISTING WATER TROUGH AND THE INSTALLATION OF A LARGER TROUGH AT THE ORIGINAL LOCATION

Councillor Claridge explained this proposal and that all the work and costs will be undertaken by Llanharry Allotment Association.

Resolved: to permit the re-location of the existing water trough and the installation of a larger trough at the original location.

17. CONSIDERATION OF FFOREST ROAD ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION INSURANCE

Councillor Claridge stated that he thinks that Fforest Road Allotment Association is paying insurance for the allotments whilst it is covered by the Community Council's insurance. The Clerk replied that she has asked our insurer's on a number of occasions whether the allotment association needs its own insurance and has been informed on each occasion that they do. Members asked for confirmation of this in writing from our insurer.

18. UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF MEMBERS SETTING UP DEDICATED EMAIL ACCOUNTS

The Clerk was informed that only Councillor I Claridge and Councillor P Claridge have set up their dedicated email accounts to-date. She asked that the remainder make a concerted effort to set up their accounts with a view to utilizing them from 1st April.

Councillor Dilworth and Councillor Coates declared an interest in the following item.

19. CONSIDERATION OF THE CLEARANCE OF PLOT 7, LAURELDENE ALLOTMENTS TO ENABLE LLANHARI PRIMARY TO TAKE OVER THE PLOT

Resolved: to arrange a contractor to clear the allotment so that it is in a usable condition for Llanhari Primary.

20. CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Wednesday 10th April 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.53 p.m.

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