

# LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup>  
FEBRUARY, 2020 AT 7.15 P.M. AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: I CLARIDGE(CHAIR); P CLARIDGE; E COATES; J DILWORTH; L MANCHIP; W OWEN; D SNOOK; MR M CUDE, RCTCBC COMMUNITY CENTRES MANAGER 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

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Evans and Councillor Parsons.

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

## 4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nine members of the public were in attendance.

One member of the public in particular raised concerns regarding the standard of work of the current grounds maintenance contractor and questioned how the grounds maintenance contracts were awarded for the coming year, whereupon he became abusive and was instructed to leave the meeting which resulted in all but two members of the public leaving.

Another member of the public reported that the road from the Fox & Hounds Public House to the Church needed re-surfacing and asked for the provision of a traffic calming measure between the top of the hill and the pedestrian crossing. Councillor Owen noted these matters.

## 5. COMMUNITY POLICING

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PCSO Phelps sent his apologies that he was unable to attend the meeting. The crime figures from the 13<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> February:

- Violence against the person – 2 accounts;
- Damage – 2 accounts;
- Anti-Social Behaviour – 1 account.

18 calls were made to the Police during this time.

**6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

**6.1 Payment of Accounts**

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

RCTCBC	Trade Waste Collection	40.52
TalkTalk Business	Telephone & broadband	57.54
Wages	February	1101.01
HMRC	Tax & NI	148.98
Office Rental	February	100.00
Marcon Services	Grounds Maintenance Contracts	1914.98
Centregreat	Christmas Lighting	4177.20
Petty Cash	Stamps	8.40
G Lewis	Travelling Allowance Mar 19 - Feb 20	90.45
Strobe Creative	Website Hosting Charges	87.00
Urban Recreation Ltd	Play Area inspections Dec 18 to Mar19	216.00
Urban Recreation Ltd	Play Area inspection Apr 19 - Feb 20	594.00
Llanharry Community Association	S137 Grant	5000.00
Wales Air Ambulance	S137 Grant	1000.00

**6.2 Bank Reconciliation**

**Resolved:** to accept the bank reconciliation for January.

**6.3 GFJAN19/BUDESTJAN19**

**Resolved:** to accept the GF Sheets/Budget Estimate for January.

**6.4 Bank Statements**

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Original copy statements were available for members to examine.

**7. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the Audit Meeting and the Monthly Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January and the Site Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> January were confirmed.

**8. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

**9. MATTERS ARISING**

**9.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters**

AFC

Fixture lists for February have been received from the senior teams.

Playing Field

The monthly inspection has been carried out and a copy emailed to members. It has been advised that there is moss on the surfacing and that it should be removed – the cost of which is £385.00 plus VAT.

**Resolved:** to proceed with jet-washing of the rubber surfacing.

**9.2 Matters at Tylagarw**

Councillor Owen stated:

- That the traffic calming measures are currently being installed;
- As part of Tylagarw becoming the first eco-village within RCTCBC, every household will be supplied with a bar code scanner to identify whether an item is recyclable – this project, costing £30,000 is funded directly by Welsh Government;
- The project to create an urban orchard by planting a fruit tree in every garden has started with an order for 100 trees;

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- That he, in conjunction with the RCTCBC Play Officer, has commissioned Dragon Play to carry out a feasibility study and produce a proposal for the installation of a toddler play area to the rear of Tylagarw Community Centre.

### 9.3 Items for the newsletter

The Clerk confirmed that the newsletter was ready to go to print.

### 9.4 Creation a wildflower meadow area

The Clerk reported meeting up with Steven Mason to identify the area earmarked for the wildflower meadow.

### 9.5 Consideration of the Installation of CCTV at the Cemetery

Still awaiting information from Laser Fire and Security.

### 9.6 Railings for the War Memorial

Permission has now been obtained for the railings.

**Resolved:** to hold a site meeting on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am to finalise the design.

### 9.7 Lack of Screening Along the M4

Still awaiting an update from Huw Irranca Davies' office regarding requested information and an available date to meet.

### 9.8 Path at Fforest Road Allotments & Site Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

The Clerk informed the meeting that when he was told of the council's intention to engage an inspector to assess the concrete path, the contractor informed her "not to bother, as he would remove the path and relay when the weather got better" – as at 12<sup>th</sup> February this has yet to be done.

### 9.9 Trustee for the Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity, Ystradowen

**Resolved:** to appoint the Clerk as the Trustee.

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

Councillor Owen reported on the informative seminar he attended on Community led renewable energy projects. He produced a booklet for interested parties to read.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

**Resolved:** to note the following correspondence:

**One Voice Wales**

SuDS - proposed amendments to two Orders on Sustainable Drainage;  
One Voice Wales Response - Consultation on the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill;  
Consultation on future audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales.

**Planning Aid Wales**

Responding to Planning Applications training - 22nd January - Rogiet, Monmouthshire;  
Introduction to Planning Enforcement - 26th February – Rhayader.

**Play Wales**

The Welsh Play Sufficiency Duty and the role of playworkers;  
Play Wales impact report 2018 – 2019;  
Play for Wales Winter 2019 – issue 54;  
Play Wales e-bulletin February 2020;  
Focus on play for county councillors.

**Keep Britain Tidy**

Get ready for the Great British Spring Clean – 20 March – 13th April.

**RCTCBC**

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council Budget Consultation 2020/21 Phase 2.

**Wales Audit Office**

Accounts qualified at a third of town and community councils;  
Consultation on future audit arrangements for Community Councils in Wales.

**Welsh Government**

Minimum Pricing for Alcohol Stakeholder information - 2 March 2020.

**Chris Elmore MP/Huw Irranca Davies AM**

Funding Advice Day -6th March, Aberkenfig.

**Broxap** – catalogue.

**Clerks & Councils Direct** – Publication.

**South Wales Fire and Rescue**

Have Your Say...

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service is keen to ensure that an awareness of equality is deeply rooted within the Service’s work in order to secure complete equality for everyone.

In this respect, our draft Strategic Equality Plan 2020-25 builds on the 2015-2020 Plan and we are keen to hear your views!

**12. PLANNING**

The following was noted:

**Correspondence from RCTCBC Planning Department**

Town And Country Planning Act 1990 / Town And Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

20/0052/10 - Boundary wall (part retrospective) - Brynteg Farm, Llanharry Road, Llanharan, Pontyclun, CF72 9LH

Letter of objection from resident to above application.

20/0123/10 - Change of use from use class D2 / Sui Generis use to class B1/B2/B8 - Units F1 To F3, Coedcae Industrial Estate, Talbot Green, Pontyclun, CF72 9HG

*No comments were made on the applications listed above.*

**Councillor Coates left the meeting.**

**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:

Llanharry Community Association	£5,000
Wales Air Ambulance	£1,000

**Councillor Coates rejoined the meeting.**

**14. CONSIDERATION OF THE REPAIR/RENEWAL OF THE SURFACING IN THE PLAY AREA**

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The surfacing under the igloo climber is considered the worst area of shrink back and the cost of relaying the perimeter is £600.00 & VAT.

**Resolved:** to proceed with the repair of the perimeter of the igloo climber.

15. CONSIDERATION OF THE ASSET TRANSFER TO LLANHARRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members listened to Mr Cude outlining the possible future of the community centre and several ways to move forward such as the formation of a management committee, working jointly with him in running the centre with the long term goal of upgrading the facilities to a suitable standard that the asset could be transferred to the Community Council or an independent management committee.

Members felt that they needed hard facts and figures before any consideration could be given and asked the Clerk to obtain them from Mr Cude. Once received another meeting could be arranged to consider the proposal.

16. CONSIDERATION OF SETTING UP A CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL WORKING GROUP

To be deferred until the AGM.

17. CONSIDERATION OF PLEDGING THAT THIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL BECOMES CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2025

To be deferred until the next meeting.

18. CONSIDERATION OF THE PATH BETWEEN TRECASTELL AND ELMS FARM

To be deferred until the next meeting.

19. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROVISION OF A 3G PITCH

The Clerk informed members of the hard work of local resident Robert Williams in finding out lots on information on this subject. She also informed them of the tremendous local support for this proposal. Members asked that the Clerk contact RCTCBC to obtain some kind of guide price to find out whether this is financially feasible for the community council.

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

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.