

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH
JANUARY, 2021 AT 7.15 P.M.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: I CLARIDGE(CHAIR); P CLARIDGE; E COATES; J DILWORTH; N EVANS; L MANCHIP; 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

Councillor Parsons – not accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING

The Clerk reported that no further information has been received regarding the incidents of arson at the Community Centre and that neither RCTCBC or herself have been contacted by the Police regarding the matter.

One member reported that a member of the public had reported youths in vehicles drinking and taking drugs in the lane from Ashgrove to the rear of Oak Road.

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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6.1 Payment of Accounts

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

RCTCBC	Trade Waste Collection	41.17
TalkTalk Business	Telephone & broadband	57.54
Wages	January	1131.93
HMRC	January Tax & NI	153.21
Office Rental	January	100.00
Marcon Services	Grounds Maintenance Contracts	1469.99
P&P Gardens	Cemetery Grounds Maintenance	375.00
RCTCBC	Ambulance Hall Rates	139.00
Zoom	Pro Video Conferencing Package	14.39
Audit Wales	Audit of Accounts 2019-2020	292.05
Wales Air Ambulance	Grant	500.00
Griffith Memorial	Repairs to memorial	423.00
Amazon – Triton Media Ltd	A4 White paper	17.43
Wales Air Ambulance	Grant	500.00

6.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to accept the bank reconciliation for December

6.3 GFDEC2020/BUDDEC2020

Resolved: to accept the GF Sheet/Budget for December.

7. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 9th December were confirmed.

8. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings will be signed at a later date.

9. MATTERS ARISING

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9.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

A copy of the play area inspection carried out in December was circulated to members prior to the meeting

9.2 Consideration of the Installation of CCTV at the Cemetery

The Clerk met with Laser Security on 4th January and this matter was discussed. They are looking at all the options on the market and will get back to us with a proposal shortly.

9.3 Upgrading of the Ambulance Hall Heaters and Exterior Lighting

Still awaiting a quotation for the Wi-Fi controllers for the heaters.

9.4 Consideration of the Community Centre

The Clerk spoke to the RCTCBC Community Centre’s Manager to find out the current position. He is awaiting the Insurance Loss Adjuster; it appears that a substantial amount of damage has been caused to the Plant Room! Over the Christmas period heras fencing was installed to prevent access to the rear and sides of the building. RCTCBC intend to install permanent fencing and have already installed additional lighting. Police attending the incidents have suggested that the CCTV could be extended to cover the rear and sides of the building. Members stated that in principle they have no objection to paying for the installation of additional CCTV to keep the building safe. They have concerns regarding the roof height and the accessibility of CCTV cameras if attached to it and wondered if a column could be installed at the same time as the fencing.

9.5 Repair Of The Boundary Fence Between Laureldene And The M4

Permission was given to arrange for the repair of the fencing. The Clerk was asked to chase South Wales Trunk Road Agency to find out for future reference who is responsible for the upkeep of the fencing.

9.6 Quantity Surveyor For The Cemetery Garden Project

Ongoing.

9.7 THE COUNCIL’S SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE AND ITS ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Manchip reported that a number of residents had asked for the Cemetery gates and railings to be painted. Members informed her that galvanized railings and gates had been chosen in order to avoid the necessity of painting them.

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

No reports

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

Dr Richard M Clarke, University of Southampton - Covid-19 preventative behaviour and symptoms study.

One Voice Wales

WG - Volunteering Recovery Grant - information to circulate to networks and stakeholders;
Ministerial Advisory Forum on Ageing (MAFA) - Launch of Public Consultation on the Strategy for an Ageing Society;

Save a Life Cymru;

Remote training sessions that are taking place in January;

NHS, Social Care & Frontline Workers Day 5th July 2021,

Your town, your future!

WLGA coronavirus email update 08.01.2021

Audit Wales

3 year audit cycle.

David Ogilvie Engineering

2021 Early Bird Special Offer.

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board - Have your say on pharmacy services in your area.

Nichole Sarra, Sarra PR Ltd - Welsh Government Keep Wales Safe Campaign.

Dwr Cymru – Search on Laureldene Allotments.

RCTCBC

Candidate Sites;

Walking and Cycling : Rhondda Cynon Taf Online Consultation

Clerks & Councils Direct – publication.

The Clerk, magazine.

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Welsh Hearts - Parish and Town Councils £200 grant Available

Planning Aid Wales - Local Decision Making and Pre-determination in the Planning Process – Online, Monday 18th January 2021.

12. PLANNING

The following was noted:

Application 20/1396/10 4 Clos Pinwydden, Llanharry, Pontyclun, CF72 9GG
Application 20/1416/10 Coed Celyn, Tyla Garw, Pontyclun, CF72 9EZ

Additionally the following application was sent to Members for consideration, after the agenda was compiled:

Application 21/0024/10 51 Gelli, Llanharry. CF72 9JA.

13. GRANTS

Resolved: to award a grant of £500 to Wales Air Ambulance.

14. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2019/2020 AUDIT REPORT AND ISSUES ARISING REPORT

Resolved: to note both the Audit Report and Issues arising report.

Members thanked the Clerk for her efforts.

15. CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR 2021-2022

Admin	
Additional lighting columns features (6)	2,500
Christmas tree and associated works - Elms Farm	3,000
Christmas tree and associated works - Blackthorn Court	3,000
	8,500
Ambulance Hall	
Installation of fire alarms	1,600
	1,600
Playing Field	
Replacement of Multi Play Unit in play area - installed 2003	12,000

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Replacement of Spring animals installed 2003	4,000
Painting play equipment	1,500
Replacement of dog bins in p/field which are unlockable.	500
Replacement of rusty bins	1,000
	19,000
Allotments	
Water at Laureldene Allotments	6,000
	6,000
Seats/Shelters	
Replacement of Seats (4 park & 1 circular)	5,500
Painting of Shelters	2,400
Seat for Sgubor Goch	1,000
	8,900
Long Term Projects	
Fencing/barriers around the football pitch	5,000
Partnership working with RCTCBC on the Community Centre	10,000
Skate Park	10,000
	25,000
Total Projects	69,000

16. CONSIDERATION OF THE PRECEPT 2021-2022

Resolved: to set the Precept at £111,594.00.

17. TO NOTE AND FORMALLY INCLUDE THE MINUTES OF THE WORKING GROUP MEETING WITH P&P GARDENS

Resolved: to note and formally include the minutes of the Working Group Meeting:

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH P & P GARDENS, HELD 6.30 P.M. THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2020 AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE, LLANHARRY.

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS: I CLARIDGE (CHAIR); J DILWORTH; W OWEN; D SNOOK; MR PAUL BEACH (P&P GARDENS); MRS P BEACH (P&P GARDENS); MR J ROSZKOWSKI (IMPARTIAL OBSERVER) AND MRS G LEWIS (CLERK)

DS: Proposed to pay P&P Gardens in full and wiping the slate clean as long as P&P Gardens agree not to slate the Council or its other contractors on social media.

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IC: Disagreed! They were paid 50% despite not fulfilling their contractual obligations. He asked why P&P Gardens had not replied to correspondence dated 12th November.

PB: Replied that the letter wasn't received until Saturday 21st November. He also stated that he didn't like receiving photographs of his work claiming it was tit for tat as he in a previous meeting he had produced photographs of another contractor's work. He also repeated that he thought the Council were a bunch of crooks!

IC: Pointed out that the letter stated that they had seven days from receipt of the letter to reply.

WO: Asked to draw a line and start afresh!

DS: Asked if everyone could be a little less angry and pointed out the P&P Gardens that they always respond by social media if sent a letter rather than replying directly to the Council to address the issue.

PB: Stated that the Council was not treating his wife and himself with respect by sending letters to them all the time.

WO: Asked the Clerk if correspondence had been sent to other contractors and she confirmed that it had, when necessary.

DS: Stated that we should all draw a line and start afresh.

PB: Look at the state of the Cemetery!

WO: Start afresh.

PB: As long as we are treated tidy!

JD: What do you intend to do?

PB: Pay me what I am owed and I will continue with the contract.

WO: Urged members to make a decision.

JD: If P&P Gardens come back, what can we expect from you?

PB: To do my job as per the contract.

DS: Asked for an assurance that you will come to the Council with problems, not social media.

PB: Stated that he couldn't be told what to do; he must be left alone to do his job!

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IC: Asked for an assurance in writing that he would not use social media to air his grievances, but would bring them to the Council.

PB: No, prepared to give a verbal assurance but nothing in writing!

DS: Proposed that P&P Gardens are paid their full monthly fee and will resume their contract.

WO: Seconded.

JD: Voted in favour of the proposal.

The meeting closed at 6.56p.m.

Councillor Dilworth stated that she had asked for the contract to be reviewed in six months, which was omitted in the minutes and which was agreed by the members present at the Working Group meeting.

18. CONSIDERATION OF STANDING ORDER, IN PARTICULAR SO 7D & 11A

The Chair reminded members of their responsibilities of keeping confidential information confidential!

He also asked members to familiarise themselves with Standing Orders and pointed out the following:

7A – Code of Conduct:

Councillors who have a prejudicial interest in relation to any item of business being transacted at that meeting may (i) make representations, (ii) answer questions and (iii) give evidence relating to the business being transacted but must, thereafter, leave the room or chamber;

11a: Rescission of previous resolutions:

A resolution (whether affirmative or negative) of the Council shall not be reversed within 6 months except either by a special motion, the written notice whereof bears the names of at least (4) councillors of the Council, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the report or recommendation of a committee.

19. CONSIDERATION OF THE TRANSFER OF LLANHARRY CEMETERY TO RCTCBC

This item was withdrawn.

20. CONSIDERATION OF THE PAYMENT OF GRIFFITH MEMORIAL INVOICE

Resolved: to pay the invoice.

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21. CONSIDERATION OF THE FUTURE PROVISION OF REMOTE ACCESS TO MEETINGS

It was pointed out that Councillors' could use the £150 expense payment towards the purchase of a tablet or laptop.

22. CONSIDERATION OF LLANHARRY COMMUNITY CENTRE

This item was withdrawn.

23. CONSIDERATION OF DOG FOULING

Councillor Manchip asked for dog bag dispensers to be purchased and installed on lamp posts throughout the village. The Chair informed the meeting that a dispenser was soon to be installed in the park and consideration could be given to additional ones if it proved successful in reducing the amount of dog waste.

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

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Wednesday, 10th February 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.