

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HYBRID MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE,
LLANHARRY ON WEDNESDAY, 10th JANUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

In Attendance at The Hall:

Councillors: L Manchip (Chair); E Coates; V Davies; J Dilworth; 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.

The Chair voiced her dismay that more councillors had not made the effort to attend the code of conduct training which took place before the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Rosser – not accepted.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Manchip, Councillor Coates & Councillor Snook – item 13.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No members were in attendance.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING

Crime Report 1st December 2023 to 31st December 2023:

Violence against the person – 3 accounts

Burglary – 1 account

Theft and Handling – 3 accounts

Damage – 1 account

Miscellaneous – 1 account

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No matters were reported by members.

Members look forward to welcoming the new PCSO and hope she will be in attendance at the February meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

6.1 Payment of Accounts

Resolved: to confirm the payments below:

RCTCBC	Trade Waste Collection	90.13
Wages	Jan	1287.63
HMRC	Tax & NI	201.57
Office Rental	Jan	100.00
Marcon Services	Grounds Maintenance Contracts	2489.99
Zoom	Pro - Video conferencing	15.59
Scottish Power	Ambulance Hall Electricity	39.55
SSE Energy Solutions	CCTV	28.27
3 Business Services	Mobile Telephone	5.00
TalkTalk Business	Telephone & broadband	26.34
Onecom	Telephone & broadband	57.88
RCTCBC	Ambulance Hall Rates	119.00
Broxap	Bins	1401.60
Strobe Creative	Website hosting/domain registration	132.00
CJL Electrical Solutions Ltd	Exterior lighting @ Comm Centre	1380.00
Laser Fire & Security	Fire Alarm Maint - Amb Hall	336.00
Shenzhen Xiyang Elect CCL	Stationery	4.59
Amazon Eu S ar L	Ink Cartridge	31.96
Amazon Eu S ar L	Ink Cartridge/sellotape/labels	59.82
Hagel Trade Ltd	Vases for cemetery wall	21.10
Discounted Clean Supp Ltd	Bin Liners	20.99
Guangzhou Heshhuofeng	50mm brackets(notices)	8.99
Shenshen Aopin Tech Com	70mm brackets - Cemetery Vases	8.49
Ad Fontes Co Ltd	90mm brackets	8.09
Woodland Walk	Reindeer deposit	84.00
Ysgol Llanhari	Pitch fees - Junior Football	75.00

6.2 Bank Reconciliation

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Resolved: to accept the bank reconciliation for December.

6.3 GFDEC2023/BUDDEC2023

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

Resolved: to transfer £4,000 earmarked in the budget for re-surfacing/seats to utilise for the clearance of overgrowth/trees/bushes at the muga/community centre.

7. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 6th December were confirmed for accuracy.

8. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings were signed by the Chair.

9. MATTERS ARISING

9.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

The Clerk confirmed receipt of the Senior January fixtures.

No fixtures have been received to date from the Junior teams.

9.2 Pruning/removal of lights from the cherry tree

Resolved: to allow the removal of the lights from the tree.

They also asked the Clerk to remind Councillor Stephens about contacting the RCTCBC arborist regarding the pruning of the tree.

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

No reports.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

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Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

Items marked with an * have been forwarded by email to each member.

RCTCBC

*Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2023

*Corporate Plan 2024 – 2030

Rhondda Cynon Taf Payphone removal proposal/s

Flood Risk Management Notice of Intention to Adopt Land Drainage Byelaws

C&TCs in RCT – Managing green spaces - Survey

IRP

*Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Draft Annual Report - February 2024

Wales Air Ambulance – letter of thanks for grant

One Voice Wales

*Countryside Code Update

*Community and Town Council activity in Wales

Training Dates

Examples of Biodiversity actions needed!

*Working together for an Age-Friendly Wales

*New consultation: Future spending purposes for dormant assets funding in Wales

Consultation: Fiscal Intergovernmental Relations

Lamp Light Of Peace

Digital Training information

Online Event - Buglife Cymru Ionawr / January 31 2024

Heledd Fychan MS – South Wales Central - Cost of Living Network event will take place at the Bryncynon Strategy, CF45 4XZ ,Friday 9 February 2024 9:30am – 12pm

AFG - On Thursday 8th February 2024, Gallagher is holding a one-day virtual conference to explore significant shifts and challenges over the past few years to the Public Sector
How to Navigate the Changing Risk Landscape

***Rhodri Francis** - call for a review of the criminal justice system in Wales

Planning Aid Wales

Wednesday 24th January 2024 6 to 8pm - What Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 contributions are and how these are implemented.

South Wales Fire - Improvement Plan for 2024/25

Natural Resources Wales - National Forest for Wales

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SSE Energy Solutions – notification of new rates for unmetered supplies (Festive Lighting) as from January 2024.

12. GRANTS

The Clerk informed members that this item was requested by Councillor Stephens but that no information has been received to support the application from Llanharry Senior Citizens Association. Members agreed that it should be removed from the agenda.

Councillor Manchip, Councillor Coates & Councillor Snook declared an interest in the following item

13. UPDATE FROM THE SKATEPARK GROUP

Councillor Manchip reported that planning permission has been granted with a number of conditions that would change the whole concept of the skatepark due to these conditions the skatepark group no longer believe that the project is viable and will not go ahead. She informed members that all unused funds would be returned to council.

Councillor Coates thanked Councillor Manchip for all her hard work in undertaking this project.

14. REVIEW OF COUNCIL CHARGES

Resolved:

Council charges as from 1st April 2024, unless otherwise stated		
Hire of Ambulance Hall:	Resident £10	Non-resident £20
Allotments (as from 1/07/2025)	Full plot £25	Half plot £15
Hire of playing field	Resident - no change	Non-resident – no change
Cemetery Plaques	Resident - no change	Non-resident – no change

15. PRECEPT 2024-2024

Resolved: to precept for £128,322.81

16. PROJECTS 2024-2025

Resolved:

Admin	
Fireworks	7,000
Christmas Event	1,500
Shed for AFC (instead of container)	5,000
Fencing	15,044
Resurfacing /refixing of seat	4,000
Cemetery	
Recycling Bins	2,000

17. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RISK ASSESSMENT

The Clerk informed members that the work had not been carried out in the cemetery yet or the play area.

Members also agreed to purchase a top for the water trough installed at Laureldene allotments.

18. CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW COMPUTER

Members agreed that the Clerk purchase a new computer and instructed her to use the Computer Shop, Talbot Green.

19. CONSIDERATION OF THE ELECTRICITY CONTRACT AT THE AMBULANCE HALL

Resolved: to enter into a new one-year contract with SSE Energy Solutions.

20. CONSIDERATION OF RECYCLING AT THE CEMETERY

Resolved: to order two recycling stations in order to comply with the new regulations coming into effect in April.

21. CONSIDERATION OF SEATS

Resolved: as more than six months has elapsed since the decision was made to site another seat outside the Church, it was agreed to re-site this seat outside Ysgol Llanhari.

The Clerk declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting.

22. CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2023/2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT

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Resolved: that the 2023/2024 pay agreement is implemented.

Resolved: that the Clerk's salary is increased to SCP26 of the Local Government Services pay agreement as from 1st April 2024 and to accept the 2023/2024 annual pay award.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting.

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

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Wednesday, 14th February 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.48 p.m.