

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HYBRID MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE,
LLANHARRY ON WEDNESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.15P.M.

In Attendance at The Hall:

Councillors: L Manchip (Chair); E Coates; V Davies; J Dilworth; W Owen; L Rosser; 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 Beach – not accepted;
Councillor Stephens – not accepted.

Members noted that Councillor Stephens has not attended a meeting since May 2024. Councillor Owen stated he believes that a member is automatically disqualified from office after non-attendance for this time despite the member giving his/her apologies. The Clerk was advised to take advice on this matter and to take the necessary steps if this is correct.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

The Clerk declared an interest in items 16 & 21.

4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No-one was present.

5. COMMUNITY POLICING

No matters were discussed.

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6. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

6.1 Payment of Accounts

Resolved: to confirm the payments below:

RCTCBC	Trade Waste Collection	94.47
Wages	Nov	1422.81
HMRC	Tax & NI	257.72
Office Rental	Nov	100.00
Marcon Services	Grounds Maintenance Contracts	2489.99
Zoom	Pro - Video conferencing	15.59
Scottish Power	Ambulance Hall Electricity	51.08
SSE Energy Solutions	CCTV	20.41
3 Business Services	Mobile Telephone	5.00
TalkTalk Business	Telephone & broadband	29.02
Onecom	Telephone & broadband	86.39
RCTCBC	Ambulance Hall Rates	125.00
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Water @ Cemetery	20.94
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Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Water @ Laureldene Allotments	19.56
Jerry Widdas	Monthly P/area inspection/repairs	533.88
S Mason Gardening Services	Felling & removal of tree	460.00
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Water @ Cemetery (2)	16.07
Amazon	Grant - Lawnmower - Fforest Rd Allotment Association	399.99
Santa Llanharan	Cash Withdrawal - Xmas event	50.00
Pendragon Fireworks	Fireworks 2025 - deposit	1200.00
The Poppy Shop	Lorry poppies x 20	199.80
SSE Energy Solutions	Festive lighting 2023	104.86
Pro Clear Waste Services	Trade waste collection @ Cemetery	92.00
Laser Fire & Security	Fire Alarm Maintenance 2024/25	336.00
Laser Fire & Security	Replacement hard drive	150.00
RJP Property Maintenance	S137 Grant - Fire door @ Comm Centre	1382.50
Tesco Talbot Green	Haribo x 10 (allergies) Chairs Allow	12.50
Unity Trust	Service charge	6.00

6.1 Bank Reconciliation

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Resolved: to accept the bank reconciliation for October.

6.2 GFOCT/BUDDOCT

Resolved: to accept the GF Sheet and Budget for October.

6.3 Bank Statements

Original copies of the bank statements were available for inspection by members.

7. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 9th October and Site Meeting of 23rd October were confirmed for accuracy. Members asked for page 3412 (2) Apologies for absence to be amended to read Councillor Beach – not accepted and Councillor Stephens – not accepted.

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

Fixture lists have been received from both the Senior and Junior teams,

The Clerk reported that the fallen tree limb has been removed and that the other limb has been felled as agreed at the site meeting held on 23rd October.

Members noted the play area inspection report for October.

9.2 Consideration of the container at the Community Centre

A meeting was held with representatives of RCTCBC on 5th November regarding the erection of a shed and fencing. Agreement was made in principle to the proposals and now we are awaiting a formal agreement from them.

Members conveyed their thanks to County Borough Councillor Wayne Owen for his help in this matter.

9.3 Emptying of the bins in the park

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It seems that dog waste is classed as toxic waste and therefore a private waste company is unable to provide additional collections.

It has been noted that the amount of dog waste and general litter seems to have increased in public bins following the implementation of the three-bag collection limit every three weeks as does the amount of fly tipping in the general area. The Clerk was asked to inform RCTCBC of this.

9.4 ROSPA Annual Inspection Report and any matters arising from it

The Clerk confirmed that repairs have been carried out to the cable ride and fitness skier.

9.5 Continuous vandalism of the football pitch fencing

To be deferred until the next meeting.

9.6 Beds at Ty Isaf

Resolved: that the council will provide the materials for a joint planting project between S Mason gardening services and school children from Llanhari Primary.

9.7 Consideration of engaging the services of a safety consultant to evaluate the safety of the route between Llanharry and Y Pant Comprehensive

Members noted the reply from RCTCBC Integrated Transport regarding the assessment of route and its safety and also the organization carrying out the evaluation. They questioned the ability of WSP Redstart to produce a fair and unbiased report as they work so closely with RCTCBC.

Resolved: to obtain an independent assessment preferably from RoSPA.

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

No reports.

11. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCILLOR(S)

Councillor Owen gave further information on the review of Town & Community Councils and the recommendation of Tylagarw being transferred to Pontyclun. The Clerk informed members that

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this proposal would result in a large loss of precept revenue Councillor Owen suggested contacting RCTCBC for them to estimate how much actual precept is to be lost if this proposal goes ahead.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

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

RCTCBC

Remembrance Parades in RCT

CF72 Neighbourhood Network Meeting Nov 21st

Remembrance Events – Road Closures and Risk Assessments

*Let’s Talk Budget 2025-2026 (Phase 1) Consultation

* RCT - Community Review - DRAFT PROPOSALS - see item 11.

Winter Welcome Centres / Winter Hardship Fund – forwarded to Community centre management committee

Remembrance Events – Reflection and Review – 20th November

Planning Aid Wales

SBRI Challenge - Regeneration of Post Industrial Sites in the South Wales Valleys

South East Wales Strategic Development Plan - Draft Delivery Agreement

Upcoming Network Event on Thursday

One Voice Wales

REMINDER 20-11-2024 JOINT OVW/SLCC EVENT

REMINDER - DIGITAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

Pethau Bychain Nature Network

Showcase event -Local Places for Nature

Mr EE

*Request for support - notification to RCT Planning Enforcement Team – members declined their support for this item.

*Proposed Assets of Community Value – Llanharry (2) – members asked that this is included on the agenda of the December meeting.

SWFRS

Safer Together - Have Your Say 2024

Heledd Fychan MS/AS - Cost Of Living Network

Meeting at Chapter Arts Centre between 9:45am and 12:00pm on Friday 22 November.

Welsh Government - Section 137 - Discretionary Expenditure Limit for 2025-2026 – noted.

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TFW Engagement -Important update on the RAIB's initial findings following the Cambrian rail incident

Mr PH – damage at Hazeldene - **Resolved:** to hold a site meeting to inspect the repairs.

13. PLANNING

The following application was noted:

24/1010/FUL - Demolish existing outbuilding and construction of garden room - Rose Cottage, Meadow Farm, Llanharry Road, Llanharan.

Members made no comment on the above application.

14. GRANTS

Resolved: not to award a further grant to Llanharry Allotment Association.

Resolved: to award a grant for the replacement of emergency exit doors to Llanharry Community Centre Management Committee of £2765.

15. CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Members noted the comments of the amended report.

The Clerk declared an interest in the following item.

16. CONSIDERATION OF THE CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT GRATUITY CLAUSE

The Clerk was asked to seek advice on this matter and report back to the next meeting.

17. CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

To be deferred until the next meeting.

18. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ALL COUNCILLORS

Resolved: to invite JC of the Computer Shop, Talbot Green prior to the next meeting to assist councillors in setting up their new email accounts and to arrange home visits for those with desktop computers.

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19. CONSIDERATION OF RISK ASSESSMENT CARRIED OUT ON 23RD OCTOBER

Resolved: to note the contents of the Risk Assessment.

20. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S LLOYDS BANK ACCOUNT

Resolved: to note the changes to the account.

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

21. CONSIDERATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES PAY AGREEMENT 2024-2025

Resolved: to accept the revised pay scales and to increase the Clerk's pay to SCP 28 with immediate effect.

22. CONSIDERATION OF THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT POPPIES

Resolved: to purchase 20 "lorry" poppies from the Poppy Shop.

23. CONSIDERATION OF A DONATION TO THE RBL POPPY APPEAL

Resolved: to award a donation of £500.

24. CONSIDERATION OF THE CHRISTMAS EVENT

The Clerk reminded members of the date and time of the event and asked that all of them attend if possible. She also confirmed that Councillor Stephens had made arrangements for Welsh Hearts to attend with the sleigh.

25. CONSIDERATION OF THE HEDGES AT FFOREST ROAD ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk confirmed that she had reminded the grounds maintenance contractor about the front hedge as the side hedge only has been cut to date.

26. CONSIDERATION OF THE HEDGES AT THE CEMETERY

The Clerk confirmed that the hedges at the Cemetery have now been cut back.

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27. CONSIDERATION OF THE FENCING OF THE JUNIOR PITCH

It was decided to consider the fencing of the pitch after it is marked.

28. CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS FOR 2025/2026

Members were asked to bring forward projects for consideration at the next meeting.

29. CONSIDERATION OF THE FIREWORK EVENT

An update was received on the event which was very well supported.

It was resolved to hold next year's event on 5th November and to re-engage the services of Pendragon Fireworks and to ask all the people who made this year's event a success to attend as well.

It was agreed to produce certificates for the children who had taken part in the clean-up the following day and for them to be given selection boxes. It was also agreed to give a £25 voucher to the landowner Mr. Rhys David as a thank you for letting use his field to set off the fireworks.

30. CONSIDERATION OF THE OVERGROWTH NEAR TO THE CONTAINER AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Resolved: to seek prices for this work.

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

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Wednesday, 11th December 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.