

# LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HYBRID MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE,  
LLANHARRY ON WEDNESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.15P.M.

In Attendance at The Hall:

Councillors: E Coates (Chair); V Davies; J Dilworth; W Owen; L Rosser; and G Lewis (Clerk).

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

Due to the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair, Councillor Coates, presided over the meeting.

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Beach – not accepted;  
Councillor Manchip – accepted;  
Councillor Snook – accepted;  
Councillor Stephens – not accepted.

## 3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

## 4. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No-one was present.

## 5. COMMUNITY POLICING

The crime figures are as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July:**

Violence against the person – 7

Drugs – 1

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Theft/handling – 4  
ASB – 2  
Miscellaneous – 1

32 calls were made to the Police during July.

**1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August:**

Violence against the person – 6  
Theft/handling – 1  
ASB – 3

22 calls were made to the Police during August.

**1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September:**

Violence against the person – 7  
Drugs – 2  
Theft/handling – 1  
ASB – 4  
Miscellaneous – 2

37 calls were made to the Police during September.

The Clerk confirmed that the panel has been removed from the teen shelter to enable the Cctv to have an unobstructed view.

**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	Sept	1423.01
HMRC	Tax & NI	257.52
Office Rental	Sept	100.00
Marcon Services	Grounds Maintenance Contracts	2712.59
Zoom	Pro - Video conferencing	15.59
Scottish Power	Ambulance Hall Electricity	39.73
SSE Energy Solutions	CCTV	19.76
3 Business Services	Mobile Telephone	5.00
TalkTalk Business	Telephone & broadband	29.02
Onecom	Telephone & broadband	86.39

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RCTCBC	Ambulance Hall Rates	125.00
G Lewis	Travelling Expenses July 23 - Aug 24	88.40
Amberol	Flower Fountain	544.20
WJ Lewis PH & Transport	Repairs to pitch fencing/teen shelter	225.00
Amazon	Hi Vis 1st Aider Vest	9.99
Amazon	2025 diary refill	15.83
Post Office Ltd	2nd Class stamp - Mrs D White	1.55
Audit Wales	2023/2024 Audit Fees	200.00
Dwr Cymru	Water charges - Fforest Rd Allotments	76.37
Woodland Walk	Reindeer - Christmas Event	756.00
Pendragon Fireworks	Fireworks Display	7200.00
Post Office Ltd	Stamps/tracked postage	6.65
K Edwards	A/Hall hire - refund	45.00
Amazon	Snow fluid	35.99
Unity Trust	Service Charge	5.40

6.1 Bank Reconciliation

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

6.2 GFSEPT/BUDSEPT

**Resolved:** to accept the GF Sheet and Budget for September.

7. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Monthly Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> September and Site Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> October 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

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

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The Clerk reported that a tree has fallen down in the park and that she has been quoted a price of £100 for its removal – agree by members.

9.2 Consideration of the container at the Community Centre

Still awaiting a meeting with Mike Cude, RCTCBC, to discuss the matter.

9.3 Installation of temporary fencing around the Junior pitch

The Clerk informed members of the cost of temporary fencing, who agreed that it was a waste of money and instructed the Clerk to get prices for permanent fencing of the area.

9.4 Emptying of the bins in the park

Awaiting prices.

9.5 Changes to Trade Waste Collections at the Cemetery

Resolved: to end the current contract with RCTCBC for trade waste collection and to use Pro Clear Waste Services.

9.6 ROSPA Annual Report and any matters arising from it

Awaiting confirmation from Jeremy Widdas as to what has been done so far.

9.7 Continuous vandalism of the football pitch fencing

Damage has been caused to the other end of the pitch, behind the goal mouth area; new panels have been installed and others repaired. It appears that the force of balls hitting the panels is causing damage which is then exacerbated by pulling back the panels. The Clerk suggested that the fencing on the goal mouth sides is replaced by rebound fencing or railings. Members asked the Clerk to get costings for the next meeting.

9.8 Beds at Ty Isaf

Members asked the Clerk to find out whether Boverton Nurseries could supply bee/insect friendly shrubs.

9.9 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 response from RCTCBC and were astounded that the Cabinet would make such an important decision without carrying out an assessment of the route concerned and the safety of our children in walking to school.

The Clerk has requested further information from RCTCBC regarding the organization carrying out the assessment, how many assessments have been carried out to date and when the assessment of the route in Llanharry is scheduled.

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

Councillor Dilworth gave a report on Safer Roads Pontyclun and informed members of a meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

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

Councillor Owen gave a report on the review of Town & Community Councils and the recommendation of Tylagarw being transferred to Pontyclun.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

**One Voice Wales**

\*One Voice Wales Annual Membership

Free Community Orchard Package

National Conference 16 October

\*Stakeholder event: Role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector

\*Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024 - Publication of consultation paper

Training Dates - September -December 2024

Consultation: Scrutiny of the Welsh Government Draft Budget 2025-26

Free training places

Rural services and assets survey Cymru Wledig LPIP

\*Senedd Inquiry into the role, governance and accountability of the Community and Town Council sector.

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\*Next Pethau Bychain Meeting

**Llais Cymru**

Monthly newsletter

**Planning Aid Wales**

Expressions of Interest to Join Planning Aid Wales' Network of Associates

Introduction to Planning Enforcement - Wednesday 9th October 2024 6 to 8pm

Community Engagement in Planning - Lessons from across Wales - Thursday 14th November 2024  
10am to 1.30pm

The Value of Place Plans - Thursday 28th November 2024 10.30am to 12.30pm

**ICCM**

Death Certification and Medical Examiner System – updates

Autumn Journal

The Law Commission's Consultation Paper on Burial and Cremation

**\*Police & Crime Commissioner - Consultation**

**Keep Wales Tidy** - RCT Litter Focus Group Tuesday 8th October 6pm - 7pm

**Heledd Fychan MS/AS** - Invite cost of living network 18.10.24

**\*Cardiff Capital Region** - Have your say on the future of transport in South East Wales

**\*Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales** – Draft Annual Report 2025-2026

**Vale of Glamorgan** - Replacement Local Development Plan 2021-2036

**RCTCBC** - Residential Care Homes Consultation

**TfW** - Bulletin September 2024

**WGW Online** – letter of engagement, service agreement and internal audit programme for 2024/2025 – agreed by members.

**13. PLANNING**

The following applications were noted:

*24/0721/FUL - proposed phased development for the change of use of The Fox and Hounds, Llanharry (Class A3) to create two dwellings and the erection of a single dwelling within the car park together with associated works - Fox and Hounds Inn, Llanharan Road, Llanharry, Rhondda Cynon Taf CF72 9LL*

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24/0770/FUL- Single storey side extension to the left of the property - 27Meadow View, Tyla Garw, Pontyclun, Rhondda Cynon Taf CF72 9FP

24/0731/23 - Steel Portal Frame agricultural machinery and fodder storage building - Land Adjacent to Torgelli Farm, Llanharry Road, Llanharry, Pontyclun, CF72 9LL

Members asked for an update on the following - Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal – 23/0933/10 - Twelve Oaks Stable, Llanharry Road, Llanharry, CF72

14. GRANTS

**Resolved:** to award a grant to Llanharry Allotment Association for a new mower and to consider the request for help with shed repairs at a later date.

15. CONSIDERATION OF THE UPDATED ALLOTMENT AGREEMENTS

Resolved: to accept the updated allotment agreement.

16. CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2023

Members noted the comments of the report and await further clarification by Audit Wales on some points raised.

17. CONSIDERATION OF THE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2024

Members noted the recommendations of the report.

18. DATE OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT

It was agreed to carry out the risk assessment on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

19. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING DATES FOR 2025

January	8th
February	12th
March	12th
April	9th
May (+AGM)	14th
June	11th
July	9th
August	No Meeting

September	10th
October	8th
November	12th
December	10 <sup>th</sup>

**20. CONSIDERATION OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The Clerk confirmed that she has engaged a celebrant to conduct the service of remembrance.

**21. CONSIDERATION OF THE FIREWORK EVENT**

Members received an update on the event.

**22. CONSIDERATION OF THE CHRISTMAS EVENT**

Members received an update on the event.

It was decided to hold the event in and around the community centre.

Councillor Rosser also mentioned that Councillor Stephens had a sleigh – the Clerk was asked to request borrowing it.

**23. REVIEW OF THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

Resolved: to extend the contract term to February 2026 to bring it in line with the other grounds maintenance contracts.

Resolved: to carry out a review of all the grounds maintenance contracts in September 2025.

**24. CONSIDERATION OF THE HEDGES AT THE CEMETERY**

The Clerk informed those members who did not attend the site meeting that the hedges were starting to be cut on Thursday and it was decided at the site meeting to review the hedges after they have been cut.

**25. CONSIDERATION OF THE HEDGES AT FFOREST ROAD ALLOTMENTS**

To be deferred until the next meeting due to the absence of Councillor Snook from the meeting.

**26. CONFIRMATION OF THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**Resolved:** the date of the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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