

LLANHARRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF HYBRID MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT THE AMBULANCE HALL, BIRCHGROVE,
LLANHARRY ON WEDNESDAY, 8th OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.15PM.

	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	June 25	July 25	Sept 25	Oct 25
E Coates	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
V Davies	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
J Dilworth	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
E Edwards	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
L Manchip	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
M Nelson	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
W Owen	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
L Rosser	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green
D Snook	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Present											
Apologies											
Absent											

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies received from Councillor Manchip were accepted.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

The Clerk, Councillor Dilworth & Councillor Edwards declared an interest in item 13 – Contracts.

3. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No public present.

4. COMMUNITY POLICING

SIGNED.....CHAIR

Crime figures from the Police UK website:

Top reported crimes in August in our area:

Violence and Sexual Offences – 11

Criminal damage and arson – 2

Vehicle crime – 2

Anti-social behaviour - 1

5. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

5.1 Payment of Accounts

Resolved: to confirm the payments below:

Wages	Oct	
HMRC	Tax & NI	
Office Rental	Oct	100.00
RCTCBC	LGPS	563.23
Marcon Services	Grounds Maintenance Contracts	2489.99
Scottish Power	Ambulance Hall Electricity	40.68
3 Business Services	Mobile Telephone	5.00
TalkTalk Business	Telephone & broadband	31.14
Onecom	Telephone & broadband	66.44
RCTCBC	Ambulance Hall Rates	126.00
Lloyds	Bank Charges	6.02
Unity Trust	Bank Charges	6.00
Pro Clear	Cemetery Waste	90.00
S Mason Gardening Serv	Watering August	875.00
Amazon	Ink/paper/diary/book	168.56
Amazon	Snow Fluid - Christmas event	35.99
S Mason Gardening Serv	Cutting of Yew tree branches	50.00
Post Office Counters Ltd	Stamps	5.22
Amazon	Diary	22.93
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Cemetery Water	20.85
Laser Fire & Security	Fire Alarm Maintenance to 01/11/26	336.00
Pendragon Fireworks & Pyro	2025 Firework display - balance	7200.00
Screwfix	Cable Ties	13.17

5.2 Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: to accept the bank reconciliation for September.

SIGNED.....CHAIR

5.3 GFSEP/BUDSEP/BUDSUMMAY

Resolved: to accept the GF Sheet and detailed Budget and Budget Summary for September

6. EXAMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the Audit Meeting and the Monthly Meeting of 10th September were confirmed for accuracy.

7. SIGNATURE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meetings were signed by the Chair.

8. MATTERS ARISING

8.1 Playing Field/AFC Matters

Fixture lists have been received from the Seniors.

8.2 Consideration of the container at the Community Centre

In progress.

8.3 Consideration of the Report on the Safety of the Proposed Home to School Walking Route

Complaints submitted to RCTCBC pertaining to the report on the Home to School Walking route have not been addressed within the required time frame and are expected to be referred back to the Public Services Ombudsman.

8.4 Consideration Of The Community Review Of The RCT Principal Council Area Final Recommendations

Councillor Owen informed members that actions have been agreed regarding the transfer of assets following a successful meeting of the Working Group.

He also suggested setting up a 'Friends of Llanharry', a fully constituted group with its own bank account to access funding not available to community councils.

SIGNED.....CHAIR

8.5 Vote Of “No Confidence” In County Borough Councillor Barry Stephens

No reply has yet been received from RCTCBC in response to this communication.

8.6 Matters Arising From The RoSPA Annual Inspection

The Clerk reported that all the most urgent items i.e. those coded red or amber had now been addressed.

8.7 Formal Tenure With Mother’s Matter For The Use Of The Ambulance Hall

Mother’s Matter have today informed the Clerk that due to dwindling attendance they are no longer looking for a formal tenure and therapy room extension.

8.8 Consideration Of Historic CIL Payments

No information has been forthcoming.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolved: to note the following correspondence:

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

ICCM

AGM 2025

Autumn Journal 2025

Conference 2026

New on-line training courses

Lloyds

Our latest business savings accounts rates

Changes to terms and conditions.

One Voice Wales

National Conference and Annual General Meeting 01/10/25

Your Biodiversity Team at One Voice Wales

KWT webinars - Green Space and Biodiversity -Thursday 23 October 2025 & Local Environmental Quality - Wednesday 5 November 2025

*Submission of the Draft Annual Remuneration Report 2026–27

Webinar: Anti-Racist Wales Action Plan - October 2025

Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme now open

Section 6 Report Online Workshop

SIGNED.....CHAIR

RCTCBC

RCT Community Run Facilities Meet Up - Friday 19th September - Hirwaun YMCA.
Safe and Warm Spaces 25/26

Llais

RCT Public Forum Poster
September newsletter

Planning Aid Wales

Making your voice count – a training course for community and town councillors – Wed 8th Oct

Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity, Ystradowen – correspondence regarding closing down of charity.

20’s Plenty – 2nd anniversary

Wales Air Ambulance – Community Appeal: progress update

Gallagher Insurance – Your Autumn community guide.

Cost of Living Network - October Mini Update

GTFM - Wales' oldest community radio station here for you

***Jayne Bryant MS, Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government** – written statement on actions to support the role, governance and accountability of the community and town council sector

South Wales Listens – October newsletter

10. PLANNING

25/0938/FUL – Change of use from vehicle storage(B8) to Leisure Padel Courts(D2) – Unit 1 A Cambrian Industrial Estate, Coed Cae Lane, Pontyclun.

Members had no comment to make on the above application.

11. CONSIDERATION OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ABOUT THE CEMETERY

Members noted the comments of many residents about the recent cutting of the Cemetery and agreed that they were not satisfied with the quality of the work of the grounds maintenance contractor, however they did agree that the high winds experienced made the situation appear worse!
Councillor Snook reported a number of complaints he had received about the Cemetery this week which included hedge cuttings being blown by the wind, an unsuitable container placed on a grave which had broken and the locking of the bottom gate.

SIGNED.....CHAIR

Resolved: that the bottom Cemetery gate remains locked.

12. DISCUSSION OF RECENT ISSUES WITH THE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Resolved: to send correspondence to the Junior Club prior to the start of every season reminding them of their obligations and commitment to the code of conduct for the use of the park & pitch.

The Clerk, Councillor Dilworth and Councillor Edwards declared an interest in the following item.

13. CONSIDERATION OF PRICES FOR THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FROM FEBRUARY 2026

To be considered at the next meeting.

14. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING FROM THE RISK ASSESSMENT

Members accepted the Risk Assessment and asked the Clerk to address the matters arising from it.

15. CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISED RCTCBC CHARTER WITH TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCILS

Members decided not to sign up to the charter at this time whilst RCTCBC are dealing with the complaint about the ward member for the area.

16. CONSIDERATION OF THE USE OF THE AMBULANCE HALL FOR A WEEKLY MEETING OF THE MONDAY CLUB

Resolved: that the Monday Club could use the Ambulance Hall.

17. CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN

Councillor Edwards confirmed that County Borough Councillor Barry Stephens had been found guilty of breaching the code of conduct but that they felt no further action needed to be taken.

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

Resolved: the date of the next ordinary meeting is confirmed as Wednesday, 12th November 2025.
The meeting closed at 8.42 p.m.

SIGNED.....CHAIR