



**CYNGOR CYMUNED
LLANBRADACH & PWLL-Y-PANT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 9th December 2019, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.**

Present

Councillors:

W Good, C Mann, V Noble, A Reed, D Rees (Chair) and C Thomas (Vice).

Clerk: C Mortimer.

In Attendance:

PCSO Menna Watkins of Gwent Police

Chair Cllr David Rees welcomed everyone to the meeting.

108 Police Update – 11/11/2019

The following information was received and noted:

CRIMES logged between 11/11/2019 to 09/12/

69 calls

Crimes/other include:

Domestic incidents

Fraud

Vehicle damage

Refuse fire

Drug possession

Assault

Criminal damage

Bin theft.

9 transport related incidents which included minor RTC's, blocked kerb, fail to stop, broken down vehicle, puncture, speeding, abandoned vehicle and off road bikes.

ASB INCIDENTS recorded between 11/11/2019 and 09/12/2019

Two incidents reported, nuisance youths at the bowls club (reported a day after the incident) And youths were throwing traffic cones around on the High Street.

Incidents of note / other

There was nothing of concern, no repeat callers and no repeat victims.

109 Apologies - were received from Cllr Beci Newton due to charitable mission to Serbia with the Fire Service and Cllr Steve Taviner due to family holiday.

110 Declarations of Interest

Councillors were reminded of their personal responsibility to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest(s) in respect of any item of business on this agenda in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000, the Council's Constitution, and the Code of Conduct for both Councillors and Clerk.

Members present declared a Personal Interest but not a Prejudicial Interest in minute no.115 Caerphilly County Borough Council's Budget Consultation

111 Chairman's Announcements – there were no announcements

112 Minutes

Minutes of the **ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL** meeting held on **11th November 2019** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

113 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

114 Defibrillators – Register and Maintenance

RESOLVED – Council agreed that Sarah Negus would deposit the monies raised for the defibrillators with the Community Council for the time being, until ready to purchase.

115 Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) Budget 2020/21 Consultation

(i) Appendices 1,2,3 - 2020/21 Draft Savings Proposals were received and the following comments are to be relayed to CCBC.

B08 Trehir Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) (£15k) – closure of Trehir HWRC

We are opposed to the closure of Trehir as it serves the needs of residents of the Caerphilly Basin and nearby villages. CCBC may want to consider utilizing the once used storage area, just off the R/About when the road improvements were being undertaken or look for an alternative site in Caerphilly.

B09 Public Protection (160K) – Merge Community Safety Wardens with the Environment Health General Enforcement Team

Opposed to the deletion of 4 CSW posts as they provide an invaluable service, filling the gaps of other services.

C11 Infrastructure – withdrawal of subsidy Blackwood to Ystrad Link

Opposed to withdrawal of subsidy and would suggest considering alternative support. Have CCBC considered the consequences of a less frequent service?

C16 Community & Leisure Services (£10k) – reduction in playground maintenance budget

Opposed to the reduction on health and safety grounds, risking the safety of our children is unacceptable on all levels. A saving that could backfire as CCBC could potentially see an increase in insurance claims.

C18 Community & Leisure Services (£32k) – 50% reduction in public rights of way budget.

Opposed on the grounds of health and safety. Walking has many health benefits and should be encouraged. Reducing maintenance of our public rights of way could compromise safety.

C20 Community & Leisure Services (£5k) - reduction in War Memorial maintenance.

Opposed to further reduction in maintenance. A reduction would be a failure to observe or respect the ultimate sacrifices given by our fallen. This is such an emotive and important subject. A small sum of £5k to keep the sites weed free and clean is a small ask.

C25 Public Protection (£24k) – Decommission of all BT line rental cameras

Opposed to the proposed decommission of 2 cameras in Llanbradach Car Park as it serves as a deterrent in the first instance, it is also useful for requesting back up and for the purpose of gathering evidence for successful prosecutions. Our community would be less safe without the cameras.

For instance during the period 01/09/18 to 31/08/19 there were 318 recorded incidents in the Llanbradach ward and 49 recorded incidents in or near the area of the cameras.

Since the installation of the cameras the following statistics apply:

2391 targeted CCTV patrols carried out by operators

2 incident monitored by CCTV not requiring police attendance 30 police request for assistance for live incidents

3 police requests for assistance for live incidents

8 police requests to view retrospective CCTV footage after incident has already occurred.

4 DVD's provided for evidential purposes.

C28 Corporate Policy (£80k) – Reduction in voluntary sector budget

Opposed – Llanbradach & Pwllpant Community Council abhors cuts to the voluntary sector. Caerphilly County Borough Council should be looking to support the most vulnerable people in our communities. Implementing cuts will undermine the invaluable and supportive work that these organisations (CAB, Gavo & Groundwork) carry out in the community at a time when the Council are looking to the private sector for services Council provides, especially to the vulnerable. Citizen's Advice is a life line to the most vulnerable in our communities. Lives would become desolate and wretched without these services. *We urge you to support our most vulnerable by removing this cut from the budget in its entirety.*

C30 Corporate Policy (£6k) – further reduction in the Well-being budget

Opposed as this could undermine partnership working within our communities.

D08 Waste (£25k) – increase charges for bulky collections (from £16 to £25 for 1 to 3 items)

Opposed as the increase is too high too quickly which could have an adverse effect and be counterproductive, with a rise in fly tipping. Suggested increase to £20.

D09 Public Protection (£20k) – Review pest control fees and charges and introduce a charge for rat treatments

Opposed - because if charges are applied, rat sightings and infestations will go unreported, thus becoming a public health issue.

{D13 Catering (£28k) – Increase price of meals by 25p from April 2020

{D14 Catering (£54k) – Increase price of secondary school meals by 10 from April 2020

Opposed to D13 & 14 – on the grounds of failing the most vulnerable in our society. We are conscious of the value of a decent school meal for our children, in terms of benefitting their physical and mental well-being thus increasing their potential to perform better at school.

116 Planning Applications – there were none received.

117 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds

'Balance of Funds' document, which includes list of authorised cheques and debit card payments was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(ii) Reconciliation

Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

118 Project Update / New Project Proposals

Members noted:

a) Summer Activities Scheme – completed for 2019

b) Newsletter – to be prepared in January 2020

Next newsletter to include Pastor's Advice Surgeries, Memorial, sponsors for bird boxes

c) Floral Competition – completed for 2019

d) Christmas

- Sleigh Ride Monday 2nd December
- (i) Dai Ink will undertake artwork next year
- Christmas Lighting Competition
Chair to judge lighting competition and award 6 x vouchers
- Pantomime Saturday 14th December 2pm & 6pm
Discussion required regarding volunteers to help at both performances

Cllr Ann Reed has purchased food. Fresher food stuff is to be purchased closer to the date. Cllr Ann Reed, Cllr Catherine Thomas and Cllr Beci Newton to be reimbursed costs for confectionery for Santa's sleigh and other foods for pantomime. Surplus confectionery to be distributed at the pantomime. It was established that help to set up the hall will be required from 11am. The theatre company would need access from 12 midday. Awards are to take place prior to the pantomime starting with a raffle during the interval.

e) **Community Awards (Sporting Achievement/Community Volunteer/ Young Citizen)**

Certificates and gifts to be awarded at evening pantomime:

3 x £40 vouchers for Wingfield Hotel - Community Service Awards have been purchased for Mr Greg Williams, Mr Scott Reed for services to the environment and Mr Kenny Ball for services to sport and our youths..

1 x £40 (plus free £5) voucher for Sadie's Hair & Beauty for Georgia Stephens our Young Citizen's Award nomination for cutting her hair and donating it to a children's cancer wig making charity and raising funds in the process.

Chair is to present a bouquets of flowers to Sarah Negus at the pantomime and further bouquet to Ellie Weeks, on her return from holidays as a token of our gratitude in fund raising for the village defibrillators.

f) **Defibrillator** – a suitable location is being sought for the defibrillator at The Rise. Training has been provided with further sessions to follow.

New projects:

g) **Bird, bat and hedgehog boxes/habitats** – to be deferred until January/February 2020. A potential project with the involvement of our primary schools.

119 Environment (Wales) Act 2016 Part 1

**Guidance for Section 6 – The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty
Frequently Asked Questions**

Guidance which has been produced by the Welsh Government to assist and support public authorities to comply with the Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems duty (the S6 duty) in the exercise of functions in relation to Wales, introduced by Section 6 under Part 1 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 was received, noted and approved. The clerk had met with other clerks to draft a template on reporting measures.

120 RESOLVED: Motion passed to exclude press and public

121 (i) Bank Statements (*tabled on pink paper*)

Bank statement no's 198 & 152 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

122 Financial Assistance / Grants 2019/20 – there were no applications received.

Future grant letters will not be presented on pink paper, as letters will be held by the clerk.

123 RESOLVED: Motion passed to re-open meeting to press and public

124 Next Ordinary Meeting Date:

13th January 2020 at 6.15pm Llanbradach Community Centre

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 13th January 2020