



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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on  
Monday 10th March 2020, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.**

**Present**

Councillors:

W Good, C Mann, B Newton, V Noble, A Reed, D Rees (Chair), A Stone, S Taviner and C Thomas (Vice).

Clerk: C Mortimer.

In Attendance:

County Cllr & Community Centre Committee Member R Gough

*Chair Cllr David Rees welcomed everyone to the meeting.*

**154 Police Update – there was no update received.**

**155 Apologies – there no absences.**

**156 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.

There were no declarations of interest declared.

**157 Chairman's Announcements**

Chair Cllr Dave Rees acknowledged the following:

- A letter of thanks received from Llamau in relation to our grant donation at Christmas
- An invitation to the Chair and one other member from the Mayor of Caerphilly Town Council, Cllr Mike Prew, to an awards event at Caerphilly Rugby Club 7.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

**158 Minutes**

Minutes of the **ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 10/02/2020** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**159 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising**

**160 Finance**

**(i) Balance of Funds**

'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed by the Chair and Vice as an accurate record.

**(ii) Reconciliation**

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

**(iii) Bank Statements**

Bank statements 166 and 202 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**(iv) Standing order**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed that a monthly standing order be set up to Torfaen CBC for pension contributions as they remain unchanged throughout the year.

**161 Financial Assistance/Grants 2019/20 – all to be tabled**

**(i) Llanbradach Football Club (FC)**

A letter received from K E Ball President of Llanbradach FC U15's who this year are hosting an U15's football team from Lannion was received and noted

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to the purchase of engraved medals and cup from Eversons, as in previous years, on the proviso it goes ahead given the recent outbreak of coronavirus.

(ii) **Wales Air Ambulance**

A letter received from Dr Ami Jones Critical Care Consultant, who is aiming to evolve from their current 12 hour service into a 24 hour, every day was received and noted.

**RESOLVED:** The clerk is to enquire as to whether they would prefer a standing order donation or lump sum grant.

(iii) **Wingfield Allotment Association**

**RESOLVED:** Council ratified an emergency clean-up grant to the sum of £500, in respect of the recent flood damage, paid to the Wingfield Allotment Association.

**162 Project Update / New Project Proposals**

Members noted:

**a) Summer Activities Scheme 2020**

Council agreed to fund the Summer Scheme again over 5 weeks, like last year.

**b) Summer Floral Competition**

Council agreed to the competition in 2020

**c) Christmas:**

**(i) Sleigh Ride Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - completed for 2019**

Dai Ink will undertake artwork in 2020

Council agreed to purchase a suitable longer ladder for Santa's Sleigh ride. Cllr Rob Gough is to source.

**(ii) Christmas Lighting Competition - completed for 2019.**

Council agreed to continue for 2020

**(iii) Pantomime Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 2pm & 6pm @ £2 per ticket**

cost agreed 13/01/2020 minute no. 135 c).

It was noted that some members have family/friend commitments over the Christmas period and therefore volunteers are to be sought to assist with kitchen duties, the setting up/putting away of chairs and cleaning afterwards.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed the new date Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December for the pantomime.

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

Members agreed that future nominations be awarded at the start of the Pantomime as it had worked well last year.

**e) Defibrillator** – defibrillators had been erected o/s (i) the Wingfield Hotel and (ii) Ebenezer Church, De Winton Terrace and two further defibrillators to be erected o/s (iii) Pwllypant Village Hall and (iv) The Rise – ongoing investigations in relation to Dennis Evans' wall or a stand alone post. In contact with CCBC Highways re: electricity feeding into the defibrillator at a cost of £650(v) The Bowling Club are to consider moving their defibrillator outside on the proviso that the community council fund a cabinet.

**f) Newsletter** – is progressing well. Items that were discussed for inclusion:

Next newsletter to include Pastor's advice surgeries, panto, awards at the panto, wild flower planting, twinning, future nominees for awards and carnival. Chair would provide a write up on the pantomime. Cllr Colin Man to submit a piece on the new Health Centre. The winter edition of the newsletter is to contain Natural Resources Wales (NRW) web-site details etc.

**g) Bird, bat and hedgehog boxes/habitats**

Cllr Adrian Stone is to lead on this project and put forward various areas for consideration in relation to daffodil planting, wild flower, bird, bat and hedgehog habitats. It was agreed that Cllr Adrian Stone will meet with the clerk and walk the suggested sites when weather breaks a little and advice be sought from Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Ecologist, Margaret Iles.

The clerk has just submitted an application to Keep Wales Tidy for three fruit trees and guards, ten soft fruit bushes, ten herbs, 250 wildflower seed mix, raised bed made from recycled plastic 1.2m x 1.4m, peat free compost and topsoil, netting/rabbit proof fencing and hand tools. The proposed site is to extend the existing orchard on the land to the side of Llanbradach Football field, to the rear of Cwm Las. Permission from CCBC (land owner) has been sought and granted. If the application is successful it is hoped that our local schools, members of our community, PALS (People Against Litter Society) and our probationary service be involved in the planting process and maintenance thereof.

**h) Summer Fayre - 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (£3k)**

Cllr B Newton is to lead on this project. Volunteers were expressing an interest in helping on social media. Further update required.

**i) Armistice Service**

Community Council agreed to coordinate/manage future services and the clerk has included the event within our public liability insurance.

Considering the large turnout at the Llanbradach memorial and our ongoing support of the Royal British Legion (RBL), it has been disappointing to note their continued absence from our service. There had been no flag bearer nor a wreath laid by the RBL in many years. The clerk is to make further enquiries with CCBC's Hailey Lancaster.

**163 Twinning visit Update – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 ( Big Cheese weekend)**

There were going to be discussions at the next Twinning committee as to whether this visit was going ahead this year due the coronavirus outbreak.

An invitation to a small welcoming reception and plaque unveiling, to commemorate 25 years of Twinning, at Llanbradach Community Centre on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July were extended to all members.

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to match fund a plaque to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary signing of the twinning agreement between Llanbradach and Ploubezre, up to the sum of £200

**164 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of the Electoral Arrangements of Caerphilly County Borough Council (Deferred from last meeting – please bring you copies from February's agenda pack) Any observations by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020.**

Draft Proposals pages 1-10, 24 – 29, 40 – 44, Appendices 1 – 6 were received and noted.

**RESOLVED:** Council were in agreement with the draft proposals.

**165 CCBC Car Parks Task & Finish Group**

Our views were invited on council owned car parks

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed the following:

- (i) The continuation of free parking be upheld
- (ii) First hour free of charge be implemented in car parks in Ystrad Mynach and other towns to fully support our highstreets
- (iii) Improved car parking signage
- (iv) Free park & ride parking for sustainability and to encourage the use of public transport.

*County Councillor Rob Gough left the meeting*

**166 Welsh Government – Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2020-21**

**RESOLVED:** Council approved notification that the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for 2020-21 is £8.32 (from £8.12 in 2019/20 and in line with the RTI increase of 2.4%). Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to spend on activities for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to the area or any part of it or all of some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure. Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2020-21 will be £8.32 per elector.

**3,247 electors (as at January 2020, CCBC) x £8.32 = £27,015.04**

**167 Planning Applications – it was noted**, there were no planning applications received  
Comments or enquiries must be emailed to [planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk) within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

**168 Next meeting date was noted:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 6.15pm

**Meeting closed at 7.30pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**      **Date: ? June 2020**