



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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 11th January 2021 at 6.15pm via remote access in accordance with the provisions
of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.**

Present

Councillors: C. Mann, V Noble, D Rees, A Stone, S. Taviner and C Thomas (Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer.

In Attendance: Local resident to Pwllypant, Ms Jodie Healan

Chair Cllr Catherine Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting

37 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Wally Good who would remain absent until physical meetings were to safely resume and Cllr Ann Reed due to family commitments.

38 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

Cllr Steve Taviner arrived at the meeting.

39 Speeding traffic through Pwllypant

Ms Jodie Healan introduced herself as a local resident living in Pwllypant for over 20 years with young children. She raised concerns in relation to the increased number of speeding cars through the village along Wilkins Terrace. The current traffic calming measures were not fit for purpose due to inadequate signage at both ends of the village, speed humps were too low and therefore completely ineffective and inconsiderate and dangerous driving approaching the give way sections, whereby some motorists were speeding up to beat the oncoming vehicle.

Correspondence from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) was received and noted "Speed Management Strategy were approved by Members and officers are bound by them when responding to community concerns and requests. They rely on an evidence based approach so the speed and volume of traffic and personal injury collision history are important factors when assessing whether or not any actions are appropriate and justified". In light of this the Police's Gosafe Officer will assist Jodie and other volunteers in setting up a speed watch group and will provide training in the use of hand held speed cameras.

Members were totally supportive of introducing more effective speed reducing measures throughout the village and invited Jodie to the next meeting for an update.

Ms Jodie Healan thanked members for their support and left the meeting

Cllr Colin Mann leaves the meeting

**40 Police Update – was received and noted.
'Crimes logged between 10/12/20-07/01/21**

62 calls

Incidents include:

- Violence without injury
- Violence with injury
- Theft
- Criminal Damage

ASB

No calls

BYPASS

5 calls, including person walking along the bypass, tree down, hazard lights and flooding.

COVID – 19

With tier 4 lockdown, officers are continuing patrol to disperse groups and attend calls. Fixed penalties can be issued for failing to follow regulations after a warning. During the weekend a 'covid/public order' vehicle is patrolling the area.

OBSTRUCTION PARKING

Concerns from a resident in Coed Y Pia. This has been addressed, residents have been spoken with and leaflets distributed. Patrols will be conducted at the location and any offences dealt with accordingly. We hope that residents will comply and be mindful of our request and the safety needs of all residents.

SPEEDING –Pwll Y Pant

The CC are aware of the concerns from Jodie Healan, Wilkins Tce. I have contacted Jodie and provided her with details of our Gosafe officer who would be able to assist in setting up a speed watch group. I will conduct some speed checks over the next few weeks

INCIDENTS OF NOTE - No incidents.'

41 Chairman's Announcements

Chair Cllr Catherine Thomas announced that she had judged the Christmas lighting throughout the villages and awarded vouchers to the winners and tins of biscuits to the runners up, on their door-steps, masked, sanitized and socially distanced.

All recipients were delighted and very appreciative of their gifts. Photos of the lights will be uploaded onto our Facebook page.

42 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 14/12/2020 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

43 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

44 Election to be held to fill vacancy in Central Ward, Llanbradach

It was noted that a notice has been given in writing to the Returning Officer, by ten Local Government electors from that ward and therefore an election will be held. However due to COVID is not likely to take place until March/April at the earliest, and will be kept under review.

Cllr Colin Mann returns to the meeting

45 Finance

(i) Balance of Funds

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

(ii) Reconciliation

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

(iii) Bank Statements

Bank statement no 211 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

46 Precept 2020/21

Council received, discussed and approved the following documents (i) – (iii) A) B) C) & D):

(i) Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) for 2021/22

(ii) Clerks report on the Precept for 2021/22

(iii) Appendix 1:

A) Current year's budget (2020/21)

B) Spend v Budget up to 6th January 2021

C) Anticipated spend to 31st March 2021

D) Proposed Budget for 2021/22 for consideration

RESOLVED: Council noted and approved APPENDIX 1 which outlined income and expenditure to date and projection to 31st March 2021. A balance of approximately £39,000 was anticipated as of the 31st March 2021, which was earmarked for specific expenditure in 2021/22.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to increase the level of precept by 1.5% which will mean an increase from £22.55 to £22.89 per annum per Band D dwelling, giving the Council a total precept of £34,018.43

47 Financial Assistance/Grants 2020/21

(i) Cerebral Palsy Cymru (formerly Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales)

RESOLVED: Council agreed the sum of £40 be granted to Cerebral Palsy Cymru

48 Projects

(i) Project Summary – was received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed the additional expenditure of £61.16 for insuring the 5 defibrillators and boxes.

(ii) Quotation for the supply and installation of a three phase battery storage solution for the community centre, which will help with utilizing energy that is being over produced but also has a grid back up function should the centre ever experience a power cut was received and noted.

It was recommended that the Community Centre write to the Community Council and include their latest income & expenditure balances and strive to obtain at least another two quotes..

49 Caerphilly Skip Hire – Colliery Road Site

An update was received and noted in relation to National Resource Wales (NRW) permitting the substantial increase in waste tonnage from 22,500 to 70,000 tons at this site and inconceivable that no form of consultation took place with the Local Authority, County Councillors nor local residents. The clerk will write to NRW expressing the Community Councils disappointment at the lack of consultation with residents on an issue that would greatly impact their lives.

Residents would be encouraged to write to CCBC, to report any breaches in conditions as the company was often found to be working outside licensed hours.

The clerk will also write to Transport for Wales (TfW) to report fencing between the skip hire company and the railway was in a state of disrepair with large areas of fencing missing altogether in some areas which was breach in health and safety..

50 Planning Applications – there were no applications received.

51 Next meeting Date: Monday 8th February 2021, 6.15pm

Signed by: _____ Chair

Date: 8th February 2021.