



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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 12^h April 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, A Reed (Vice), D Rees, A Stone, S Taviner and C Thomas (Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer.

In Attendance: County Councillor Rob Gough

Chair Cllr Catherine Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting

82 Police update – was received and noted:

Crimes logged between 07/03/21-12/04/21

94 calls

Incidents include:

- **Domestic**
- **Violence**
- **Criminal damage**
- **Concern for safety**

ASB

One call to High St, drunken males being a nuisance.

BYPASS

11 calls including, loose dog, sheep, vehicle obstruction. Other traffic issues, parking on the pavement and running the red lights at Colliery Road. These areas will be monitored.

We are currently also looking at the construction site entrance at Plasturtwyn Tce.

COVID – 19

11 calls taken reporting COVID breaches, the rise in calls is probably linked to the restrictions being lifted slightly.

ZIG ZAG LINES DE WINTON TCE

No further issues, as last month, the area is continuing to be monitored.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Male found trying to hang himself, at present is recovering.

OFF ROAD BIKES

No calls regarding the issue. We encourage residents to call, as this is an ongoing problem at the grassed area to the side of Morgan St works. If residents can provide us with as much information as possible in identifying the individuals, this would be appreciated.

83 Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr Wally Good who would remain absent until physical meetings could safely resume as previously agreed by Council.

84 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

85 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Catherine Thomas announced that the Easter window competition had gone well with all eggs awarded.

It was noted that a poll had been called due to there being two candidates. The election would take place alongside the Senedd on 6th May.

86 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL meeting held on 08/03/2021 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

87 Matters Arising

The clerk exercised plenary powers in contacting all members for views on the following planning applications, as time did not allow for the matter to be discussed at a council meeting.

Council ratified the following observations/objections that were forwarded to Caerphilly County Borough Council's Planning Departments:

Case Ref. 21/0044/COU Site Area: 1131m²

Location: Aber Medical Centre Morgan Street Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3LW (UPRN 000043042784)

Proposal: Change the use of the medical centre and associated off street parking to a C3 dwelling with 4 No. off street car parking spaces

Case Officer: Jacob Cooke ☎ 01443 864347 ✉ cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref:314772 (E) 190522 (N)

Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: We strongly object to planning application 21/0044/COU on the following grounds

The current layout and lease of land to the Medical Centre raises some serious concerns to the residents of Llanbradach and users of the Community Centre, and it is strongly advised that CCBC addresses the issues before proceeding any further.

- (i) The current layout will prevent local residents from enjoying the pathway to the front of the medical centre. A pathway which is frequently used and I hasten to add enjoyed over many years. Walkers will be forced to use a back lane as opposed to a well trodden pathway and picturesque route with grass on both sides and beautiful trees. Land which CCBC have been maintaining for years.
- (ii) Diverting the footpath to the rear lane of Church Street is a health and safety issue with cars driving along this narrow route to access garages and to the dwelling at the end.
- (iii) The loss of parking to the front of the Community Centre is problematic. The Community Centre hosts parties and weddings etc and access to the kitchen for catering vans is from the front side access.
- (iv) Whilst the Community Council would like to see the Medical Centre building utilised in some form, the noise generated from the Community Centre's parties, discos, receptions, youth club, sport, dance and theatre may not be conducive to a dwelling next door.

Case Ref. 21/0144/FULL Site Area: 186m²

Location: 8 Wingfield Crescent Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3NU (UPRN 000043028546)

Proposal: Demolish existing single storey rear annexe and construct two storey duo-pitch extension with adjoining single storey flat roof extension and erect garage to rear boundary utilising lane access for vehicles

Case Officer: Jacob Cooke ☎ 01443 864347 ✉ cookej1@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 315087 (E) 191007 (N)

Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objections on the proviso that access is maintained to the garages on Plastyrwyn Terrace.

Case Ref. 21/0203/FULL Site Area: 1038m²

Location: Land At Y Fron Mountain View Pwllypant Caerphilly CF83 3HW (UPRN 000043017547)

Proposal: Erect a two-storey building containing 8 No x one-bed flats with ancillary car parking and associated works

Case Officer:Anthony Pyne ☎ 01443 864523 ✉ pynea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 314983 (E) 189057 (N)

Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Objection due to over provision of single person units.

88 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 statements no's 214 & 215 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

89 Financial Assistance/Grants 2021/22 – none received.

90 Projects 2021/22

(i) Council considered new Project Summary for 2021/22 which includes Annual Projects and Proposed Projects using Earmarked Reserves that were discussed during the budget and precept setting process in January 2021.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the project summary but would monitor the ever changing circumstances and restrictions around Covid.

(ii) Recycled plastic heavy duty captains bench, picnic table that require no maintenance and steel commemorative benches and estimated installation costs were received and discussed.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the supply and installation of two treble seater Captain benches at Llanbradach Football Club, to the far side near the trees and shrubs as agreed with Caerphilly County Borough Council's Grounds Maintenance Department.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the supply of one three seater Captain bench (£249 plus £5 fixings) and heavy duty octagonal picnic table (£625 plus £5 fixings) at Llanbradach park as agreed with Caerphilly County Borough Council's Grounds Maintenance Department.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to purchase one treble seater bench on the river bank near Cwm Las estate on the proviso permission is granted from Natural Resources Wales (NRW).

Concrete bases will need to be installed – Clerk to obtain quotes for installation. Signage was discussed for the picnic table to discourage barbeques.

(iii) Central Street Pwllypant Garden Area

Correspondence was received from CCBC Officer Jane Roberts-Waite in relation to the Welsh Housing Quality Standard (WHQS) programme back in 2016, which was discussed. The letter stated that the programme did not allow for a bench on the triangular green area nor pathways or a park due to there being no provision within the WHQS pot for ongoing maintenance.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to install 12 x bee bombs (£95.88) to promote biodiversity, to the perimeter of the triangular section on the proviso CCBC approve it.

Fitness equipment and commemorative bench was discussed and enthusiastically approved in principle but deferred for further information.

91 One Voice Wales (OVW) Membership 2021

(i) Council considered and discussed benefits of continued membership with OVW for 2021 at a cost of £667 (based on 1928 chargeable dwellings)

RESOLVED: Council agreed continued membership for 2021

92 Institute of Welsh Affairs Membership 2021/22 – Making Wales Better

Members considered renewing membership at a cost of £45

RESOLVED: Council agreed to continue membership for 2021/22..

93 Summary of key provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 for the Community and Town Council Sector

Summary was received and noted.

Votes for 16 and 17 year olds, five year terms, access to meetings including public participation, publication of documents (or summary) within seven days of a meeting and Annual Reports (April 2021 – March 2022) were discussed.

94 Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4) (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021-22

To receive and note Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2021-2022

Members noted 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 2021-22 is £8.41.

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 or 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 2021-22 will be £8.41 per elector.

For the financial year 2021-22, the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4) is calculated by applying the formula set out in Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act.

The Retail Prices Index increased by 1.1% between September 2019 and September 2020. This means that, by application of the formula, the maximum sum for 2021-22 increases from £8.32 to £8.41 per elector.

3,353 electors (CCBC Electoral Services, March 2021) x £8.41 = £28,198.73

95 Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) Report for 2021 - 2022

(i) Letter from Chair of the IRP in response to remuneration being classed as an expense as opposed to a salary was received and noted.

(ii) Covering letter from IRP Chair was received and noted.

(iii) IRP Finalised Report for 2021 – 2022 (Section 13 pages 40 -47 are applicable to Community & Town Councils) was received and noted.

Llanbradach & Pwllpant Community Council is classed as GROUP B

RESOLVED: Council were unlikely to apply/support the following two determinations:

Determination 44 - the annual payment of up to £500 each to 5 members in recognition of specific duties.

Determination 47 - financial loss compensation.

Determination 42 is the payment of £150 to all members, which is mandated and therefore does not require your approval. It was noted that Members who wish to forego this payment must put it in writing to the clerk.

RESOLVED: Council agreed the following determinations:

45 – travel costs – agreed if needed

46 – overnight expenses – would not support as it is not applicable

48 – payment to the Chair – would not support.

49 – payment to the Vice Chair – would not support

96 Ty'n y Graig Footbridge Update - Transport for Wales (TfW)

Correspondence received from Helen Dale, Stakeholder Manager for TfW stated that a fortnightly working group are working through options and was equally as frustrated that we are now approaching its year anniversary. There will be additional heavy traffic on the road in June and July with the Forestry Commission's work programme in felling the diseased larch.

97 Planning Applications – were received and discussed

Case Ref. 21/0220/TPO Site Area: 55m²

Location: Land At 315188 192331 Coed Y Pia Llanbradach (UPRN 000043176873)

Proposal: Trim overhanging branches from the trees at the rear of property along the back of the garden (Tree Preservation Order 9/76/RVDC)

Case Officer: Mike Jones ☐ 01443 864528 ☐ jonesm5@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 315189 (E) 192331 (N)

Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllpant Comm Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

98 Next meeting Date: Monday 10th May 2021, 6.15pm Annual & Ordinary Meeting

ADDENDUM: Changed to 20th May 2021

Meeting closed at 7.10pm

Signed by: _____ **Chair**

Date: 20th May 2021