



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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held REMOTELY on
Monday 13th December 2021 at 6.15pm**

Present

Councillors: N Cabble, W Good, C Mann, V Noble (Vice Chair), A Reed (Chair), D Rees, A Stone and, S Taviner.

Clerk: C Mortimer.

In Attendance: County Councillor R Gough, Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) Transformation Officer Ms Anna Lewis and CCBC Regeneration Services Manager Mr Allan Dallimore.

Chair Cllr Ann Reed welcomed everyone to the meeting

100 Cwm Ifor Solar Farm Overview – Ms Anna Lewis, CCBC’s Transformation Project Officer and CCBC Regeneration Manager Mr Allan Dallimore

Summary of Background Information – verbal presentation by Allan Dallimore

The Cwm Ifor Solar Farm is a proposal to develop a 20MW solar farm to the north of Caerphilly town centre and the key aspects of the project are as follows:

Potential to be the largest public authority owned solar farm in Wales.

Life span of Development 25– 35 years.

Estimated 40 green jobs created as a result during lifetime of scheme.

Estimated to power approximately 6000 homes.

Due to it being a Development of National Significance, the Welsh Government will decide its approval or refusal.

CCBC will oversee the development, with a contractual agreement in place.

It will go towards helping CCBC reduce its carbon footprint and it attaining its net zero carbon target by 2030.

Summary of Overview – verbal presentation by Anna Lewis

Pwllypant will not be visually impacted by the development however the route through Pwllypant, Energlyn and Penyrheol would impact the communities with an increase in level of traffic and heavier traffic on the roads during its construction.

Decanting lorries will be undertaken within the CCBC owned compound off the Llanbradach roundabout before transferring to site along the preferred route.

Construction is likely to take up to a year to complete.

Early engagement/consultation with the local community was paramount. Members recommended residents of Pwllypant would appreciate a leaflet drop outlining the proposals followed by a walk-in presentation/Q&A’ session in the village hall.

Formal consultation will take place after January 2022.

Due to disruption to Pwllypant from increased traffic during the construction phase, the community would be eligible to Community Benefit fund, but how much had not yet been determined.

Chair Cllr Ann Reed thanked the CCBC Officers for their attendance. Allan Dallimore and Anna Lewis left the REMOTE meeting.

101 Police update – there was no report received.

102 Apologies - were received from Cllr Adrian Stone, who left the meeting due to feeling unwell. Apologies were also received from Cllr Catherine Thomas due to other commitments.

103 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.

104 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Ann Reed announced the following:

Grant to Llamau – Cllr Ann Reed and the Clerk had received a very warm welcome and a small tour from Support Worker Ann Davies of Llamau, Llanbradach, whereby the Chair

presented a cheque to the sum of £100.

Santa's Sleigh – the Chair thanked all members that turned up to decorate the sleigh. It was a successful evening albeit quieter than in previous years. Our thanks to Peter Reed too for

servicing the generator.

Pantomimes – the Chair thanked members for helping out with both performances and to those that donated raffle prizes. The children and adults enjoyed the pantos with good feedback received.

105 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 10/11/2021 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record

106 Matters Arising

107 Finance to 8th December 2021

(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 222 & 223 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

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

109 Changing Meeting Venue & Wi-Fi (deferred from the cancelled Extraordinary Meeting)

Members briefly discussed the following:

(i) Changing our monthly meeting venue to the Library to facilitate multi-location meetings.

The library offers a large clean, warm, open plan space with good ventilation and sufficient social distancing space to accommodate members, the Police and members of the public. It also affords WiFi for the purpose of offering a multi-location option. To the front of the library there is an adequate car park, which is not in use by others on a Monday. There is external security lighting around the building that light up the pathways to the building.

Rental rates are £8 per hour. It is anticipated that we would require the building for approximately 2 hours. The Clerk will be allocated a key to open and close the building.

(ii) The alternative is resorting back to remote meetings, like this one, and at the beginning of the pandemic.

The flip side of remote meetings will mean excluding some members that are not “au fait” with technology and possibly members of the public too.

(iii) Wi-Fi at the Community Centre – Committee members were exploring other options.

RESOLVED: Seven out of nine members dismissed option (i) – the use of the library due to preferring the Community Centre, lack of parking at the library and its location being somewhat isolated.

All Ordinary Full Council Meetings will be conducted REMOTELY in the meantime until the Community Centre can offer an alternative medium so that the Community Council is compliant with the new Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, whereby members of the public and press can attend meetings remotely if they so wish.

110 **Projects 2021/22**

(i) Project Summary was received, discussed and noted.

(ii) Small playground at Pwllypant

RESOLVED: Members noted that planning costs will be subsidized by CCBC and agreed that the clerk proceed to submitting a planning application.

(iii) Christmas Lighting Competition

RESOLVED: Council agreed to increase prizes for the Christmas Lighting Competition to 10 due to the number of participants and the level of displays.

(iv) The Rise Christmas Lighting

RESOLVED: Council agreed that due to the lack of lighting at the Rise, since CCBC refused permission to re-install festoon lighting, decorating a tree would be an alternative option.

(v) Christmas Figurines & Lighting

RESOLVED: Council agreed to purchase new figurines to replace failed units and new extended lighting be purchased for Pwllypant.

(vi) Skateboarding

RESOLVED: Council agreed that due to the popularity of the skateboarding last year that it be continued in 2022.

(vii) Memorial bench -options at the Health Centre to be brought back to council for Discussion

(viii) WW Memorial bench – quote required and design

(ix) Santa’s Sleigh – to continue in its current format

(x) Bench on river – site meeting to determine it’s preferred location.

111 **Ty’n y Graig Footbridge Update - Transport for Wales (TfW)**

County Members were dissatisfied with the lack of progress and failure in communication and details of the proposed replacement bridge scheduled to be installed by August 2022

RESOLVED: Clerk will write to CEO James Price, due to lack of progress

112 Traffic Regulations Order

RESOLVED: There were no objections to an Order for the proposed removal of existing parking order for blue badge holders only outside No. 69 School Street, Llanbradach

113 Planning Applications (late applications will be tabled at meeting)

Planning applications were received and discussed:. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Case Ref. 21/1104/FULL Site Area: 322m²

Location: 18 Tyn-Y-Graig Road Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3LH (UPRN 000043018164)

Proposal: Erect two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

Case Officer: Clare Beaney ☐07874 641751☐beanec@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 314752 (E) 190292 (N)

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

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 21/1048/OUT Site Area: 457m²

Location: Land At Grid Ref 314944 190088 School Street East UI Llanbradach (UPRN 000043178328)

Proposal: Erect new dwelling and seek approval of access, appearance and scale

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

Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 314945 (E) 190089 (N)

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

RESOLVED: No objection

114 Next meeting Date: Monday 10th January 2022, 6.15pm - REMOTE

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 13th December 2021