



**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, C Mann, V Noble (Vice Chair), A Reed (Chair) and S Taviner.

Clerk: C Mortimer.

In Attendance: Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) Councillor R Gough

Chair Cllr Ann Reed welcomed everyone to the meeting

115 Police update –was tabled and noted:

Crimes logged between-13/12/21-08/01/22

53 calls

Incidents include:

Domestic

Shed break

Person on rail track

Neighbour dispute

Violence

ASB - 3 calls.

Large gathering outside the Social club, officers attended, all in order persons drinking outside the club all of age. Ward manager has visited the caller to offer advice and reassurance. Also calls regarding nuisance vehicles, index numbers have been provided.

BYPASS - 4 calls. Male walking on the bypass, RTC, possible drink driver and young female hanging out of car.

COVID19 - There were none

OFF ROAD BIKES - There were none

NO INCIDENTS OF NOTE - There were none

Members noted that it had quietened down outside the Social Clun recently but youths congregating on path to the tip by the Wingfield public house.

116 Apologies - were received from Cllr W Good, Cllr D Rees and Cllr C Thomas due to other commitments. Cllr A Stone attempted to join us but was unable to do so due to technical problems.

117 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.

118 Chair's Announcements

- Chair Cllr Ann Reed had received a telephone call from the media requesting to know if members of the public had approached members in relation to cost of living increases and fuel poverty.
It was agreed that the clerk signpost enquiries of this nature to specialist advisors within Citizen's Advice Bureau and CCBC. Clerk will post details/contacts on our Facebook page too.

- Christmas festive lighting - had been difficult for the Chair to judge with so many displays to choose.
However after much deliberation ten vouchers were awarded and several tins of biscuits to the runners-up.
- It was also noted that the surplus supply of sweets from Santa's Sleigh were distributed amongst the children at the pantomime and left overs donated to the local food bank by the Chair.

119 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 13/12/2021 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

120 Matters Arising

121 Finance to 5th January 2022

(i) Balance of Funds

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

(ii) Reconciliation

Reconciliation document

(iii) Bank Statements – it was noted that no new bank statement had been received, the last one 223, was presented in December.

122 Precept 2022/23

(i) Council received and noted Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC)

(ii) Council received and noted Clerk's Precept Report

(iii) Council received, approved and signed Appendix A which outlines:

a) Actual spend to date as at 05/01/2022 – approved and signed.

b) Projected spend to 31st March 2022 – approved and signed.

c) Proposed Budget for 2022/23 was received, approved and signed.

RESOLVED: Council agreed a 1% increase in precept which will mean a 0.23p annual increase in Band D equivalent properties and an overall total increase of £345.46 in precept. The new precept will allow the council to undertake its annual projects for 2022/23.

When setting the precept Council also considered in detail and approved the earmarked reserves for contingencies and potential projects for 2022/23.

123 Financial Assistance/Grants 2021/22 – none were received.

124 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021: Draft Statutory Guidance for Community and Town Councils

Members noted the new duties:

(i) General Power of Competence – a power of first resort. To become an eligible council, two thirds of councillors must be elected, the clerk must hold named qualification and two most recent Auditor General for Wales opinions on the council's accounts are unqualified (satisfactory).

(ii) Multi-location meetings

"Whilst physical meetings in the same location are allowable under the 2021 Act, council must note that the 2021 Act requires that participants (i.e. council members, members of the public and press) are able to join meetings remotely – even if physical meetings are the preferred mode. Councils must publish these arrangements, for example, through Standing Orders.

Councils are not allowed to resolve that all meetings will be held entirely physically. Councils should take reasonable steps to allow people to join from another location".

- (iii) Participation at meetings – the new Act makes provision for full public participation and not only at the discretion of the presiding chair. Public are encouraged to participate more and express their views where relevant.
- (iv) Produce and publish an Annual Report of the council's activities as soon as practicable after 1st April 2022 which must be approved by full council and published thereafter.

(iv) Training Plans – Council must produce and publish a training plan by 5th November 2022. The training plan should address whether the council is collectively equipped through skills and knowledge, to deliver its plans effectively. Members will be required to attend basic induction, code of conduct, financial management and governance.

(iii) Other Provisions – electronic notices must be published giving 3 clear days. Following a meeting either draft minutes must be published or a note listing attendees, declarations and decision made including outcomes of votes.

Community poles have been repealed and replaced with system of petitions.

Elections – electoral cycle is changed from a 4 year term to a 5 year for community and principal authorities. The voting system remains first past the post.

125 **Projects 2021/22**

(i) Project Summary – was received and noted.

(ii) Defibrillator at Cwm Las

RESOLVED: – Council received and agreed the information from CCBC's Highways in relation to a more suitable location for the installation of a post close to column No. WL370, just off the small roundabout at the entrance to the estate on Pant Glas Road at a cost of £750.

The defibrillator and box costs were also agreed at £1500 from Welsh Hearts.

(iii) Pwllypant Park

RESOLVED: Council agreed the cost of £115 for the planning application. Clerk to complete and submit application. Costings for flooring and fencing will be costed at a later date if application is approved.

(iv) Litter Picking Equipment

RESOLVED: Council ratified the cost of £323 for litter picking equipment, gloves, hoops and hi-viz waistcoats

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

Members agreed that the Clerk write again to James Price at TfW expressing our dismay with the delays and sheer lack of progress in replacing the footbridge.

Local residents were extremely disappointed and had noted on numerous occasions traffic lights not working and heavy lorries jumping the lights.

127 **Planning Applications** (late applications will be tabled at meeting)

Planning application was 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. 21/1212/FULL Site Area: 524m²

Location: 55 Heol Ty-Gwyn Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3PA (UPRN 000043028940)

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension

Case Officer: Kate Pearce ☐ 07874 641733 ☐ pearck@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 315287 (E) 191177 (N)

Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objections

128 **Next meeting Date: Monday 14th February 2022, 6.15pm REMOTE**

Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 14th February 2022.