



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

**Minutes of the Ordinary Full Council Meeting held multi-locational at
Llanbradach Community Centre on Monday 14th March 2022 at 5.30 pm**

Present

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

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: County Councillor Rob Gough and local resident Mr Gary Enright

Chair Cllr Ann Reed welcomed everyone to the meeting

143 Police update – March 2022

There was no police presence nor an updated report received.

144 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr W Good and Cllr D Rees.

145 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.

Cllrs A Reed and C Thomas declared an interest in minute no. 150 (i) - Llanbradach Wingfield Allotment Association

C Mortimer declared an interest in minute no.154 - National Salary Award.

146 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Ann Reed announced the following:

- That she had organized tonight's photographs as we were approaching the end of term of office for all Councillors.
- A Community Champion Award was being presented to Jonathan Greenham, otherwise known locally as Jock, as a token of our gratitude, for providing and driving the lorry for Santa's sleigh for over 20 years.

147 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 14/02/2022 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

148 Matters Arising

In respect of minute no.129

It was noted that reports of off-street motor bikes were continuing to cause a nuisance from Central Street down to the river. There was increased bike activity on the plateau too. Members also noted that Transport for Wales (TfW) have replaced the missing gate to the track, which resulted in the death of a dog on the track. TfW have also secured missing fence to the railway which like the gate had been deliberately damaged. TfW will monitor this area

149 Finance to 9th March 2022

(i) Balance of Funds

'Balance of Funds' document were 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's 226 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

150 Financial Assistance/Grants 2021/22

Chair Cllr Ann Reed and Cllr Catherine Thomas declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

Vice Chair Cllr Valerie Noble chaired the next item

(i) Llanbradach Wingfield Allotment Association

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £500 as an interim payment to Llanbradach Wingfield Allotment Association towards fencing and other costs.

Council also suggested that the Association approach CCBC in the first instance regarding the maintenance of their boundary and explore other sources of funding such as the Welsh Church Fund and the Lottery.

Chair Cllr Ann Reed and Cllr Catherine Thomas returned to the meeting.

Chair Cllr Ann Reed resumed to chairing the meeting.

(ii) Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £100 to Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod

151 Projects 2021/22

(i) Project Summary - was received and noted

(ii) Examples of Christmas lighting displays - were received and noted

Members could also view other suitable lighting on line at:

www.festivelighting.co.uk

www.lite-ltd.co.uk

www.blachere-illumination.co.uk

(iii) Memorial benches – Medical Centre

Examples and costings of suitable memorial benches for the new Medical Centre were received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to purchase one bluebell and one daffodil bench priced at £1,192 each with a plaque at £67 each with the inscription “In memory of loved ones lost – Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council”. Fixings at £15 each and delivery charges for both benches at £165. Installation costs estimated at £150. Total £2,853

(iv) Pwllypant Park

(a) Plan was received and noted

(b) Costings were received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the quotation from Sutcliff Play on the proviso that the planning application is successful and minus the chalet and swing £6,811 due to equipment already put aside by CCBC. Total cost £15,605

152 SLCC Membership 2022/23

RESOLVED: Council agreed to renewing the clerk’s membership for the ensuing year at a cost of £90 (£270 based on combined salary of GCC & LIPCC)

Gelligaer Community Council, at their meeting in February, agreed to pay £180 which is 2/3 of the membership, in line with last year’s arrangement.

153 Membership of One Voice Wales for 2022-23

RESOLVED: Council agreed to renewing membership of OVW for 2022/23 at a cost of £703

The Clerk declared an interest in the next item and subsequently left the meeting thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.

154 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2021/22

The National Association of Local Councils has been informed that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed the new rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2021.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to approve the clerk's increase in pay on SCP 23 of 25p per hour from April 2021 and thus back dated to April 2021.

155 Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) Report - p.47 – p.58

Annual Report from the IRP was received and noted.

Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council is classed as Group 4 with an electorate between 1,000 and 4,999

RESOLVED: Council agreed to implement the same determination no's 44 – 53 as in the previous year:

Group 4	(Electorate 1,000 to 4,999)	LLPCC's Decision
Basic Payment	Mandatory for all members	£150 unless in writing to forego
Senior Role Payment	Optional up to 3 members	No
Attendance Allowance	Optional	No
Financial Loss	Optional	No
Travel and Subsistence	Optional	Agreed
Cost of Care	Mandatory	Agreed on proviso members approach council beforehand

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

Members received and noted the response from Mr James Price CEO of TfW, whereby he empathised with the community's frustration at the delays but assured that "after several setbacks, progress is now well underway on the permanent replacement structure".

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

Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

It was noted there were no planning applications received.

158 Next meeting Date: Monday 11th April 2022, 5.30m at Llanbradach Community Centre

Meeting closed at 6.40pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 11th April 2022.