



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 20th February 2023 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre in a
MULTI-LOCATIONAL format in accordance with the provisions of the
Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.**

Present

Councillors: N Cabble (Vice Chair), D Edwards, G Enright, C Mann, V Noble and A West
In attendance: PCSO B Coggan and Mr J Gooch
Clerk: C Mortimer

Chair Cllr Valerie Noble welcomed everyone to the meeting

***Following the sudden and sad passing of Cllr Adrian Stone a minute's silence was held.
Our thoughts are with his sister Julie, family and friends at this difficult time.***

142 Police update – February 2023

Members received and noted PCSO B Coggan's report

Crimes logged between 16/01/23-13/02/23

69 calls

Incidents include:

- Missing persons
- Domestic incidents
- Concern for safety
- Suspicious circumstances
- Sexual offences
- Fraud
- Assault
- Threats
- Sudden death

ASB

No calls regarding ASB

BYPASS / PWLL Y PANT ROUNDABOUT

4 Calls. Traffic collisions and Drink driving

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

A dog warrant was executed in the area, whereby a dog, believed to be of a banned breed was seized.

Chair Cllr Valerie Noble thanked PCSO Beverley Coggan for her update, the officer subsequently left the meeting.

143 Mr James Gooch

Mr Gooch introduced himself to the members, explaining that he had recently acquired the land lying to the East of Berllanlwyd, near Llanbradach AFC which had fishing rights, a hobby he very much enjoyed. He explained to the members his intentions for the land, such as thinning out some of the trees, erecting bird boxes and planting fruit trees. The area will be fenced off but Mr Gooch assured members that a gate will also be installed so that locals could continue to have access along the top. Mr Gooch intended on bringing his campervan to the site in the summer to enjoy camping with friends and family and to enjoy the fishing.

Mr Gooch was thanked for attending our meeting and politely explaining his intentions for the land. Mr Gooch subsequently left the meeting.

144 Apologies – were received from Cllr B Newton and Cllr M Newton due to family and work commitments.

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.

Cllr Colin Mann declared an interest in minute no. 151

Clerk declared an interest in minute no. 156 Society of Council Clerks

146 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Valerie Noble and members expressed their sadness at the sudden passing of Cllr Adrian Stone. Cllr Adrian Stone was an active and helpful member on the Community Council and a loyal member of Plaid Cymru. He was an intelligent man and a fountain of knowledge with a quirky sense of humour. He will be sorely missed by his fellow colleagues and the community.

Chair Cllr Valerie Noble thanked Cllr Norma Cabble for volunteering her time on a Monday at the Library, helping with craft activities during the warm places initiative. Mrs Daphne Taviner had helped out too.

A craft activity session was also being planned for children during the half term.

Letters of thanks were presented to members from Llamau and Wales Air Ambulance in respect of their grants received from the Community Council.

147 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 15/01/2022 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

148 Matters Arising

Members approved the correction to the footer details on the Minutes dated 12/12/2022 and were duly signed.

149 Finance to 8th February 2023

(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 237 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

(iv) Bluebell Wood

A) RESOLVED: Council ratified the decision to contribute £1,000 towards the purchase of Bluebell Wood via the GofundMe page.

B) RESOLVED: Council agreed to pay the survey/valuation fee of £1,000 plus VAT to Harris & Birt, Chartered Surveyors and Estate Agents.

C) RESOLVED: Council agreed to hold money raised in the GoFundMe page until sufficient funds were raised for the purchase of the land. ADDENDUM: OVW Solicitors have confirmed that this is permissible.

(V) Santa's Sleigh

RESOLVED: Council ratified the cost of £300 for Santa's sleigh and elf in December 2022.

(vi) Laptops

RESOLVED: Council agreed the spend of up to £219 per laptop for three members.

- 150 Employees Pension Contribution Rates – The Local Government Association (LGA)**
Members received and noted employees contribution rate for 2023/24 effective from 1st April 2023. These have been calculated in line with current rules using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate of 10.1 per cent in September 2022 to increase the 2022/23 contribution bands rounded down to the nearest £100. The Clerk's rate remains at 5.5%
- Cllr Colin Mann declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing decision.*
- 151 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23**
Llanbradach AFC
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant £250 towards hosting activities when we welcome our Twinning Servel and Lannion football club in May 2023.
- Cllr Colin Mann returned to discussions.*
- 152 Projects 2022/23**
(i) Project summary was received and noted.
(ii) New Project - Easter Party
Members agreed that an Easter event be held on Sunday 9th April 2 – 5pm
Ticket price – £2 per child. Cllr Norma Cabble to sell the tickets, put on disco, raffle and games. Eggs and cakes to be purchased by Cllr Gary Enright. Clerk to print tickets.
Cllr Beci Newton to design poster, purchase teas, coffees, squash and on kitchen duties on the day. All other members to set up the chairs and put away and to help in the kitchen, oversee the drawing competition and raffle etc. est cost £250
(iii) King Charles Coronation Disco/Party – 7th May 2023
Members agreed to consult with the community to garner whether there was any interest in holding this event. est cost £250
(iv) Bus trip to the Malvern Spring Show
Members agreed to consult with the community to garner whether there was any interest in a bus trip to the Malvern Spring Show.
(v) Bench in the playground
Members agreed to install a bench in the playground near the football club.
- 153 Training**
Training schedule for 2023 was received and noted.
- 154 Ty'n y Graig Footbridge Update - Transport for Wales (TfW)**
Members received and noted a comprehensive response from TfW which the clerk has published on our social media page.
- 155 Bluebell Woods Update**
Work was going on behind the scenes.
- 156 Warm Spaces Initiative & Monday Craft Activities at the Library Update**
The initiative was going quite well with some attending the craft activities, but it was early days, and it is hoped that it will continue to grow in numbers. It was noted that children were using the library after school on Mondays, so that was very encouraging too.
- Clerk declared an interest in the next item and played no part in the ensuing discussion.*
- 157 Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) Membership Renewal 2023/24**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to renew the Clerk's SLCC Membership from March 2023. SLCC membership is beneficial to the clerk and council as a reliable and accurate source of information, for the provision of advice and support. Annual membership is costed at £279 based on the Clerk's joint gross salaries.
In line with last year's arrangement, members considered and agreed to contributing 1/3 of the cost (£93) as Gelligaer Community Council have agreed to fund 2/3 (£186) again this year.
- Clerk returned to clerking the meeting.*

158 Planning Applications

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. 23/0047/HH Site Area: 277m² Location: 7 Central Street Pwllypant Caerphilly CF83 2NJ (UPRN 000043027396) Proposal: Erect two storey rear extension Case Officer: Bridget Jones-Crabtree (07850 916850 : jonesbas@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 315005 (E) 188881 (N) Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 23/0070/RET Site Area: 301m²
Location: Sonseeabray 11 Pant Glas Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3PD (UPRN 000043028613)
Proposal: Retain the erection of a single storey rear extension with loft conversion
Case Officer: Bridget Jones-Crabtree ☐ 07850 916850 ☐ jonesbas@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 315231 (E) 191439 (N)
Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 23/0082/HH Site Area: 205m²
Location: 18 Telor-Y-Coed Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3PW (UPRN 000043071380)
Proposal: Erect loft extension
Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ☐ 07907 574195 ☐ stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk
Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 315185 (E) 192162 (N)
Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegate
RESOLVED: No objection

159 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 13th March 2023, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 13th March 2023