



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 24th April 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 (Chair) and A West
Clerk: C Mortimer

Chair Cllr Valerie Noble welcomed everyone to the meeting

176 Police update

There was no police presence but members received and noted the police's report for March 2023:

Crimes logged between 01/03/2023 – 31/03/2023.

95 Calls

31 Crimes

6 ASB Incidents

Incidents include:

Violence without injury

Public order offences

Criminal damage & arson

Theft (other)

Commercial Burglary

Vehicle Crime

Robbery

Anti-Social Behaviour

There have been 6 calls regarding anti-social behaviour across the month. The majority of these have been from the Llys Cambria/School Street area.

All parties involved have been spoken to and relevant actions taken. United Welsh is aware of issues in the area and is working with residents. Outside agencies are also working with individuals.

Patrols continue to be carried out as and where possible.

BYPASS / PWLL Y PANT ROUNDABOUT

9 Calls – Minor RTC's, Vehicle Break down and debris in the road.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

There are no incidents of note for this period.

- 177 Apologies** – apologies were received from Cllr B Newton and Cllr M Newton due to family commitments.

178 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.

179 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Valerie Noble confirmed that the Easter party and disco had been a great success thanks to the hard work of Cllrs Norma Cabble, Ann West, Gary Enright, Beci Newton and Colin Mann and Ethan.

180 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 13/03/2022 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

181 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

182 Finance to 8th February 2023 (deferred from the last meeting)

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

183 Audit Wales Arrangements for 2022/23

Email from Audit Wales was received and noted.

184 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23

(i) Caerphilly County Borough Council's (CCBC) Mayors Appeal – Breast Care Unit, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £100 to CCBC's Mayors Appeal

(ii) Pwllypant Village Hall – Kings Coronation party

RESOLVED: Council agreed to

185 Co-option Vacancy exists in the Pwllypant Ward

Members received and noted our co-option vacancy. Closing date: 11th May 2023.

Co-option will take place at our next meeting.

186 Projects 2023/24

(i) Project summary was discussed.

(ii) Sport & Performing Arts – Summer Scheme

Members received and noted quotations.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the Performing Arts summer scheme with Step2 It, at a cost of £2,510 with additional costs between £300 - £500, as per the terms.

(iii) Benches at the following locations were received and discussed:

(a) Village Surgery Bench – for the installation of a bench at the new Medical Centre we were required to supply photographs, bench specification, site plan, annotated plan of fixings, builder's RAM and insurance. We are now awaiting confirmation to proceed.

Quotations were received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund a specialist Bluebell bench at a cost of £1,395 plus fixings £15 and engraving £67 plus installation.

(b) Adrian Stone memorial bench

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the specialist Daffodil bench at a cost of £1,395, fixings £15 and engraving £67 plus installation costs.

(iv) Bench at the Cenotaph – to investigate designs further.

(v) Litter pick 11th June 2023 Central Street 10am

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund 24 x litter pickers, heavy duty gloves, hoops and hi-viz waistcoats for the activity.

A risk assessment would be required and volunteers added to our insurance

(vi) Trip – Sunday 25th June (Pembrey, Tenby or Collier Adventure Park) was discussed and agreed in principle.

(vii) Sensory play was discussed. Further details would need to be sought.

(viii) Land to the s/o 17 Dewinton – vegetation to be cut back was discussed. Clerk will be meeting with builder for costings on clearing the area.

187 Independent Remuneration Report 2023/24 (pages 10-12)

Members noted that there are no further changes to the payments and benefits paid to elected members and therefore all other Determinations from 2022 to 2023 still stand and should be applied in 2023 to 2024, including those covering:

- Payments for undertaking senior roles
- Contributions towards costs of care and personal assistance
- Reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs
- Compensation for financial loss
- Attendance allowance and
- Co-opted member

For ease of reference members referred to the table below indicating determinations resolved last year
RESOLVED: Members agreed the following payments for 2023/24.

Type of payment	Requirement 2023/24	What we RESOLVED in March 2022:	RESOLVED for 2023/24
Group 4 Extra Costs/Basic Payment	(Electorate 1,000 - 4,999) Mandatory for all Members	£150	£156 plus one-off payment of £52 for consumables to all members
Senior Role Payment	Optional £500 for 1 member; optional for up to 3	£0 (can class Senior Role as Chair)	<i>NIL</i>
Mayor or Chair	Optional up to £1,500	£0 (Senior Role classed as Chair)	<i>£250 to Chair</i>
Deputy Mayor or Vice Chair	Optional up to £500	£0 to the Vice Chair	<i>£100 to Vice Chair</i>
Care (children/elderly)	Mandatory	Must produce receipts	Must produce receipts
Attendance Allowance	Optional	Disapproved	Disapproved
Financial Loss	Optional	Disapproved	Disapproved
Travel, Overnight	Optional	Disapproved	Disapproved
Subsistence	Optional	Agreed	Agreed

Guidance on taxation

Members noted that it is not within the remit or authority of the Panel to provide specific advice on matters of taxation. Advice can be provided by One Voice Wales and guidance is available on the HMRC website.

The £156 should fall under the statutory provisions of section 316A ITEPA: Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 (legislation.gov.uk) and the current amount that can be paid without attracting a tax liability is £6 per week: Expenses and benefits: homeworking: Homeworking expenses and benefits that are exempt from tax - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

(i) Extra Cost / Basic Payment

RESOLVED: Council agreed to a one off payment of £156 plus £52 for consumables to all members. With any additional consumables costs over £52 to be claimed with receipts throughout the year.

(ii) Chair Role

RESOLVED: Council agreed to pay £250 to the Chair (as opposed to a senior role)

(iii) Vice Chair

RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund £100 to the Vice Chair

188 Training

(i) Training schedule with OVW for April 2023 was received and noted.

(ii) Training plan was further updated.

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

It was noted that talks were still ongoing between the skip company and TfW

190 Bluebell Woods Update – the group was looking at a community interest organisation and at trustees to join.

191 Planning Applications

Members received & discussed the following planning applications.

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

Case Ref. 23/0116/DNS Site Area: 337793m²

Location: Cwm Ifor Solar Farm Cwm Ifor Farm Bowls Lane Caerphilly (UPRN 0000888888888888)

Proposal: Construct and operate a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Farm - Development of National Significance

Case Officer: Carwyn Powell ☐ 07850 916860 ☐ powelc2@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Map Ref: 312717 (E) 210036 (N)

Community Council: Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref. 23/0227/TPO Site Area: 247m²

Location: Land Rear Of 15 Coed Y Pia Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3PT (UPRN 000043061980)

Proposal: Carry out various tree works (Tree Preservation Order 9/76/RVDC)

Case Officer: Abbie-Jane Stokes ☐ 07907 574195 ☐ stokea@caerphilly.gov.uk

Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 314981 (E) 192450 (N)

Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm Council Expected

Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: No objection

192 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 15th May 2023 (due to bank holiday on Monday 8th following the King's Coronation on Saturday 6th), 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed: _____ Chair

Date: 15th April 2023

