



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on
Monday 17th July 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: D Edwards, C Mann, B Newton and A West (Vice Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance:

Gwent Police: PCSO Beverly Coggan and PCSO Rhiannon Collins.

United Welsh Housing Association: Ms Sian Weeks Neighbourhood Safety Team Leader and Mr Craig Singler Director for Housing.

Vice Chair Cllr Ann West welcomed everyone to the meeting and chaired the meeting in Cllr Norma Cabble's absence.

52 United Welsh

In summary, during the recent very hot weather, several incidents occurred at Braithwaite Court which included the erection of a very large, deep swimming pool in a public car park, which further prompted concerns around health and safety of children but also an increase in ASB and other more serious matters.

From the moment it was reported to the Police and United Welsh, it was noted, that United Welsh sprung into action by issuing a zero-tolerance letter, which were hand delivered to all residents, in an attempt to bring the issues to a swift and peaceful conclusion. From that exercise, two addresses became of interest to United Welsh Officers, and were flagged up for further investigation.

Members wholeheartedly agreed, that whilst residents of Braithwaite Court have no communal garden, it was without question, perfectly acceptable for them to sit outside to enjoy the good weather. However, it was felt that consuming alcohol to excess, can sometimes lead to the use of bad language and poor behaviour, which was not acceptable and was distressing for some residents to witness, residents who have lived in the village for many years and have previously enjoyed a peaceful life.

It was noted that not all residents in Braithwaite Court were implicated, but a minority.

The area had now quietened down but longer term, members and United Welsh were open to suggestions of how we can assist residents to integrate into the community and village life with ease, so that they felt inclusive.

Following much discussion it was agreed that United Welsh be invited back to a future meeting to discuss ideas further.

Ms Sian Weeks Neighbourhood Safety Team Leader and Mr Craig Singler Director for Housing were thanked for their contribution and they both subsequently left the meeting.

53 Police update

PCSO Beverly Coggan was warmly welcomed back to our meetings and she proceeded to present the following report:

Breakdown of calls 11th June 2023 – 8th July 2023:

ASB – 5,
CRIMINAL DAMAGE – 6
VIOLENCE - 14
TRAFFIC - 6
THEFT – 6
OTHER – 51
(Inc. concern for safety, malicious coms, Missing person, alarm activation)

Underpass

Currently on our Teams Patrol Plan. Being regularly patrolled every day.

Damage to library -No update yet.

Drugs

We are asking residents to report any drug taking, supply or cultivation activity especially in and around the area of United Welsh flats at Braithwaite Court. This can be reported through 101, Gwent Police Facebook or anonymously through Crimestoppers.

Reporting crime and ASB

Residents need to call 101/999 with any concerns or calls to give officers the chance to attend at the time. Incidents should not be reported through councillors via email or telephone calls to officers. We need all calls to be logged through our police systems to record the bigger picture and notice trends which then gives us the evidence to support any need for extra resourcing and patrol plans.

PCSO Beverly Coggan was thanked for her update and she subsequently left the meeting.

54 Public participation – there was no public participation.

55 Apologies – apologies were received from Chair Cllr N Cabble due to a family holiday, Cllr V Nobble due to other commitments, Cllr N Hewer and Cllr M Newton due to work commitments and Cllr G Enright due to family commitments.

56 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.

57 Chair Announcements - there were no announcements,

- 58 Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 12/06/2023 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 59 Matters Arising** - there were no matters arising
- 60 Minutes**
Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 26/06/2023 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 61 Matters Arising** - there were no matters arising
- 62 Finance to 12 July 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 no. 242 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 63 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23**
(i) OAP and the Over 50's Club
RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £60 to OAP and the Over 50's Club
- (ii) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd**
RESOLVED: Council agreed to fund the sum of £60 Eisteddfod y Cymoedd
- 64 Projects 2023/24**
(i) Project summary was received and noted
(ii) Members noted that the Community Fun Day, being organised by Llanbradach Community Centre Committee, had been postponed from 16th September 2023 to Easter 2024
(iii) It was noted that the bus trip to Colliers Farm was cancelled due to bookings being full.
- 65 Training**
(i) It was noted that the Training schedule with OVW for July and August 2023 would be emailed to members
- 66 Ty'n y Graig Footbridge Update - Transport for Wales (TfW)**
There were no further updates.
- 67 Bluebell Woods Update** – there was much activity going on behind the scenes but no further updates to report since last month.

68 Planning Applications

Members received and noted the following correspondence from CCBC's Planning:

"As you are aware, you are included in the Planning Weekly List circulation email advising you of new planning applications registered each week. Due to Welsh language translation requirements, you are often sent the list a week or so later than the date the application was validated and registered, and as you are then given 21-days to comment on the application, this delay can impact on our ability to determine an application within a lesser timescale. We are also aware that, due to this delay, an application was recently determined prior to the Community/Town Council comments being received.

Therefore, in order to improve efficiency, from Monday 17th July 2023, you will receive an email consultation directly notifying you of any applications within your Community/Town Council area on the day the application is registered as valid. This will be the same day that any other statutory consultees are consulted on the application and your 21-day period (unless a lesser period is quoted) for submitting any comments will begin from the date of that consultation letter/email. Where a larger application site may straddle another Community/Town Council area, we will consult with both Clerks.

We will also continue to circulate the weekly List to you by email as the list may contain applications which, although not falling within your specific areas, could impact on your areas but, please note that the consultation period for commenting on such applications will be the same date that the statutory consultees have for providing their comments on those applications".

69 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 18th September 2023, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

70 RESOLVED: Council agreed to the exclusion of public and press due to the confidential nature of the next item.

71 Confidential Item
RESOLVED: Council agreed to the land survey.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed: _____ Chair Date: 18th September 2023