



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on  
Monday 11th December 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 (Chair), D Edwards, G Enright, N Hewer, C Mann, and A West (Vice Chair)

Clerk: C Mortimer

**In Attendance:**

Gwent Police: PCSO B Coggan, PCSO R Wall and local resident Mr R Gough

*Chair Cllr Norma Cabble welcomed everyone to the meeting.*

*Prior to the meeting commencing, a minute's silence was held as a mark of respect for Cllr Nicola Hewer's grandmother, Mrs Tessie Hughes' passing.*

**122 Police update – December 2023**

PCSO B Coggan presented the following update to members:

**Crimes logged between 11/11/23 – 11/12/23**

**70 calls**

**Incidents include:**

Missing persons (Ty-isaf)

Domestic incidents

Criminal damage

Theft (Diesel)

Commercial break

Cloned plates

Obstruction

Sudden death.

Fire

**ASB**

No calls

**BYPASS / PWLL Y PANT ROUNDABOUT**

10 Calls.

BDV (Broken down vehicle).

Persons walking on carriageway.

RTC (road traffic collision)

Dangerous driving

Off road bike

Debris on carriageway

Traffic light failure

Item thrown from bridge on to passing vehicle.

**MISSING PERSONS**

8 Calls

7 relating to Ty Isaf.

Persons -18 years as per protocol, must be reported as missing by staff at the home.

**THEFT**

Diesel and exhaust system stolen from site works on Colliery Rd.

**CRIMINAL DAMAGE**

Rock thrown from bridge onto passing vehicle.

## **CONCERN FOR SAFETY/PUBLIC SAFETY**

Domestic incidents  
Neighbour incidents

## **OTHER**

Deliberate fire started under the bypass (bottom of Heol Beulah)

The issues that we were dealing with along with our partner agencies at Clos De Winton are set to improve for the residents. A statement has been taken, and we are able to progress the concerns of possible cuckooing.

*Chair Cllr Norma Cabble thanked PCSO B Coggan and PCSO R Wall for their update, they subsequently left the meeting.*

### **123 Public participation – Mr Gooch**

Mr Gooch did not attend.

*Mr Rob Gough left the meeting.*

### **124 Apologies – an apology was received from Cllr V Noble.**

### **125 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors are 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 B Newton declared an interest in Minute No. 130 (iii) – Caerphilly RFC Under 14's

### **126 Chair Announcements**

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble thanked members that attended the pantomime to help set up the hall and packing up afterwards, alongside members of her family. It made it much easier. There were some issues with the sound which was rectified during the interval of the first performance. Everybody had a wonderful time and lots of positive feedback was received. A total of £521 was raised (£328 panto tickets, £58 kitchen, £135 raffle).

### **127 Minutes**

**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 13/11/2023** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **128 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.**

### **129 Finance to 06 November 2023**

#### **(i) Balance of Funds**

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

#### **(ii) Reconciliation**

Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

#### **(iii) Bank Statements**

Bank Statement no. 247 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **130 Financial Assistance/Grants 2022/23**

#### **(i) Llamau, Llanbradach**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £150 to Llamau, Llanbradach.

The Chair and Clerk will visit to present the cheque in person.

#### **(ii) Urdd National Eisteddfod Maldwyn 2024**

**RESOLVED:** Council agreed to grant the sum of £100 to the National Urdd Eisteddfod.

*Cllr B Newton declared in interest in the next item and left the meeting thus playing no part in the ensuing discussions.*

**(iii) Caerphilly RFC U14's - Re: First overseas tour in Frankfurt, Germany in May 2024**  
**RESOLVED:** Council received an email from Cade Bradfield on behalf of his teammates and agreed to grant the sum of £100 towards the tour in support of three team players from Llanbradach, that were going on the tour.

*Cllr B Newton returned to the meeting.*

**131 Projects 2023/24**

**(i) Project summary** was received and noted.

**(ii) Spring Bulb planting – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec with Keep Wales Tidy**

Date was confirmed and the Clerk, Cllr Nicola Hewer, Cllr Beci Newton and Cllr Colin Mann will be attending.

**(iii) Winchester Christmas Market trip**

Overall the trip went well despite the weather. Two buses were difficult to manage between just three members. Cllr Gary Enright and Cllr Norma Cabble on one bus and just Cllr Ann West on the other overseeing raffle and prizes, which differed on each bus, causing a bit of an stir. Passenger ticket transfers also took place, without the organisers' knowledge.

There were many cancellations too for a variety of reasons, which have now been refunded.

A total of £933 from ticket sales etc. will be transferred to the Community Council.

A total of £43 was received from Bus No. 2 from bingo and raffle.

It was noted that unless there is more help to run trips, it is unlikely that they will continue.

**(iv) Christmas – Santa's Ride**

It was agreed that this event needed tightening up in relation to crowd control, better communication, revised route, accessing/egressing the sleigh (if this is to continue) and seat-belts.

Members agreed to discuss this event thoroughly next June/July.

**(v) Pantomime – feedback**

As outlined by the Chair Cllr Norma Cabble under Chair's Announcements, the pantomime had been a great success again this year.

**(vi) New project Proposal: The Urdd Fund for All  
Urdd Summer Camps**

Members agreed that to potentially fund the project but would need to engage with Coed y Brain School in the first instance.

**132 Training**

(i) Members received and noted training schedule with OVW and Gavo.

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

Cllr Colin Mann has further written to Assembly Members and TfW CEO Mr James Price to expedite matters.

**134 Bluebell Woods - Llanbradach Area Regeneration Committee (LARC)**

It was noted that LARC had received notification from the Charity Commission, confirming their successful application for charitable status. This was very good news.

**135 Appropriate Sum under Section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2024-25**

Members received and noted the following: An appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for Community and Town Councils in Wales for the financial year 2024-25 is £10.81. Section 137(1) of the 1972 Act permits each Community or Town Council to incur expenditure for purposes for which it has no other specific powers if the Council considers that the expenditure is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, the area or any part of it, or all or some of its inhabitants, providing that the benefit is commensurate with the expenditure incurred.

Community and Town Councils are also permitted under section 137(3) to incur expenditure for certain charitable and other purposes. The maximum expenditure that can be incurred under both section 137(1) and (3) for the financial year 2024-25 will be £10.81 per elector. For the financial year 2024-25, the appropriate sum for the purposes of section 137(4)(a) is calculated by applying the formula set out in Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act. The Retail Prices Index increased by 8.86% between September 2022 and September 2023. This means that, by application of the formula, the appropriate sum for the financial year 2024- 25 increases from £9.93 to £10.81 per elector.

Therefore, members noted that for 2024/25, for Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council the following applies:

3,187 electors x £10.81= £34,451.47 for Section 137 (1) and £34,451.47 for Section 137 (3)

**136 Planning Applications** – there were no applications received.

**137 Next meeting Date:** ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

**Meeting closed at 7.30pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**      **Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**