CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBRADACH & PWLL-Y-PANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 7.00pm 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), G Enright, C Mann, B Newton, V Noble and

A West (Vice Chair) Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: Ms V Alexander

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble welcomed everyone to the meeting.

156 Apologies

Apologies were received and noted from Cllr D Edwards due to other commitments and Cllr N Hewer due to work commitments.

157 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.

158 RESOLVED: Meeting closed to the press and public due to the nature of confidentiality in relation to the next item.

159 (i) Co-option vacancy – Informal Interview

RESOLVED: Ms Vikki Alexander was unanimously co-opted as Community Councillor for the Llanbradach ward and duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, agreeing to faithfully fulfil the duties of it, according to the best of her judgement and ability and to observe the code of conduct adopted by Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council

Newly co-opted member Cllr Vikki Alexander thanked members for the opportunity and is looking forward to serve the community, and subsequently left the meeting.

160 RESOLVED: Meeting re-opened to the press and public.

161 Audit Year Ended 31st March 2022

- (i) Correspondence from Wales Audit was received and noted.
- (ii) Members received a completed and signed off Annual Return for year ended
- 31st March 2022, from Audit Wales, and noted that there were no matters arising.
- (iii) Members received and noted Notice of Conclusion of Audit which will be displayed on our notice board for a period of at least 14 days from 15th January 2024, and published on our website indefinitely.

162 Precept 2024/25

- (i) Members received and noted Council Tax Base Notification from Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC)
- (ii) Members received and noted Clerk's Precept Report
- (iii) Members received Appendix A which outlines:
 - a) Actual spend to date as at 03/01/2024 noted and approved.
 - b) Projected spend to 31st March 2024 noted and approved.

- c) Proposed Budget for 2024/25 RESOLVED: Council agreed to increase the precept level by 2%, which will mean an increase of 47p per annum per Band D equivalent dwelling (from £23.58 to £24.05) thus giving a total precept of £36,359.99. Earmarked reserves were discussed and agreed.
- **Next meeting Date:** ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 12th February 2024, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm		
Signed:	Chair	Date: 12 th February 2024