



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on
Monday 20th May 2024 (following the Annual Meeting) 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: V Alexander, N Cabble (Chair) , *C Mann, V Noble and A West (Vice Chair).

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: PCSO B Coggan of Gwent Police.

*denotes remote attendance

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11 Police update

Crimes logged between 14/04/2024-20/05/2024

96 calls

Incidents include:

- Missing persons
- Criminal damage
- Concern for safety
- Neighbour disputes
- Assault
- Suspicious vehicle
- Theft
- Off road bikes

BYPASS / PWLL Y PANT ROUNDABOUT

13 Calls.

BDV (Broken down vehicle).

Persons on footbridge/carriageway

RTC (road traffic collision)

RTC's

Dangerous driving

8 MISSING PERSONS

8 Calls relating to TY Isaf.

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

OFF ROAD BIKES

We have received numerous call relating to off road bikes, on Corbett's field, and one being ridden around the playing fields by Heol Ty Gwyn. Section 59 warnings can only be issued on public land. Observations were passed to officers. We have also had information concerning an off-road bike around Heol Ty Gwyn

NOTHING OF NOTE

The neighbour disputes are ongoing issues in Braithwaite Court, Central Street and Morgan Street works, which is more of a civil dispute.

Two warrants were executed in Coed Y Brain Rd. Cannabis was located at both properties in excess of 200 plants. This was linked to a property in New Tredegar, where more plants were, located. One male was arrested and charged and is on remand.

Also, a warrant was executed in School Street where class A drugs were seized, no arrests have been made as this is part of a larger, ongoing investigation.

12 Apologies- were received from Cllr David Edwards due to family holiday, Cllr Gary Enright due to bereavement, Cllr Nicola Hewer and Cllr Beci Newton due to other commitments.

13 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.

14 Public Participation – there were no members of the public present.

15 Chair's Annual Report for 2023-2024

Cllr Norma Cabble presented her Chair's Annual Report for the previous year, 2023-24 to Members:

**“Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council
Chairpersons Report 2023-2024**

After a year of serving as Vice Chairperson of Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council, I was asked if I would be interested in taking over from Val Noble (the retiring chair) and was duly elected as Chairperson in May 2023.

I was very apprehensive at first and not sure I was the right person for such an important position.

Kind words from Ceri Mortimer, Clerk to the Council, assured me I was capable, and I would have her support, Val's and other members'.

I was honoured to accept the position and proudly wore the Chain of Office for my first photograph as Chair.

In July 2023 myself and newly elected Vice Chair Cllr Ann West, judged our annual garden competition. This was really hard as there were so many beautiful gardens and you could see lots of time and effort had been made. I felt everyone was a winner in my eyes. We eventually found our finalists, trying to make it fair by choosing a winner from various areas of Llanbradach and Pwllypant and gift voucher prizes were given out making a lot of residents very happy.

In August I accompanied Ceri Mortimer to the Arts and Sports play scheme in Llanbradach Community Centre. It was lovely to see lots of youngsters (girls and boys) having fun, and learning to dance. Photos were taken and placed on our social media page.

In October I judged the Halloween window and garden displays. I went later in the evening, as some residents had lit up their gardens to great effect. A spooky time with a lot of fantastic displays throughout the village. Another hard time selecting winners!!

31st OctoberChildrens Halloween Disco

This included fancy dress competition, colouring competition, lots of games and dancing. We also invited Gwent police to pop in and the children were amused when PC Dylan Greedy joined in with the Macarena Dance. Great fun was had by all and a lot of positive feedback followed.

On Armistice, I was proud and honoured to represent Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council on Remembrance Sunday and lay a wreath at the cenotaph.

The next few weeks that followed were very busy...

November 14th- I organised a Craft Fayre in the community centre that was a great success.

Dec 3rd - A trip to Winchester Christmas Market was organised by Cllr Gary Enright and Cllr Ann West which I attended and helped with the bingo and raffle on the coach. A very wet miserable day.

Dec 5th - I dressed as an Elf and accompanied Santa throughout the villages giving out sweets to the children with our other councillors.

Dec 9th - It was our annual Pantomime Beauty and the Beast performed by Wise Productions. Another great success.

Dec 18th - Ann West and I judged the Christmas window lights throughout the village. I also went with Ceri Mortimer and presented a much-welcomed cheque to our local charity, Llamau, who were busily preparing a Christmas dinner for their young residents.

Dec 20th I was back in my Elf costume again and joined Santa at the village library where he gave out sweets to the children. Lovely to see so many happy faces.

After a break over the Christmas period, it was once again back into action...

I attended, with other colleagues, a public demonstration in Caerphilly, we were objecting to the old visitors centre, Coffee Vista, in Caerphilly closing down.

In March 2024, our much awaited playpark in Pwllypant had finally been completed which meant another photo shoot taken with the local children at the new park area in Pwllypant with Cllr Gary Enright, Cllr Colin Mann and ward member for Pwllypant, Cllr Nicola Hewer.

It was clear the children really enjoyed their new play area.

We then went to the bottom of Central Street where a bench had been placed in the memory of our dear friend Cllr Adrian Stone. (I'm sure Adrian would have been very proud.)

On Sunday 7th April ... Easter Disco party. Lots of fun for the children. Thank you to our judges Ceri Mortimer and Diane Mann.

(* note to Norma..... do not wear an Easter Bunny costume next time... far too hot!!!)

Also in April, I along with Cllr Colin Mann, presented a cheque on behalf the Community Council to Mr Kenny Ball, President of Llanbradach F.C, who were shortly off on tour with the under 14's to France.

That was another pleasurable moment as Chair.

I would like to say I have been very proud to represent my community as Chair and have thoroughly enjoyed every moment. I feel I have learned a lot more about the community and grown in confidence.

Thank you all for your help and support throughout 2023/24.

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble."

16 New Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble announced the following:

- A thank you letter had been received from Marie Curie Cymru, in respect of their grant.

17 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 15/04/2024 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

**18 Matters Arising
Planning**

Members noted that the clerk used her plenary powers, after liaising with members, to respond to CCBC's Planning Department on the following applications, as time would not allow us to respond within the timeframe if we waited until our meeting.

Case Ref. 24/0277/COU Site Area: 122m² Location: 16 Lewis Terrace Oak Terrace Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3JZ (UPRN 000043017760) Proposal: Change the use of a 4-bedroom semi-detached house (C3) to a 5 bedroom HMO (C4) Case Officer: Lorna Berrow (01443 864429 : berrol@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 314818 (E) 190108 (N) Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council Expected Decision Level: Delegated

RESOLVED: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council strongly objected to planning application no. 24/0277/COU on the following grounds:

Highways - Traffic and parking

The adjacent road to the dwelling is the main road through the village, which experiences, on a daily basis, high volumes of traffic including heavy commercial traffic. The lack of off-road parking is unacceptable. Having a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO) would exacerbate the high level of traffic and put a significant strain on the existing on-street parking issues in the village.

Noise

An HMO property will increase noise levels , with frequent comings and goings from tenants, which will affect the quality of life for neighbouring residents, spoiling their right to peace and quiet.

Privacy

There is a potential for loss of privacy due to increased foot traffic from an HMO thus affecting the quality of life for neighbouring residents.

Loss of Character

Whilst the proposed planning will not change the visual impact to the facade of the property, it is preferable and desirable that the property remain a single family home in keeping with other properties along this road thus contributing to a sense of community within the village.

Waste and recycling

HMO's frequently exhibit high levels of recycling contaminations. Recyclables that are incorrectly sorted can contaminate the recycling stream, making it extremely difficult for waste management.

Fly tipping can occur around HMO properties which is harmful to the environment but can also be distressing to the local community and spoil the visual amenity of the village.

Case Ref: 24/0325/HH

Convert existing detached garage to a garden room annexe and construct a single storey conservatory Oxford House Clos-y-cedr Pwllypant Caerphilly

GRID REFERENCE - 315244(E) 188903(N)

Contact/Cysylltwch â: Lorna Berrow Telephone/Ffon: 01443 864429

E Mail/E Bost: planning@caerphilly.gov.uk

RESOLVED: No objection

- 19 Finance to May 14th 2024**
(i) Balance of Funds
'Balance of Funds' document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record. following correcting the date to 14th May 2024.
- (ii) Reconciliation**
Reconciliation document was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- (iii) Bank Statements**
Statement no 251 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 20 Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25**
(i) Llanbradach AFC
Council received and noted a letter requesting a grant from Llanbradach AFC.
RESOLVED: Council ratified the grant sum of £250 to Llanbradach AFC in support of their youth tour to France.
- 21 Projects 2024/25**
(i) Project summary was received and noted.
(a) A conversation took place regarding the D-Day Commemorative bench. It was decided that the bench unveiling would occur on a Sunday following the D-Day commemorations on June 6th. This timing would allow both members and the public to attend, as opposed to during the week. However, a social media post would be composed, providing information around the bench and the D Day Landings.
(b) A member would make enquiries in relation to a craft session taking place throughout the summer holidays, alongside the sport activities, between 3 – 4 weeks, Week commencing 22nd July.
(c) Details of the sporting activities would be available for discussion at our next meeting.
- 22 Biodiversity Report**
Members received and noted the report and agreed that further biodiverse projects be delivered.
The report will be published on our website and forwarded to S6BiodiversityDuty@gov.wales
- 23 Training** - Members were encouraged and are supported to attend training and noted the following:

(i) Training overview
(ii) Training schedule for April – July 2024
- 24 Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales – Review of the Community Arrangements**
(i) Members received and noted the LDBC's Final Recommendations Report and to note contained within the report our recommendations to move Llanbradach Fawr Farm from Ystrad Mynach to Llanbradach and Dyffryn Industrial Estate from Maesycymmer to Llanbradach.
- 25 Ty'n y Graig Footbridge Update - Transport for Wales (TfW)**
There were no further updates.
- 26 Bluebell Woods Bluebell Woods Update - Llanbradach Area Regeneration Committee (LARC)**
It has previously been noted that LARC has received a charitable status and were in the process of setting up a bank account.

27 Land Lying to the East of Berllanlwyd Llanbradach CF83 3RW
(i) Update as of 20th May 2024 – Members received and noted the following update.

An application from the developer has been submitted to Caerphilly County Borough Council under application reference 24/0251/COU. However the application is currently invalid. The Validation Officer is liaising with the developer to submit some additional information.

Once the application is valid and live, we will be consulted as a statutory consultee.

There is no set time limit for the validation process. The Officer and developer, providing communication is good, will work together to complete the submission.

Once valid, it will be passed to an officer for determination this is considered the most appropriate way forward allowing the development to be formally assessed via the planning application process and if refused through to appeal.

Should the validation of the application not be forthcoming then CCBC will consider whether the service of an enforcement notice will be necessary to resolve the breach of planning control. The process is protracted as it reflects the complexity and the issues involved.

28 Planning Applications

Members received and commented on the following applications. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Date:03/05/24

Case Ref. 24/0325/HH Site Area: 247m² Location: Oxford House Clos-y-cedr Pwllypant Caerphilly CF83 3RL (UPRN 000043168255) Proposal: Convert existing detached garage to a garden room annexe and construct a single storey conservatory Case Officer: Lorna Berrow (01443 864429 : berrol@caerphilly.gov.uk Ward: Llanbradach Map Ref: 315244 (E) 188903 (N) Community Council: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council
Expected Decision Level: Delegated
RESOLVED: No objections

29 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 10th June 2024, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed: _____ **Chair**

Date:10th June 2024