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LLANBRADACH & PWLL-Y-PANT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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NOTICE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2024, 6.15pm

11th September 2024

Chair and Members of Llanbradach & Pwllypant Comm (unity Council

Dear Chair/Councillors

You are summoned to attend the **ORDINARY MEETING OF LLANBRADACH & PWLLYPANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** which will be held on Monday 16th September 2024, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

The meeting will be in a MULTI-LOCATIONAL format in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

Members of the press and public are permitted to attend our meetings remotely or in person but are kindly requested to contact the clerk prior to the meeting commencing.

The link for the meeting is set out below.

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Meeting ID: 368 404 729 512

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The business to be transacted is set out in the agenda below.

Yours sincerely

Ceri Mortimer
Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 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.
- 3 Police Update – Antisocial Behaviour & Neighbour Intimidation/Harassment**
- 4 Public Participation**
 - (i) Caerphilly Skip Hire matters
 - (ii) Invasive Species
- 5 Chair's Announcements**
- 6 Minutes**
To receive and if approved to confirm and sign the **Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 08/07/2024** as an accurate record.

7 Matters Arising

Caerphilly Conversation – CCBC Consultation on the proposed closure/mothballing of Llancaiach Fawr Manor and Blackwood Miners Institute and the cessation of Direct Meals Services.

Council is requested to ratify the following due to our September meeting date falling after the consultation period deadline, which meant the clerk, under delegated powers, responding on behalf of Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council, with the following observations:

LLANCAIACH FAWR MANOR

RESOLVED: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council strongly object to the proposed closure/mothballing of Llancaiach Manor House due to it being a significant historical and cultural landmark in the Caerphilly borough.

1. Historical Importance

The Manor, which is a grade I listed building, and considered to be one of the most important gentry houses to have survived the 16th and 17th century period. It is one of the finest examples of a semi fortified Manor house in Wales and has significant historical value.

2. Educational value

The Manor serves as a living history museum, providing educational opportunities for schools and visitors to learn about life in the 16th and 17th century. It offers a unique immersive experience that brings history to life.

3. Tourism and Economy

As a popular tourist attraction Llancaiach Fawr Manor contributes to the local economy. It attracts visitors from all over, supporting local businesses and generating revenue for the area.

4. Community Engagement

The Manor is a focal point for community events and activities such as weddings, birthdays, Sunday lunches, exhibitions and award ceremonies to name a few. It hosts various events throughout the year fostering community spirit and providing a venue for local gatherings.

5. Cultural Heritage

Preserving Llancaiach Fawr Manor is crucial for maintaining the Welsh cultural heritage of the region.

6. Employment

The Manor provides jobs for local residents. Closing it would result in job losses and will negatively impact the livelihoods of those employed there.

It is clear that Llancaiach Fawr Manor holds significant value beyond just its financial cost. Its closure would be a loss to the community, the local economy and the preservation of Welsh heritage. We urge Caerphilly County Borough Council to reconsider and keep Llancaiach Fawr open.

BLACKWOOD MINERS INSTITUTE

Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council are opposed to the proposed closure/mothballing of Blackwood Miners Institute for the following reasons:

- 1. Blackwood Miners Institute is a building of historical importance, built by pit workers in 1925.*
- 2. The building serves as a vital community hub hosting many events for the local community and visitors from afar thus supporting the local economy.*
- 3. From an educational point, the venue provides workshops and programmes which provides learning opportunities and enrichment.*
- 4. It provides a space for social interaction and community engagement and maintains the culture and social fabric of the community.*
- 5. Some users have stated that it is very cheap and that they would be prepared to pay a little more on ticket prices, may be that could be explored further.*

We hope that CCBC will strive to keep this important venue open for the community and wider public.

DIRECT MEAL SERVICES

RESOLVED: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council are opposed to the cessation of Direct Meals Services in the community on the grounds of:

- 1. The service provides a host of service of benefits to some of our most vulnerable members in the community, such as people with disabilities, ill health and the elderly.*
- 2. In many cases, the meals provided by Direct Meals Services will be the only source of nutrition they have.*
- 3. The daily visits from the staff are in many instances the only contact the users have with people. Therefore from a social perspective, the visit is more than just food as the interaction between user and staff can help to alleviate loneliness and isolation.*
- 4. Staff can also detect if the user is unwell and can alert the emergency services if assistance is needed. The multifaceted role of the staff should not be underestimated.*
- 5. Providing meals and regular interaction with the users does facilitate independent living, putting less strain on other departments.*
- 6. Removing this invaluable service will undoubtedly put extra strain on social services, therefore monies saved in one department could potentially increase the resources and costs in another.*

Planning Applications

Under delegated powers the clerk responded with the following comments in relation to:

Case Ref: 24/0511/FULL

Proposed conversion of existing house into 3 self contained flat units with two car parking spaces to rear 1 Station Road Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3LF GRID REFERENCE - 314799(E) 190185(N)

RESOLVED: Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council have no objections to 24/0511/FULL on the proviso there is sufficient off-street parking.

However on highway grounds it's current configuration of TWO spaces for THREE flats, does not appear to provide sufficient off street parking in an already tight and congested street, and therefore we cannot support this planning application in its current format.

Case Ref: 24/0597/ADV

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Erect 1 No. double sided illuminated post mounted car park directional sign The Cedar Tree Corbetts Lane Pwllypant Caerphilly GRID REFERENCE - 315189(E) 188940(N)

RESOLVED: No objection

Case Ref: 24/0513/RET

Retain and complete construction of vehicle hardstanding to forecourt and the provision of an external lift - 27 Coed-y-brain Court Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3JT

RESOLVED: No objection

8 Finance to 11th September 2024

(i) Balance of Funds

To receive, confirm and approve 'Balance of Funds' document.

(ii) Reconciliation

To receive, confirm and approve reconciliation document.

(iii) Bank Statements - to receive, confirm and approve bank statements

9 Insurance 2024/25

To receive and note Insurance for 24/25 with Zurich.
Council ratification is required

10 Notices following resignations

To receive and note

- 11 Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25 (late applications will be tabled).**
(i) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd
(ii) Guardians for Heroes
- 12 Projects 2024/25**
(i) To receive project summary
(ii) Moving shed to the grounds of Pwllypant Village Hall – to receive quotation.
A council resolution is required
(iii) Adrian Stone’s Memorial Bench – to receive and note recycled planters from Keep Wales Tidy to be sited near bench in Pwllypant.
(iv) Christmas lights to adorn tree at the entrance to The Rise.
To receive letter from resident at The Rise and quotation from CCBC
A council resolution is required
(v) Living Christmas Tree near Wingfield P/H – to discuss further as unfortunately there was insufficient land for planting, no electrical supply and potential distraction near the traffic lights.
(vi) D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration Bench – additional features (to be tabled)
(vii) Halloween – Thursday 31 – to discuss
(viii) Armistice Service – to discuss
(ix) Christmas Market Bus Trip – to discuss
(x) Keep Wales Tidy – fruit tree planting project
- 13 Training- Members are encouraged and supported to attend training**
To receive:
(i) Training overview
(ii) Training schedule
- 14 Ty’n y Graig Footbridge Update - Transport for Wales (TfW)**
- 15 Bluebell Woods Bluebell Woods Update - Llanbradach Area Regeneration Committee (LARC)**
It has previously been noted that LARC has received a charitable status. Monies held in our account have now been transferred back to LARC.
- 16 Land Lying to the East of Berllanlwyd Llanbradach CF83 3RW – update**
- 17 Planning Applications** (any additional applications will be tabled at meeting)
To receive & discuss planning applications. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.
- 18 Next meeting Date:** ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 14th October 2024, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.