



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on
Monday 16th September 2024, 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: V Alexander, N Cabble (Chair), D Edwards, N Hewer, C Mann and V Noble.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: PCSO Rhiannon Collins Gwent Police.

*** denotes remote attendance.**

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble welcomed everyone to the meeting.

75 Apologies – were received from Cllr B Newton due to work commitments and Cllr Vikki Alexander was running late.

76 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

Cllr Vikki Alexander arrived at the meeting.

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble invited PCSO Rhiannon Collins to present the September report.

77 Police Update September

"Crimes logged between 02/07/24-12/09/24

282 calls

Incidents include:

- Missing persons
- Traffic Offences
- Concern for safety
- Vehicle damage
- Assault
- Violence
- Threats
- Criminal damage
- Vehicle theft
- Domestic incidents
- Theft
- Neighbour issues

BYPASS / PWLL Y PANT ROUNDABOUT

26 Calls.

BDV (Broken down vehicles).

RTC (road traffic collisions)

Traffic lights down

Pedestrian walking on bypass

38 MISSING PERSONS

Majority of calls relating to Ty Isaf.

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

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

A warrant was executed in July, a small number of plants were found. The cultivation was found to be for personal use and the offender cautioned.

Calls for neighbour disputes are continuing at Clos Yr Hen Ysgol and Braithwaite Court, and currently officers are working along side UWH concerning the issues at Clos De Winton. The male in question has now moved and the property is waiting for a new tenant to move in, we have no knowledge of who will be taking up residence there”.

PCSO Rhiannon Collins was thanked for the update and she subsequently left the meeting.

4 Public Participation – there were no members of the public present

(i) Caerphilly Skip Hire matters - Clerk will write to Caerphilly Skip Hire.

(ii) Invasive Species

Members noted correspondence from CCBC, confirming that the post of CCBC Invasive Species Officer was vacant, but were looking to fill it.

5 Chair’s Announcements

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble was delighted to announce an overall winner of the photography competition, whereby an award and gifts were presented.

6 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 08/07/2024 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

7 Matters Arising

RESOLVED: Council ratified the clerk using her delegated powers to respond on behalf of Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council with the following comments in relation to CCBC’s Consultations conducted during the August recess :

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 Pwllpant 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

78 Finance to 11th September 2024

(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's 55 & 56 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record. Members noted that monies transferred to LARC have been transferred back to LLPCC's account. Clerk to make further enquiries.

79 Insurance 2024/25

RESOLVED: Council received and ratified insurance documents for 24/25 with Zurich.

80 Notices following resignations

Members received and noted notices following the resignations of G Enright and A West. The clerk will advertise co-option notices if there is no election called.

81 Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25

(i) Eisteddfod y Cymoedd

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £100 to Eisteddfod y Cymoedd,

(ii) Guardians for Heroes

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £100 to Guardians for Heroes.

(iii) Llanbradach AFC

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £100 to Llanbradach AFC.

82 Projects 2024/25

(i) Project Summary was received and noted.

(ii) Shed deconstructed, moved and constructed and new base installed in the grounds of Pwllpant Village Hall

Members received and considered quotations

RESOLVED: Council agreed quotation of £635 to AKES

(iii) Adrian Stone's Memorial Bench – Keep Wales Tidy Revisit Package

Members receive and noted recycled planters from Keep Wales Tidy to be sited near bench in Pwllpant and planters on the green opposite the park will be emptied and replanted and orchard trees staked.

(iv) Christmas lights to adorn tree at the entrance to The Rise.

Members received letter from resident at The Rise and quotation from CCBC re: feeder Pillar supply and installation.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to the installation of a feeder pillar with festive lighting capabilities for festive lighting on the entrance to the Rise at a cost of £773

(v) Living Christmas Tree near Wingfield P/H

Members further discussed options as unfortunately there was insufficient land for planting a living Christmas tree near the Wingfield P/H, there was also no electrical supply on the stretch of land on the incline and there were potential distraction hazards near the traffic lights. An alternative site was suggested but dismissed.

RESOLVED: Council decided not to pursue the installation of a living tree due to the complexities.

(vi) D-Day 80th Anniversary Commemoration Bench – additional features (to be tabled)
There were no further details or costings received for consideration.
Some members stated that the bench didn't need any further features as it was beautiful in its current state.

(vii) Halloween – Thursday 31

Due to two members resigning and other members not necessarily available on 31st, it was decided not to proceed with the event this year,

(viii) Armistice Service

Clerk has ordered all wreaths and booked the bugler. Clerk to liaise with CCBC in relation to road closures and to enquire with Mr Reed regarding the PA system.

(ix) Christmas Market Bus Trip

Due to last year's issues with cancellations and monies being reimbursed, a lengthy trip and issues arising from different activities on the coaches and lack of help, members decided not to hold a trip this year.

(x) Keep Wales Tidy – fruit tree planting project

Clerk to apply for an orchard package for the park.

(xi) Santa's Sleigh – members noted that Monday 2nd December was the date for Santa's Sleigh ride and switch on. Clerk has booked Oakdale Silverband. Cllr B Newton to book Santa.

83 Training

Members are encouraged and supported to attend training courses and they noted the following:

- (i) Training overview
- (ii) Training schedule

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

Members noted that Cllr Colin Mann had emailed his ninth letter to TfW

85 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 were transferred to LARC's new account but have since bounced back into our account.

Cllr Vikki Alexander left the meeting

86 Land Lying to the East of Berllanlwyd Llanbradach CF83 3RW – awaiting a further update.

87 Planning Applications - there were no planning applications received.

88 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 14th October 2024, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed: _____ **Chair**

Date: 14th October 2024