



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 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:** N Cabble (Chair), D Edwards, B Newton and V Noble.

**Clerk:** C Mortimer

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

- 89 Apologies** – were received from Cllrs Vikki Alexander, Nicola Hewer and Colin Mann due to family commitments.
- 90 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.
- 91 Elect a Vice Chair for 2024/25**  
Nominations were invited to elect a Vice Chair  
Cllr Nicola Hewer was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.
- 92 Police Update – October 2024**  
**The Police Report was received and noted:**  
"Crimes logged between 12/09/24-12/10/24

76 calls

Incidents include:

- Missing persons
- Commercial break in
- Concern for safety
- Vehicle damage
- Suspicious persons
- Violence
- Threats
- Criminal damage graffiti/ dog on dog attack
- Bail Breach
- Domestic incidents
- Theft

**BYPASS / PWLL Y PANT ROUNDABOUT**

15 Calls.

BDV (Broken down vehicles).

RTC (road traffic collisions)

Pedestrian walking on bypass

Flooding

Dangerous driving

## **5 MISSING PERSONS**

4 calls relating to Ty Isaf. Persons -18 years as per protocol, must be reported as missing by staff at the home.

## **INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

Regarding the issues relating to Clos De Winton, we have received no calls to date, so hopefully the problems one of the residents had been experiencing for quite some time, have been resolved.

We have had considerable involvement with a resident at Richmond Close. Concerns regard their persons behaviour at the Court and incidents which have required Police involvement around the Gwent area. We have worked closely with UWH and attended meetings along with other residents.

The person is still residing there, but partner agencies have recently become involved offering living and self-care support. Issues appear to have calmed down considerably. I will keep you updated of any further development's if necessary.

A hand grenade was in a property in Coed Y Pia, a cordon was placed around the property only, this was on the advice of the bomb disposal team as the device still retained the pin and the property has been evacuated. The device was inspected, and it was found to be a fake.

Date of the Santa Parade: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024".

- 93 Public Participation** – there were no members of the public present.
- 94 Chair's Announcements** – there were no announcements.
- 95 Minutes**  
**Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 16/09/2024** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 96 Matters Arising** – there were no matters arising.
- 97 Finance to 8<sup>th</sup> October 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. 257 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.
- 98 Co-option Notices**  
Co-option notices for the Llanbradach and Wingfield wards were received and noted. Closing date for expressions of interest: midday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- 99 Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25 (late applications will be tabled).**  
There were no applications received.
- 100 Projects 2024/25**  
(i) Project summary was received and noted.  
(ii) Armistice Service – members noted CCBC will be installing road closures, new bugler has been booked, PA system being repaired and clerk to get it PAT tested, poppies to be erected a week before service and removed a week. Wreaths were distributed.  
(iii) Wingfield Allotment – members noted that fencing had been erected using CCBC's empowerment funding

## 101 Training

Members received and noted:

- (i) OVW training sessions from October to December
- (ii) Training Plan

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

Members received and noted correspondence from TfW re: compulsory purchase order "Owing to the impasse we are at in acquiring the land through negotiations with the landowner, the meeting sought CCBC support in developing a mechanism for TfW to progress a compulsory Purchase Order. In tandem we are also exploring whether we could move the site compound off the CSH site.

We are waiting for confirmation from CCBC on the CPO process and will then approach CSH on this; we are hoping to do this as soon as possible".

## 103 Bluebell Woods Bluebell Woods Update - Llanbradach Area Regeneration Committee (LARC)

It has previously been noted that LARC has received a charitable status.

Monies transferred to LARC have bounced back to our LLPCC account. Member to make enquiries.

## 104 Land Lying to the East of Berllanlwyd Llanbradach CF83 3RW

Members received and noted update from CCBC's planning department:

"The developer is waiting for the ecologist report, the surveys have been undertaken, but the developer is not yet in receipt of that report. Once this report is received and considered a decision will be made on whether it is within the developers interests to continue with the site or not.

The developer has been advised of the reinstatement works agreed between the LPA and NRW should he decided not to proceed with the application".

## 105 CCBC Consultation – Home to School Transport

Members received, noted and discussed The Caerphilly Conversation which is currently consulting on proposed changes to the home-to-school transport policy for learners in the Caerphilly County Borough. <https://conversation.caerphilly.gov.uk/home-to-school-transport> CCBC aims to align the transport provision with Welsh Government statutory distance criteria, potentially reducing the current high level of discretionary transport CCBC seeks community feedback on these changes, which are part of broader efforts to address financial challenges - to receive and discuss. Consultation closes: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

**"RESOLVED: Llanbradach & Pwllpant Community Council object to Caerphilly County Borough Council's proposals on home-to-school transportation for the following reasons:**

1.Impact on Families - Reducing transport provision could place a significant burden on families, especially those with multiple children or those who cannot afford alternative transport options.

2.Access to Education - Changes to transport policies might limit access to preferred schools, particularly for students in rural areas or those attending faith or Welsh-medium schools. It will therefore have a disproportionate on the Welsh language because parents will be taking their children out of Welsh schools and moving them to an English school.

3.Safety Concerns - Walking longer distances to school could pose safety risks, especially for younger children.

Dark coloured clothing can make it harder for drivers to see children especially during the winter months or heavy rain when visibility is poor.

4. Financial Strain - While the council aims to save money, the cost of alternative transport might fall on families, potentially leading to increased financial strain. Or if children have to walk, we worry whether families have the means to provide suitable warm, waterproof hi-viz clothing and shoes.

5. Attendance – It could potentially have an adverse effect on school attendances.

6. Environmental Impact – Caerphilly County Borough Council's impact assessment fails to recognise that a reduction in transportation doesn't necessarily have a positive outcome for the environment. To the contrary, it could indeed lead to an increase in car usage, which has several environmental impacts. As you well know, more cars on the road mean:

(a) Higher emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other greenhouse gases, contributing to climate change.

(b) Cars emit pollutants like nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and particulate matter (PM), which can harm air quality around our schools and ultimately our public health.

(c) Increased traffic will lead to congestion, which in turn can raise emissions.

(d) Will create higher levels of noise pollution in residential areas.

We strongly urge CCBC to reconsider their proposals”.

#### 106 **CCBC Consultation – Active Travel Route**

Members received noted Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) is making significant efforts to improve active travel routes in our area. This project, referred to as ‘Scheme 13’, aims to enhance walking, wheeling, and cycling routes around Lewis Drive and Energlyn & Churchill Park Railway Station. The goal is to make everyday journeys safer and more accessible for everyone, including those using wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Further info can be found on:

<https://conversation.caerphilly.gov.uk/caerphilly-town-scheme-13-lewis-drive-and-routes-to-from-energlyn-churchill-park-railway-station>

Here are the key routes being considered:

##### **Walking, Wheeling, and Cycling Routes:**

1. **Route 1:** Junction between Brynhyfryd, Llwyn On St, and Court Road, improving access to Energlyn & Churchill Park Railway Station.
  2. **Route 2:** From Pontygwindy Road, along the Asda service road to Lewis Drive, enhancing access to the rail station and Pontygwindy Industrial Estate  
*Members commented that the T junction has no road marking and is extremely dangerous.*
  3. **Route 3:** North from Lewis Drive along the industrial estate access road, linking to the path along the A469, with improvements to Pwllypant Roundabout  
*Members commented that the path is muddy, unmaintained and poorly lit in an area that is prone to anti-social behaviour.*
  4. **Route 4:** Along Central Street, connecting to Heol Pwllypant and Pwllypant Roundabout.
- ##### **Walking and Wheeling Improvements Only:**
5. **Route 5:** Footway connecting Lewis Drive (footway to Asda) and Lewis Drive (Emlyn Drive).
  6. **Route 6:** South from Energlyn & Churchill Park Railway Station along Lewis Drive, passing Plas-y-Felin Primary School to Mill Road.
  7. **Route 7:** East from Energlyn & Churchill Park Station, connecting with Route 6.

107 **Planning Applications** – there were no planning applications received.

108 **Next meeting Date:** ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

**Meeting closed at 7.45pm**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chair**

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024