



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on
Monday 18th November 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), N Hewer (Vice Chair) C Mann and V Noble.

Clerk: C Mortimer

In Attendance: PCSO Greedy and PCSO Fergusson of Gwent Police.

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble welcomed everyone to the meeting.

109 Apologies – there were no apologies received.

110 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.

Clerk declared an interest in minute no,120 – NJC National Pay Agreement.

111 Co-option Vacancies

It was agreed to invite candidates to an interview prior to our next meeting.

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble invited both Police Officers to present their report for November.

112 Police Update – was received and noted as follows:

“Crimes logged between 12/10/24-11/11/24

95 calls

Incidents include:

- Missing persons
- Concern for safety
- Assault
- Scams
- Violence
- Threats
- Hoax calls
- Bail Breach
- Domestic incidents
- Theft
- Environmental
- RTC
- Harassment

BYPASS / PWLL Y PANT ROUNDABOUT

8 Calls.

BDV (Broken down vehicles).

RTC (road traffic collisions)

FTS (fail to stop)

8 MISSING PERSONS

7 calls relating to Ty Isaf

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

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

We have not received any calls to date relating to Clos De Winton or Richmond Close.

We have taken calls from a resident of Braithwaite Court and are in the process of discussions with wit UWH concerning the issues.

Halloween was quiet no issues. We took two calls regarding fireworks at Morgan Street works, concerns that they were being set off near to the railway line. We did not take any calls from British rail with concerns. Officers attended the location, but an area search was negative.”

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble thanked both officers for their update. They both subsequently left the meeting.

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

114 Chair’s Announcements

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble announced that she had travelled through the villages and had awarded 9 trophies and gifts for creative Halloween window displays. It was noted that the Armistice Service had gone well.

115 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 14/10/2024 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record. An addendum had been recorded in relation to the change of meeting date from 11th November to 18th November.

116 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

117 Finance to 6th November 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.258 was received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

118 Model Financial Regulation 2024 – One Voice Wales – this item was deferred.

119 Independent Remuneration Panel – Draft Annual Report

Members received and noted no changes to the draft report and agreed to last year’s determinations. (pages 17 – 23 are applicable to Community & Town Councils).

Clerk declared an interest in the next item and left the meeting. Cllr Nicola Hewer scribed the minute.

120 NJC - Local Government Service Pay Agreement

Correspondence in relation to the salary award for 2024/25 was received and noted.

RESOLVED: Council agreed the clerk’s salary (SCP23) increasing from £16.67 per hour to £17.29 per hour (3% increase) and to the back pay from April 2024.

Clerk returned to the meeting.

121 Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25

(i) Urdd National Eisteddfod 2025

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £100 to the Urdd National Eisteddfod.

(ii) Wales Air Ambulance

RESOLVED: Council agreed to grant the sum of £100 to Wales Air Ambulance.

(iii) Llamau

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

122 Caerphilly County Borough Council CCBC Consultation – library closures

CCBC have 18 libraries in the borough and are proposing to close most of them and offer an “improved library service” in our towns.

“The Library Service Strategic Vision has 4 key objectives:

- Improve and develop the library services availability and offer.
- Help residents to access information, advice and support in a ‘hub’ location.
- Put community needs at the heart of our town centre hubs, to support and encourage greater resilience for individuals through support and signposting.
- Rationalise the number of buildings to maximise resources and improve the overall offer.

The consultation will help the council to better understand the needs of the community in order to shape the development of the hub vision. A model that has been tried and tested at the popular library hub site in Rhymney.

The vision indicates that the development of the hub model would result in an overall reduction in library venues, to allow the council to focus on the development of improved town centre hubs providing a one-stop-shop approach for community services”.

Consultation opens on Monday 22nd October 2024 for 6 weeks.

RESOLVED: Council received and noted details of the consultation and made the following comments in response:

“Llanbradach & Pwllpant Community Council are strongly opposed to the closure of Llanbradach Library as it’s an important community hub to our local residents, school children and older adults. It’s a place where people can walk to and gather for group meetings and social activities such as knit & natter, toddler groups and book clubs. It also supports children, students and lifelong learners, helping to support literacy and learning in our community.

Closing the facility would limit access to information, especially for those who may not have internet access at home or cannot afford to purchase books and other materials.

We are in a cost-of-living crisis and CCBC will be expecting people to spend money on public transport to access the library in our towns. If they travel by car, they will incur petrol/diesel costs and car parking charges. Also, travelling to a library in one of the towns takes time, and it may be inconvenient for people with busy schedules. It’s very likely that the children that use the village library after school, which offers a safe and quiet space to do their homework on the pc’s, will not travel to another, because of costs and time.

Our disabled and elderly residents will be disadvantaged as they may find it physically difficult to travel to another library, especially if they rely on public transport or have mobility challenges, which could lead to increased social isolation and loneliness.

A leisurely walk to the village library has many mental and physical health benefits, it benefits the environment too.

We feel that closing our village library will also have an adverse effect on our small businesses/shops. CCBC may be hoping to increase footfall to the towns but we must support our village shops too.

A significant portion of the Llanbradach population has signed a petition to save the library, indicating strong community support for keeping it open, and we urge you to take that on board. We have very few facilities in the village as it is.

It has been noted that CCBC uses the word “intend” within the consultation, which means the consultation is merely an exercise or a formality, as the decision seems to have already been made.

It’s quite extraordinary how CCBC promotes a “warm hub” one minute, then proposes to close the whole facility in the next. Our village has already suffered cuts, as the library is only open twice a week. We therefore urge you to keep it open”.

123 Projects 2024/25

- (i) Project summary was received and noted.
- (ii) Santa’s sleigh – Monday 2nd December
Poster, confectionary, availability to help was discussed.
- (iii) Pantomime – Saturday 7th December 2pm & 5pm
Poster, tickets, availability to help, kitchen supplies, raffle etc as discussed.
- (iv) Memorial bench
Further quotation for additional features in the bench were discussed. Some members thought that the bench was beautiful anyway and did not require any additional features. It was agreed to defer this item for another time, when more members are present.
- (v) Pwllypant Playground – Additional play features on the railings.
This item was deferred until discussions had taken place with the local children, as to what their preferences were.

124 Training- Members are encouraged and supported to attend training

Members received and noted the following:

- (i) Training sessions to December
- (ii) Training Plan

125 Ty’n y Graig Footbridge Update - Transport for Wales (TfW)

There were no further updates.

126 Bluebell Woods Bluebell Woods Update - Llanbradach Area Regeneration Committee (LARC)

It has previously been noted that LARC has received charitable status. Monies transferred to LARC have bounced back to our LLPCC account.

127 Land Lying to the East of Berllanlwyd Llanbradach CF83 3RW

An email from the Planning Officer stated,
“Just a quick update, the ecology report has now been given to the developer. they have decided to proceed with the site and ground surveys are now being undertaken by NRW, flood impact reports etc.
They are starting to collate the information ready to validate the application, when I have any further updates, I will make you aware”.

128 Planning Applications

A planning application was received. Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date.

Case Ref: 24/0804/NCC

Vary Condition 2 of planning consent 21/0855/FULL (Install anemometer mast of up to 81.3 m high (including instruments), with associated security fencing) to be retained for a further 2 years Llanbradach Fawr Farm Llanbradach Farm Lane Llanbradach Caerphilly
GRID REFERENCE - 313717(E) 192492(N)

RESOLVED: No objections

129 PAT Testing –this item was deferred.

130 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 9th December 2024, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Signed: _____ **Chair**

Date: 9th December 2024