



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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on
Monday 9th December 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 B Newton.

Clerk: C Mortimer

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble welcomed everyone to the meeting.

131 Apologies – were received from Cllr V Noble

132 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 of interest.

133 Co-option Vacancies – this item was deferred for another suitable date.

134 Police Update – there were no police updates received.

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

136 Chair's Announcements

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble announced the following:

- Santa's sleigh ride had been successful despite issues with the sleigh at the start. Members agreed that alternative options are to be explored for next year.
- Due to the Met Office's severe weather warnings the pantomime was rescheduled to Sunday 5th January 2025 at 12.15pm and 3.15pm.

137 Minutes

Minutes of the ORDINARY COUNCIL meeting held on 18/11/2024 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

138 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

139 Finance to 3rd December 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 – it was noted that there were no new statements received.

140 Audit Year Ended 31st March 2024 – this item was deferred.

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

142 Motions

(i) Transfer the Management of the assets of the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh People.

Members were asked to support the campaign to transfer the management and the assets of the Crown Estate in Wales to the Welsh people. YesCymru strongly believes that profit from the Crown Estate should be directed into a Welsh Sovereign Wealth Fund and used to benefit and support the needs of the communities of Wales.

We call upon the Welsh Government to involve all stakeholders to build a coalition of voices, by discussion around this issue, as a matter of urgency. This would be to persuade Westminster, as was done for Scotland in 2016, to transfer the Crown Estate to Wales.

It is estimated that the Estate owns 65% of the nation's foreshore and riverbeds, and more than 50,000 acres of land. The value of Crown Estate holdings in Wales has risen from £96m in 2020 to over £853m in 2023.

A YouGov poll taken in spring 2023 showed that 75% of Welsh voters were in favour of Wales taking control of the management and assets of the Welsh Crown Estate rather than it remaining in the hands of the UK Treasury.

Investing the profits from our natural resources into a Sovereign Wealth Fund for public benefit is widely perceived as an important step towards addressing the needs of the people of Wales.

Wales owning and benefitting from the Crown Estate is seen as a way of addressing poverty in Welsh communities and as a way of building agency and resilience.

Our local authority as others are under huge financial pressure and historically under-funded, and placing the Crown Estate in Welsh hands is one significant step in addressing the decades of unfairness and lack of investment in Welsh communities. Many local authorities in Wales also pay the Crown Estate an annual lease to access coastal areas.

YesCymru and Many of our Senedd Members have been at the forefront of this campaign since 2022 and raised awareness about the total financial injustice of the current situation. It can no longer prevail. Swansea City, Monmouthshire, Carmarthenshire, Denbighshire, and Gwynedd County Councils have announced that they support the campaign of placing the management of the Crown Estate and its assets in the hands of the Welsh Government.

Please lend Our authority's name to this campaign, as it could change the lives and fabric of all our communities for the better.

The nation of Wales should be in total control of its own assets so that they profit and benefit our communities and country.

RESOLVED: Council unanimously agreed to supporting the motion and that the Clerk write to both the Welsh and UK Government calling for this as a matter of urgency.

(ii) Winter Fuel Payment Cessation.

RESOLVED: Council noted with dismay the decision by the UK Government to end automatic winter fuel payments to all pensioners. The decision will cause millions of pensioners across the UK severe hardship and will contribute to the untimely deaths of thousands.

143 Financial Assistance/Grants 2024/25 – there were none received.

144 Projects 2024/25

(i) Project summary was received and noted.

(ii) Memorial bench – was deferred again.

(iii) Pwllypant Playground

RESOLVED: Additional play features and costs were received and agreed- noughts and crosses (£1,700.05) chalkboard activity panel (£448.79) and tongue drum flower (£612.22). It was noted that Sovereign would offer some discount against these items. It would also included installation.

(iv) Planters – Guardians for Heroes.

It was agreed that the new planter would replace the one by Trotters which is breaking.

(v) Triangular Warning Signs – Children Crossing

RESOLVED: Council agreed to purchase two signs at £63.80 to be installed on posts near the new park.

Cllr B Newton left the meeting.

145 Training

- (i) Training sessions – were received and noted
- (ii) Training Plan was received and noted.

146 Ty'n y Graig Footbridge Update - Transport for Wales (TfW) – there was no further progress to note.

147 Bluebell Woods Bluebell Woods Update - Llanbradach Area Regeneration Committee (LARC) – there was no further progress to note.

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

148 Land Lying to the East of Berllanlwyd Llanbradach CF83 3RW – there were no further progress reports received.

149 Planning Applications – there were no planning applications received.

150 Next meeting Date: ORDINARY Meeting on Monday 13th January 2025, 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Signed: _____ **Chair**

Date: 13th January 2025