

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

**Minutes of the ORDINARY Council Meeting held on  
Monday 19th January 2026 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, C Mann, V Noble, M Robothan and B Jewell

**Clerk:** Cllr C Mann in the Clerk's absence

**In Attendance:** P.C Anna Porter and PCSO Ellie Morgan of Gwent Police.

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

**120. 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.

**121. Apologies –** apologies were received from C Mortimer due to ill health and Cllr E Thomas due to work commitments.

*Chair Cllr Norma Cabble invited the Police Officers to present the next item.*

**122. Police Update –** PC Porter presented their report to members:

**Recorded Crime** 72 CALLS of which 32 were INCIDENTS. 11 CRIMES RECORDED.

Below tables show public safety & welfare and just 1 call for ASB being the lowest.

Grading	# of Incidents	%
	<b>36</b>	<b>100%</b>
RES WITHOUT DEPL...	13	36%
EMERGENCY	12	33%
DIARISED	4	11%
PRIORITY	3	8%
SCHEDULED	2	6%
ROUTINE	2	6%

Closing Class 1	# of Incidents	%
	<b>36</b>	<b>100%</b>
CRIME RELATED	11	31%
ADMIN	10	28%
PUBLIC SAFETY & WE...	10	28%
TRANSPORT	3	8%
ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVI...	2	6%

Closing Class 2	# of Incidents	%
	<b>36</b>	<b>100%</b>
VIOLENCE AGAINST T...	8	22%
POLICE GENERATED ...	5	14%
DUPLICATE	3	8%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	3	8%
ABANDONED CALL	2	6%
ABSC/AWOL/WANTED...	2	6%
CONCERN FOR SAFETY	2	6%
SUS CIRCUM/INSEC P...	2	6%
LOST/FOUND PROPE...	1	3%

## METHOD OF REPORTING

Method of Reporting	# of Incidents	%
	<b>36</b>	<b>100%</b>
999 CALL	13	36%
101 CALL	11	31%
RADIO	6	17%
SWP	3	8%
OTHER	1	3%
SOCIAL MEDIA	1	3%
SINGLE ON LINE HOME	1	3%

## ANTI – SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

3 issues of anti-social behaviour

### A469

6 calls to the bypass and Corbett's roundabout. These include:

Broken down vehicles

Collisions/lamppost knocked down

Boys racing

Fighting

## TARGETED PATROLS

Lanes to the rear of Plasturtwyn Tce. We have information that this area is being used by vehicles to avoid the congestion along the main road. Drivers are travelling at speed with no regard for pedestrians or other road users.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Surgeries have been conducted at Llanbradach Library and will continue until further notice.

Surgery dates.

4<sup>th</sup> February 2pm till 3pm

18<sup>th</sup> March 3pm till 4pm

22<sup>nd</sup> April 11am till midday

We remain in close contact with Coed Y Brain Primary and continue to offer presentations to the pupils.

## ISSUES OF NOTE –\_nothing of note.

*Chair Cllr Norma Cabble thanked the Police Officers for their attendance.*

*Both Officers subsequently left the meeting.*

### **123. Public Participation**

A member of the public raised the status of the Plateau (former Colliery Field) and requested that a Preservation Order be placed on it. A discussion ensued around the fact that CCBC/TfW have to date, not formally withdrawn their plans for car parking for 200 or more cars on the plateau as part of a Park and Ride Scheme. Cllr Mann said that he would make enquiries as to the possibility of a Preservation Order.

### **124. Chair's Announcements**

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble announced the following:

She expressed her thanks to everyone who helped with Santa's visit especially as it was necessary to change the date due to adverse weather on the planned Monday.

The chair reported that she had personally delivered the cheque for the Community Council's Christmas donation to the Llamau project in Garth Owen.

She reported on the very difficult task of choosing winners for the decorated Christmas window competition. Winners had been announced previously.

There was also a 'Thank you' to everyone who helped with the Christmas pantomimes.

### **125. Minutes**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025** were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **126. Matters arising**

It was noted that a friend of Cllr Thomas had towed the Santa sleigh.

### **127. Finance to 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

(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

Banks st no's 271 and 272 were received, approved and signed as an accurate record.

### **128. Audit Completion year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

(i) Council received and noted the Annual Return from Audit Wales.

(ii) It was agreed to publish the Notice of Completion on Notice boards and the website.

(iii) Councillors wished to record their thanks to the Clerk for having an unqualified audit.

### **129. Precept 2026-27**

Councillors formally received and noted the precept reports and approved items under Agenda item 10 (iv) a) b) and c)

After a thorough discussion including the current rate of inflation, likely salary commitments and the probable future financial support for the library it was

**RESOLVED** unanimously to increase the Council Tax precept by 4% and retain the reserves as earmarked, subject to future changes, if circumstances demand.

### **130. Financial Assistance/Grants 2025/26 – there were no grant requests.**

### **131. Caerphilly County Borough Council Proposed Budget 2026-27**

The council resolved to express its concern at the over inflation increase of 6.25% in the County Council Tax precept bearing in mind the fact that so many of our constituents are struggling financially and even working families needing to make use of help from food banks.

There was also concern about the proposal to seek further economies in school budgets of 1%. This comes at a time when many schools are struggling financially and having to make teachers and other staff redundant.

### **132. Projects 2025/26**

(i)Project Summary – was received and noted.

**Recognition award:** Mention was made of Ms Steph Lewis, formerly a teacher at Coedybrain School who since her retirement has volunteered in the school for many years.

**Easter:** It was proposed that the council run one disco on Thursday 9 April 2026 2-4pm. Cllr Cabble will make enquiries with the Community Centre as to its availability.

**Halloween:** It was proposed that two events be held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026, one for primary age children – school years 4, 5 and 6 and one for secondary age – years 7, 8, and 9. The junior event would be from 2-4 p.m and the senior event would be from 6-8 p.m. Cllr B Newton to make further enquiries and it was agreed that further discussion and commitments from councillors was needed.

**Santa's sleigh:** Due to the way the dates were falling this year it was decided to hold the event on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

### **133. Training**

Members are requested to forward Expressions of Interest to the Clerk. The importance of attending booked courses was emphasised.

### **134. Llanbradach library update**

Cllr Mann reported that that a Draft Business Case had been presented to CCBC Community Asset Transfer (CAT) officers which was well received. One important outstanding task is a Public Consultation exercise.

### **135. Tyn-y-graig footbridge**

CCBC are working on a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) on behalf of Transport for Wales (TfW) for the acquisition of land needed for siting the support column on the new bridge.

### **136. Bluebell Woods (LARC) update**

LARC has been working with Common (formerly Woodland Savers) to purchase the land but now must renegotiate its relationship with Common.

### **137. Land at Wingfield Works lane CF83 3RW**

Members noted that discussions are being held between CCBC and National Resources Wales (NRW) as to the status of the work which has been done to remove some of the previous tipping.

### **138. Planning Applications - None received**

**139. Next Meeting:** Noted as scheduled for Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 6.15pm at Llanbradach Community Centre. **Addendum:** New Meeting Date: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026