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LLANBRADACH & PWLL-Y-PANT
COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on
Monday 9th November 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, A Gillet, Colin Mann, V Noble and M Robotham
Clerk: C Mortimer
In Attendance : Mr Ed Edmunds, CEO of Caerphilly County Borough Council and Ms Julia Stone.
Chair Cllr Norma Cabble warmly welcomed everyone to the meeting.

89. 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.

90. Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllr R Newton and Cllr E Thomas due to family commitments

Chair Cllr Norma Cabble warmly welcomed Mr Ed Edmunds to the meeting to speak with members on the next item

91. Partnership Working with Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC)
In summary, Mr Ed Edmunds informed Members that he had been in post for almost 18 months and intended to visit all Community and Town Councils over the coming months to discuss opportunities to strengthen relationships between the councils and Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC).
Members noted that the Clerk generally maintained positive working relationships with Committee Clerks and officers across CCBC departments. The Charter was considered to be operating effectively, although the Clerk reported some concerns regarding the operation of the Community and Town Council Liaison Committee.
Members welcomed the recent provision of a directory of CCBC contacts, which would enable more direct engagement with relevant officers rather than relying solely on the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) service. It was also noted that communication issues can occasionally arise between the CRM service and back-office departments, resulting in delays or gaps in information being relayed to members of the public.
Mr Edmunds indicated that he intended to return to a future meeting to provide members with an update on the outcomes of his visits and discussions with Community and Town Councils.

The Chair and Members thanked Mr Edmunds for his attendance and he subsequently left the meeting.

92. Public Participation – there was no public participation.

93. Chair's Announcements
(i)The Chair, Cllr Norma Cabble, attended the Armistice Service to lay a wreath on behalf of the Community Council with Cllr Val Noble laying a wreath at the Miners' Memorial.
The service was well attended, with children from Coed y Brain School singing at the beginning of the service. Members noted the participation of seven boys from Llanbradach Youth Football Club in the parade to the memorial. One representative laid a wreath on behalf of the group, after which the boys bowed in unoson before returning to the assembled crowd. dignity Seven young boys from Llanbradach FC paraded to the memorial t one boy placed the wreath and they all bowed their heads together, looked up and walked back into the crowd. Members commented on the dignity, respect and evident preparation with which the boys conducted themselves.

Members wished to record their thanks to everyone involved in making the event such a fitting and respectful occasion and to Cllr B Newton and her son William for erecting the lamp post poppies prior to the event.
(ii)Christmas Window Display Gifts
RESOLVED: Council agreed that the Chair purchase the gifts and that she would be re-imbursed.

94. Police Update 12th October – 6th November 2026 Appendix1
Members received and noted the Police Report.

It was noted within the report that residents have been advised to report any traffic offences (contravening a one-way system) on School Street at the time of the offence.

Surgery dates at the Library, where members of the public could drop in, were noted as:

Friday 18th December 11am

Wednesday 6th January 3pm

95. Minutes
Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 12/10/2026 were received, noted and approved as an accurate record.

96. Matters Arising – there were no matters arising.

97. Finance to 3rd November 2026
(i) Balance of Funds
'Balance of Funds' document was received, noted and approved as an accurate document.
(ii) Bank Statements
Bank statements 281, 007 & 008 were received, noted and approved as accurate documents
(iii) Budget v Spend to 3rd November 2026
Budget v Spend was received, noted and approved.

98. Co-option Vacancy in Pwllypant Ward
Members welcomed Ms Julie Stone to the meeting. Julie attended to observe proceedings and gain an understanding of the Council's work, as she was considering becoming a co-opted member.

99. Financial Assistance/Grants 2026/27 – there were no applications received.

100. Projects 2026/27
(i)Project Summary – was received and noted.

(ii) Land to the s/o 17 De Winton Terrace – deferred.

(iii) Cast Iron Planter
Members noted that assistance would be required to move broken planter and store topsoil and plants in readiness for new cast iron planter.

(iv) Sleigh Monday 30th November 2026
An update was received and noted in relation to:

a.Vehicle cost to transport the sleigh
RESOLVED: Council agreed the cost of £75 as a contribution for transporting the sleigh around the villages

b.Decorating the sleigh – Clerk will purchase new lights.

c.Police will escort the sleigh and manage crowds – noted.

d.Sweets – Clerk will purchase chocolates and chewy sweets.

e.Christmas Lights Switch On
Elsbury have been informed of switch on date 30th November

f.Posters – Cllr B Newton will provide routes, times and poster.

g. Oakdale Silver Band have confirmed attendance.

h.Risk Assessment was adopted at the last meeting.

i. E-generator/battery
Members received and discussed quotes for the purchase of an e battery at a cost of £599 from various outlets compared to the rental cost of a battery at £75.90 for 3 days.
RESOLVED: Council agreed to the rental of a battery at a cost of £75.90 from Sunday 29th November – Tuesday 1st December. The Clerk will collect and return the battery.

(v) Christmas Pantomime Saturday 5th December 2026 1pm & 3pm
a.Chair/Box Office – tickets are selling well at £2.50 each

b.Posters and box office details are on social media and noticeboards throughout the villages. It was agreed that the Clerk email the posters to the Library, Coed y Brain School and Llanbradach FC and the Chair will drop off posters at local establishments, for one last push.

c. Kitchen helpers Debbie and Karen have kindly agreed to run the kitchen.

d.Risk Assessment (R/A) was adopted at the last meeting

e. Helpers - Confirmation of members prepared to help for the 1pm and 3pm performances, to set up chairs, clean between and after both performances and putting chairs away are:
1pm: Norma, Beci, Mark, David, Colin, Andrew and Mr John Cabble on the door

3pm: Norma, Beci, Mark, Val, David, Andrew Colin and Mr John Cabble on the door

f. Sweets
RESOLVED**:** Clerk to purchase selection boxes, which will be distributed to the children at the start of each performance.

101. 2nd Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan 2020-2035
Members received and noted the following:
(i)Caerphilly County Borough Council has resolved to prepare a 2nd Replacement Local Development Plan (2RLDP) to replace the existing Adopted LDP:

Deposit Plan Public Consultation
CCBC are holding a six-week public consultation and are inviting your views and comments. The consultation will take place between 28 October and 9 December 2026.
To view consultation documents or make any comments please visit:
www.caerphilly.gov.uk/deposit-public-consultation

"The Deposit Plan will be available to view at Penallta House and all libraries within the county borough. The Council has appointed Planning Aid Wales to hold engagement sessions on the plan as part of the consultation. Details of these sessions are included on the Planning Aid Wales leaflet included with this letter. Additionally, officers will be available on an appointment basis at Penallta House throughout the consultation period.
Comments can be made online, or copies of representation forms can be requested at ldp@caerphilly.gov.uk or by telephone on 01443 866777. Postal submissions should be sent to: LDP Team, Caerphilly County Borough Council, Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed, CF82 7PG.

Please note that all comments need to be received by the Council by midnight on Wednesday 9 December 2026. Comments received after this deadline will not be considered.

Should you require any assistance in respect of the Deposit Plan Public Consultation please contact the LDP team at ldp@caerphilly.gov.uk or by telephone on 01443 866777".

(ii) Summary of Sites Suitable for Allocation – was received and noted.

(iii) Site CB219 – Land to the Rear of Morgan Street, Llanbradach

RESOLVED: Council agreed the following comments:
Llanbradach and Pwllypant Community Council have noted that Site CB219, Land to the Rear of Morgan Street, Llanbradach, has been identified as a Housing-led Regeneration Opportunity (HO2.5) rather than a housing allocation because its deliverability and viability have not been demonstrated.

Caerphilly County Borough Council (CCBC) should provide further information on the scale of development proposed, likely housing numbers, access arrangements, infrastructure requirements and delivery timescales.
Given concerns regarding access, infrastructure capacity and the site's overall deliverability, Llanbradach & Pwllypant Community Council considers that insufficient evidence currently exists to justify significant housing development on this site and requests that further supporting information be published before any future progression of HO2.5.

. **102. Training Sessions**
Training Sessions were received and noted.

103. Llanbradach Library
There were no further updates other than a High Court Judge had dismissed the judicial review in respect of library closures, finding that Caerphilly County Borough Council had acted lawfully and rationally. The High Court Judge concluded that Caerphilly's restructured service would remain comprehensive, efficient and reasonably accessible.
Campaigners retain a period to consider whether to appeal the High Court's Decision.

104. Llanbradach Community Centre – there were no updates.

105. CCBC Contact Details
Members received and noted contact details for CCBC Officers and Heads of Service which will be very useful.

106. Planning Applications, **Determinations & Appeals**
Members received & discussed the following planning application.
Comments or enquiries must be emailed to planadmin@caerphilly.gov.uk within 21 days of receipt of the email date. Further details on all applications can be found on the following link: https://planningonline.caerphilly.gov.uk/

Case Ref: 26/0728/COU
Proposal: Change the use of existing commercial (A3) premises to 2 No. self contained flats and associated works 2 Coed-y-brain Road Llanbradach Caerphilly CF83 3JS GRID REFERENCE - 314751(E) 189898(N
Case Officer: Joe Simmons 01443 864428 planning@caerphilly.gov.uk
RESOLVED: No objection on the proviso there is sufficient off-road parking

107. Next meeting Date: Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 14th December 2026 6.15pm

Meeting Closed at 8.00pm

Signed: _____Chair Date: 14th December 2026