



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 19th December 2019, 7PM
Ynysmaerdy Community Centre

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS Roger Turner (Chair), Chris Parker (Vice Chair), David Evans, Geraint Hopkins, Pam Uppal, Jeff Williams, Sarah Liney, Maria Thomas.

ALSO: Acting Clerk Catherine Kennedy plus 2 representatives from the LCDP and 6 Members of the public

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| 2019/65 | <p>APOLOGIES Apologies received from Cllrs William Hopkin, Will Thomas, Robert Lewis-Watkin, Serkan Aksin, Daniel Morelli and Barry Stephens.</p> <p>RESOLVED It was agreed to include quarterly records of attendance in future agendas.</p> |
| 2019/66 | <p>ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS Cllr Geraint Hopkins declared an interest as a Trustee of Llanharan Drop-in Centre.</p> |
| 2019/67 | <p>MINUTES ACTION Cllr Jeff Williams requested an amendment to include the lack of adequate provision of a bus shelter at the bottom of Llanharry Road.</p> <p>RESOLVED The minutes from the meeting were approved and adopted as a correct and accurate record.</p> |
| b | <p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE The minutes had not yet been presented to the CEC, therefore, were not considered by Full Council.</p> |

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| c | <p>ACTION</p> <p>It was agreed to present a table of Xmas lights expenditure to the Audit Committee in January.</p> <p>HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE</p> <p>It was noted that a Maintenance member of staff had resigned and the job description would be reviewed by the Chair of HR with One Voice Wales and an advertisement would be in place by the end of January.</p> <p>It was noted that the Assistant Clerk had successfully completed her 6-month probationary period in the first week of December.</p> <p>It was reported that a request has been received from the previous Clerk to review his salary in line with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) pay scales.</p> <p>The Chair of HR will meet with One Voice Wales on the 6th January 2020 and a full staffing review for the Clerk role will take place, along with a review of the previous Clerk salary.</p> <p>Cllr Jeff Williams noted that when the details of the Clerk role have been finalised, that it must be advertised extensively.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting were approved and adopted as a correct and accurate record.</p> |
| 2019/68 | <p>COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)</p> <p>Two representatives from LCDP attended to discuss plans regarding CIL monies to be received over the next few years.</p> <p>LCDP reported that they have outgrown their centre and are currently carrying out an audit of all the community centres in the area. They would like to see a hub for housing officers and consultancy but do not currently have the infrastructure.</p> <p>Cllr Roger Turner asked that LCDP to present a report to the Council with their preferred project which should include the projects purpose and benefit to the community and it will be included on the Council 123 list.</p> |

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| | <p>The LCDP representatives discussed that they saw the future as a purpose built 2 storey building catering for all needs within the community, in particular, ensuring full accessibility for people with additional accessibility requirements. It may be a new building or the refurbishment of an existing building.</p> <p>Cllr Maria Thomas noted that we have a number of small charities and as a Council we should ensure proportionality.</p> <p>Cllr Geraint Hopkins reported that a small group of RCT officers were shown around a number of small charities in Llanharan as part of the initiative 'RCT developing community hubs', a one stop shop for a range of services for vulnerable people in the South West Taff Ely area.</p> <p>LCC over the coming years will be a recipient of large sums of CIL monies and therefore a more in-depth report is required regarding the future expenditure.</p> <p>Cllr Pam Uppal praised the work of the LCDP and stated that their proactive approach should be embraced and the Council should work closely with them to form a plan of action.</p> <p>A discussion was had regarding the availability of community halls, LCDP reported that there was not one place available 24 hours that could provide the quality provision required.</p> <p>The Chair of the Council stated that the Christmas Dinners organised by LCDP were a great success and thanked the attending representatives for providing the catering for the dinners and for spending time discussing CIL monies today.</p> <p>ACTION Cllr Roger Turner to contact the Senior Community Development Officer at RCT to ask her to organise a working group of interested parties.</p> |
| 2019/69 | <p>COMMUNITY ISSUES</p> <p>The two County Borough Members reported on the following items:</p> <p>Cllr Geraint Hopkins reported that the work on the bollard in the Square has been completed.</p> |

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| | <p>Cllr Roger Turner reported on a number of issues one of which was RCT Councils Leader Debate which took place at the end of November where the Council Leader Andrew Morgan made special reference of the residents of Brynna Ward who had been given the responsibility to pioneer the Councils food waste recycling initiative in 2008.</p> <p>As records show the Brynna pilot scheme was highly successful which resulted in the food waste recycling programme being rolled out over the county borough totalling 100,000 properties.</p> <p>Cllr Jeff Williams reported that he is pleased Cllr Andrew Morgan has been appointed the new WLGA Leader.</p> |
| 2019/70 | <p>COMMUNITY POLICING – LOCAL ISSUES RESOLVED</p> <p>It was agreed that this item would in future be circulated to Council rather than be included in the agenda.</p> |
| 2019/71 | <p>BRYNNA PRIMARY SCHOOL MINOR AUTHORITY VACANCY</p> <p>Following Cllr Chris Parkers resignation to take up the post of LA Governor a vacancy has become available for a Minor Authority School Governor at Brynna Primary School.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Cllr David Evans was nominated and seconded to take up the position of Minor Authority and as a result he will step down as Parent Governor of said school.</p> |
| 2019/72 | <p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>a Telephone Box Removal Consultation</p> <p>British Telecom (BT) have informed RCT Council of the intended removal of 21 telephone boxes within the Local Authority. The telephone box on William Street, Brynna is on the list, any objection to the removal of any of the payphones must be submitted by 10th February 2020.</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Include in the District Diary article for February and prepare a poster for the Council notice boards. b. Cllr Roger Turner will inform the owner of the house situated behind the telephone box. |

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| | <p>c. It was agreed to bring this item back to the next Council Agenda in January.</p> <p>d. Cllr Jeff Williams highlighted that BT's distribution box was still in place. Cllr Sarah Liney reported that this issue had been discussed in CEC meetings and the box was to be removed.</p> <p>b</p> <p>Park and Ride Scheme Withdrawal</p> <p>It was reported that a letter had been received from the Trustees of Llanharan Miners Welfare Hall withdrawing permission for an approved RCT park and ride scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Geraint Hopkins stated that the established position proposals were agreed in principle and that LCC had contributed £5,000 to a feasibility study and the scheme had been widely accepted across the board by all Members at the time.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>A motion was put to a show of hands and passed that the Council are dissatisfied with the current written (email) response from Trustees and a request be sent for more detailed information.</p> <p>c</p> <p>WALES AUDIT OFFICE</p> <p>The WAO have requested financial information ranging from 2017 to the present date.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>The Acting Clerk is working closely with the Audit office to provide the information required.</p> <p>d</p> <p>MEADOW RISE ENCROACHMENTS</p> <p>It was reported that follow up letters have been sent to ask the house holders whose gardens are encroaching on the Meadow Rise play area to contact the Acting Clerk to discuss a resolution to the matter.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>If no response is received, legal advice will be sought.</p> |
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| <p>2019/73 a</p> <p>b</p> | <p>FINANCIAL MATTERS CHAIRS' ALLOWANCE The Chair reported that this item is no longer relevant for discussion.</p> <p>MONTHLY EXPENDITURE Cllr Liney queried the payments made to the LCDP for management of the firework display, Mossfords for cleaning of the War Memorial and Festive lighting for the Christmas Lights as being more than agreed by Council. The Acting Clerk stated that she thought the anomalies Cllr Liney was referring to was VAT.</p> <p>This has since been confirmed as VAT.</p> <p>It was reported that a Festive Lighting motif on Bridgend Rd had failed.</p> <p>Cllr Jeff Williams stated that he felt the job carried out cleaning the war memorial was excellent.</p> |
| <p>2019/74</p> | <p>MAINTENANCE It was reported that bags had been left at the Memorial Garden site but due to the holiday period they had not yet been collected. It was noted that the Maintenance staff had worked very hard clearing the site.</p> <p>It was reported that there are trees overhanging the lights on Meadow Rise near Hillcrest.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If the bags are not collected within the next few days, report to RCT. b. Report the overhanging trees to RCT. |
| <p>2019/75</p> | <p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS 5 planning applications were discussed, ranging from a simple extension to the construction of hundreds of dwellings.</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cllr Chris Parker suggested that the Acting Clerk resubmit observations for planning application 19/1245/10 Land North of Brynna. |
| <p>The meeting concluded at 9.05pm</p> | |