

Minutes of the meeting of the Llanharan Community Council held on 20 June 2019 at the Llanharan Miner's Welfare Hall

Present: Councillor Turner (Chairman);
Councillors Evans, Lewis-Watkin, Liney, Morelli, Parker, W Thomas
and Williams

Apologies: Councillors William Hopkin, Stephens, M Thomas and Uppal

Also: P Davies, C Kennedy and 1 member of the public

2019/18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to an amendment to minute 12 © - in resolution (1) delete '2010/11' and substitute 2020/21'

2019/19 COMMUNITY POLICING

The Clerk reported that a new PC had been allocated to the Llanharan area, but regrettably he was unable to attend this meeting

In the absence of a Police representative, Councillor Liney outlined the crimes and incidents of anti-social behaviour which had been reported to the last PACT meeting. Councillor Morelli also drew attention to the increasing use of 'laughing gas' by young people in the locality and he hoped that the Community Council would get involved in any initiative to tackle the problem. The Chairman advised that he would raise the issue with RCT and report to a future meeting

2019/20 COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATION

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Allotments, Open Spaces and Rights of Way Committee of 4 June (Appendix A): the Community Infrastructure Group of 6 June (Appendix B) and the Human Resources Committee of 13 June (Appendix C) be approved, subject to minute 3 (b) of the Allotments, Open Spaces and Rights of Way Committee - Path from Argoed Avenue to Danygraig Road being **NOTED** with the Chairman of the Council agreeing to discuss a way forward with RCT's Rights of Way Officer

2019/21 COMMUNITY ISSUES

(a) A473 – Illegal Parking adjacent to the Co-op, Bridgend Road

NOTED – That RCT would shortly arrange for double yellow lines in this area in to improve safety

(b) Coychurch Crematorium Improvements

NOTED – That the proposed alterations to this facility would be undertaken shortly and would be completed by the end of 2020

© Heol Cynllan – Highway Improvements

NOTED – That local residents were pleased that these works would be undertaken shortly

(d) Pedestrian Access from Bridgend Road (adjacent to the Tackle Shop) to Park View – Councillor Williams asked whether improvements could be made to this well used short cut

RESOLVED – That the Clerk be requested to write to RCT regarding possible improvements

(e) Brynna Woods – Use by Dog Walkers – Councillor Evans drew attention to the increasing amount of dog mess near the Bethlehem View entrance to the woodland and Members considered whether to ask RCT to re-locate the present dog bin

RESOLVED – That

(1) the Wildlife Trust be asked to consider installing a number of bins adjacent to the main path in the woodland

(2) Councillor Turner be requested to ask RCT to re-locate the present bin near Bethlehem View to Lampost 1 and for regular visits by the Council's Enforcement Team to the area

(f) Meadow Rise Play Area - Councillor Parker drew attention to encroachment on this play area by an adjoining householder

RESOLVED – That

(1) the Clerk be requested to (a) make an informal approach to the householder with a request that s/he re-instates the garden fencing along the boundary of their property and (b) ensure that the Council's land holdings are registered as soon as possible at the Land Registry

(2) further consideration be given to this matter and earlier encroachments on to the play area, at the next meeting

(g) Brynna Carnival – Councillor Parker reminded Members that the Carnival would be held on 13 July and ‘volunteers’ to staff the Council’s table would be welcomed

(h) Land adjacent to the Telephone Box, William Street – Councillor Williams submitted a proposal from a local resident for improvements to this area

RESOLVED – That the proposal be referred to the CI Group and the interested resident be invited to the appropriate meeting

2019/22 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Electoral Arrangements in RCT -The Clerk reported that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales had published its draft recommendations and it was proposed that Llanharan should become a multi-member ward represented by 3 Councillors

RESOLVED – That a response to the Commission’s report be considered at the next meeting

(b) Active Travel – The Clerk reported that a local resident considered that horse riders had been forgotten in connection with RCT’s active travel plans. Members noted the correspondence and that the aim of the Welsh Government’s Active Travel arrangements was to encourage walkers and cyclists

2019/23 Council’s Standing Orders – Proposed Amendments

The Clerk circulated a report suggested amendments to the Council’s Standing Orders

RESOLVED – That

(1) the Clerk be requested to re-circulate copies of the Council’s Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to Members for comment;

(2) further consideration be given to the Clerk’s report and any suggested amendments at the next meeting

2019/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

(a) 2018/19 Expenditure – The Clerk reported that the Council’s Internal Auditor had completed his examination of last year’s accounts and he had stated that ‘in connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records and to prepare accounts which accord with

such records or (b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached'

The Auditor had also (a) stated that in respect of general bookkeeping and accounting, budgetary control, payroll, bank reconciliation or year-end procedures and account – these areas of control, as in past years, were all of a good and robust standard and (b) drew attention to six payments where supporting receipts etc were not available at the time of audit

Members also considered a report from the Clerk explaining the background to the observations made by the Auditor

RESOLVED – That

(1) the contents of the Internal Auditor's report be noted with satisfaction;

(2) the Clerk's responses to the observations raised by the Auditor be accepted

(b) Community Infrastructure Payments – Members were advised that RCT had advised that a payment of £72882 would be made to the Community Council in October in respect of the first phase of the Llanilid residential development. Five similar payments would be made over the next two and a half years in respect of this phase

RESOLVED – That the Audit Committee be asked to review the S123 List as soon as possible

© **Requests for Financial Assistance**

RESOLVED – That the requests from the Llanharan Horticultural Society and Bryncae FC Juniors be referred to the Audit Committee for recommendations

(d) Festive Lighting – The Clerk reported on discussions with RCT concerning the cost of adaptations to street lighting columns to facilitate the festive lighting proposals. Discussions regarding a recommended contractor were ongoing but at this stage it appeared that the budget provision would have to be supplemented by a contribution from the Council's balances

RESOLVED – That the Council's present contractor be asked to review his estimate based on RCT's technical requirements and further consideration be given to this matter at the next meeting of the CI Group

(e) Hanging Baskets Watering Arrangements – The Clerk reported that when the Council's budget had been approved in February it was agreed in principle to purchase a water bowser to enable the flower baskets to be watered in-house. The purchase had been delayed because the Council had no secure garage for a

bowser, however, following discussions between the Chairman, the Clerk and a local company, a secure garage facility had now been identified

The Clerk also reported on quotations he had obtained from three companies for a 230, 500 and 1000 litre highway plant watering bowser

RESOLVED – That the estimate of Bowser Supply in the sum of £2669 plus delivery be accepted for the supply of a 1000 litre highway plant watering bowser

(f) Payments – Members considered the statement prepared by the Clerk

RESOLVED – That the outstanding bills be paid and the cheques be signed accordingly

(g) Handyman's Work

NOTED – The work undertaken during the last four weeks

2019/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED – That

(1) the following applications received since the last meeting be noted:

SPAR Bridgend Road – variation of consent to extend the opening hours

Ty Maelwg, Ynysmaerdy Forestry Road – extensions and alterations to the property and erection of a double garage

8 Lonydd Glas – roof enlargement, incorporating front and rear dormers and increase in ridge height

10 Chapel Road – change of use from restaurant to 2 bed flat

9 Old Tanners, Mill Row – 4 trees overhanging the house

(2) in respect of the planning application for the proposed works at 19 Robert Street, RCT's Planning Department be asked to examine whether the works have already been undertaken

2019/26 URGENT MATTER – Councillor Liney considered that the payment of staff wages should be made earlier in the month. Members were advised that on-line banking was imminent and once this was implemented employees would receive their wages on the 30th of each month

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm