



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2019, 7PM
LLANHARAN MINERS WELFARE HALL

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS Roger Turner (Chair), Chris Parker (Vice Chair), Geraint Hopkins, Pam Uppal, Jeff Williams, Daniel Morelli, Sarah Liney, Maria Thomas, Barry Stephens.

ALSO: 8 Members of the public

MINUTE TAKER Catherine Kennedy (Acting Clerk)

APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllrs William Hopkin, Will Thomas, Robert Lewis-Watkin, Serkan Askin.

2019/53	SYMPATHY It was reported that a Member of the Council had been recently bereaved. Those present stood in silence as a mark of respect and tribute.
2019/54	ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS There were no declarations of interests from Members.
2019/55	MINUTES It was reported that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 17 th October 2019 are not a true reflection of the meeting and no formal handover took place between the Clerk and the Acting Clerk.

2019/56	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
a)	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE 24/10/2019 RESOLVED Concerns were raised that the Christmas light budget provision may not cover additional overspend.
b)	HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE 12/11/2019 Cllr Evans attended the meeting as a non-committee member and his contributions were gratefully received. Gratitude was given to the Acting Clerk for the work she has carried out since the former Clerk left. RESOLVED The minutes from the meeting were approved and adopted.
c)	AUDIT COMMITTEE 14/11/2019 RESOLVED The minutes from the meeting were approved and adopted.
d)	EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 29/10/2019 An extraordinary meeting of the Council was called due to the unprecedented resignation of the Clerk. A member of the public queried why this meeting took place in private mode. It was reported that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss 'Staffing Issues' and the following Resolution was passed by Council: "By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussions on the following item(s) on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted."

	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The Chair will look into the matter and report back to the member of the public.</p>
2019/57	<p>COMMUNITY POLICING</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>The next PACT meeting will be held on the 4th December, 6pm at Brynna Primary School.</p>
2019/58	<p>COMMUNITY ISSUES</p> <p>The two County Borough Members reported on the following items:</p> <p>Cllr G Hopkins</p> <p>Work has taken place on the bollard in Llanharan Square, however, due to cones and fences still being in place the work has not yet been completed.</p> <p>There are ongoing issues with parking on Bridgend Rd, due to the people working on the development site parking their cars all day.</p> <p>Sessions are being held at LCDP to support with the renewal of bus passes and support has been offered by the Acting Clerk from the Community Council office.</p> <p>An RCT consultant will review the feasibility of a crossing on Bridgend Rd.</p> <p>Cllr Jeff Williams requested consideration be given to the lack of adequate provision of a bus shelter at the bottom of Llanharan Road.</p> <p>Cllr R Turner</p>

	<p>An upgrade of Llanharan cemetery has taken place resulting in a refresh of the outbuilding, a general tidy up of the area and new bins to follow.</p> <p>Cllr Morelli noted that due to the commitment of Councillors, unlocking the gates in their own time, the cemetery is accessible by vehicle on the weekends.</p> <p>Bypass: Contractors are in the process of carrying out ground excavation and will inform RCT in time for the pre planning process early Spring 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED The Chair will contact the Council traffic department and request that the Acting Clerk is informed ahead of any planned roadworks.</p>
2019/59	<p>FINANCIAL MATTERS RESOLVED The payment records for November were agreed.</p>
2019/60	<p>HANDYMANS WORK NOTED Maintenance work carried out in the last four weeks was reported.</p>
2019/61	<p>LAND REAR OF PENDRE CRESCENT The current lease of this land is out of date, RCT have written to the Community Council to request a new license and a proper easement. RESOLVED Item moved to the Allotments committee.</p>
2019/62	<p>WEBSITE DOMAIN NAME RESOLVED</p>

	Council agreed to proceed with registering the new domain name www.llanharan-cc.gov.wales
2019/63	<p>COMMUNITY COUNCIL REVIEW</p> <p>A general discussion on whether the Community Council could be required to become a Town Council.</p> <p>It was reported that there is nothing in legislation requiring a Community Council to become a Town Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>Review in 2022 at the time of the boundaries review.</p>
2019/64	<p>PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>The Acting Clerk will contact RCT Council indicating that the community council are not in support of retrospective planning applications.</p>
The meeting concluded at 8.55pm	