



## **LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on a hybrid basis (in person and by remote attendance), 7pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

*The meeting was held in accordance with:*

**The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021**

**Members Present:**

**Councillors;** David Evans (Chair), Janine Turner, Chris Parker, Mark Steer, Neil Feist, Andrea James, Rhys Jenkins, Will Thomas.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Helen Donnan, Tracy Allen, Joanne Miller.

**Absent:** Cllr. Geraint Hopkins JP, Parmindra Pannu, Robert Lewis-Watkin JP

**Clerk to the Council:** Leigh Smith

**RFO/Deputy Clerk:** Lisa Phillips

**2023/199 Welcome and Apologies.**

A moments reflection was held and condolences given following the recent death of David Duncan, a long-time volunteer for the Llanharan Branch of the Royal British Legion.

**RESOLVED**

To accept Councillor Helen Donnan's reason for absence proffered with their apology as a valid reason for absence.

**RESOLVED**

To accept Councillor Mark Steer's reason for absence proffered with their apology as a valid reason for absence.

**2023/200 Disclosures of personal and/or prejudicial interests.**

Cllr Neil Feist declared a personal interest in all agenda items being a member of Cycling UK.



### **2023/201 Public speaking**

2 members of the public spoke on agenda item 8.

**2023/201 Update on progress relating to the potential construction of a bridge over the river Ewenny and the appropriate grading and realignment of the footpath either side of the bridge.**

Noted.

**2023/202 To authorise the Proper Officers to spend up to £4500 from CIL funds to produce a scoping design for the Ewenny Bridge as per the quotation provided by Vale Consultancies. The previous authority provided by resolution 2023/191 being invalid due to the estimated costs exceeding that authority. Regulation 11.2g of the financial regulations being satisfied unsuccessful attempts**

#### ***RESOLVED***

To authorise the Proper Officers to spend up to £4500 from CIL funds to produce a scoping design for the Ewenny Bridge as per the quotation provided by Vale Consultancies and contained. The previous authority provided by resolution 2023/191 being invalid due to the estimated costs exceeding that authority. Regulation 11.2g of the financial regulations being satisfied unsuccessful attempts having been made to obtain further quotations from a number of other companies.

**2023/203 To consider formalising the process whereby the Council will proceed with the potential construction of the Ewenny stream bridge.**

#### ***RESOLVED***

To adopt the project route-map as set out in appendix 2 presented to this meeting.

**2023/204 Arrangement of routine meetings of the Trenos Crossing working.**

#### ***RESOLVED***

To direct the Clerk to arrange a routine meeting of the working group every 2 months, so long as key stakeholders are available. The reason being to ensure regular and formal engagement with all stakeholders.

**2023/205 Council's formal position to the TTRO proposed for the Trenos crossing.**



**RESOLVED**

that the Council's formal position with regards to the TTRO proposed for the Trenos crossing shall be that the Council requests:

- a) Not to close the crossing at all;
- b) an alternative crossing point be installed to provide an alternative crossing during the duration of works within a reasonably short distance;
- c) If a) cannot be achieved then to request of Network Rail that every effort be made to ensure the crossing be closed for the absolute minimum period of time possible, the crossing being a well-used and critical link between the Llanharan and Brynna Communities, including a route to Brynnau School for school children living in Llanharan. Furthermore for the route contributing to the well-being of many in the community. Should option b) be agreed then a request be made that 24 hrs notice of closure be given to the Clerk of the Council on each occasion along with the duration of closure so that the public can be informed, and notices be posted by Network Rail at the crossing point.

**2023/206 CIL funds to purchase a ZOLL defibrillator to replace that currently used at the Llanharan Rugby Club**

**RESOLVED**

To authorise the proper officers to spend up to £1150 of CIL funds to purchase a ZOLL defibrillator pack to replace that currently used at the Llanharan Rugby Football Club defibrillator point.

**2023/207 Urgent information and suggestions to the Clerk for future agenda items.**

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8pm

The next meeting of the Council will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Councillor David Evans  
Chair of the Community Council

## Appendix 1

### **Ewenny Stream Bridge - Scoping design quotation**

Council has previously resolved the following:

#### ***2023/191 Quotations for the Ewenny Bridge, 'Scoping design'.***

#### **RESOLVED**

*To authorise the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Trens Crossing working Group to spend up to £4000 of CIL funds based on a subsequent quotation provided by Vale Consultancy to provide a scoping design for the Ewenny Bridge and associated works.*

The quotations received total £4,150.

Motion is to authorise a spend of up to £4,500 comprising:

- Vale consultancy £1,850
  - Preliminary/indicative design of 1no bridge structure
  - Preliminary/indicative design of corresponding concrete bridge abutments at either shore
  - Provision of 3D, GA and sectional “indicative” drawings as required tender and public consultation only
  - Provision of 1no site inspections as required during the scoping design process (half day)
  - Any further work required billable at £90/hour.
- SW Ground testing £800
  - Inclusive of 2 man crew, drilling, sampling and assessment to determine bearing pressure and suitable foundation solution.(Ground investigation)
- Utilimap (topographical survey and local services searches) £1,500
  - Topographical survey and local services searches.

- Contingency £350

Note: Whilst Vale consultancy have provided the quotation including that element of the work to be provided by SW Ground testing and Utilimap, those companies would be engaged separately.

**Motion:**

To authorise the Proper Officers to spend up to £4500 from CIL funds to produce a scoping design for the Ewenny Bridge as per the quotation provided by Vale Consultancies and contained. The previous authority provided by resolution 2023/191 being invalid due to the estimated costs exceeding that authority. Regulation 11.2g of the financial regulations being satisfied unsuccessful attempts having been made to obtain further quotations from a number of other companies.

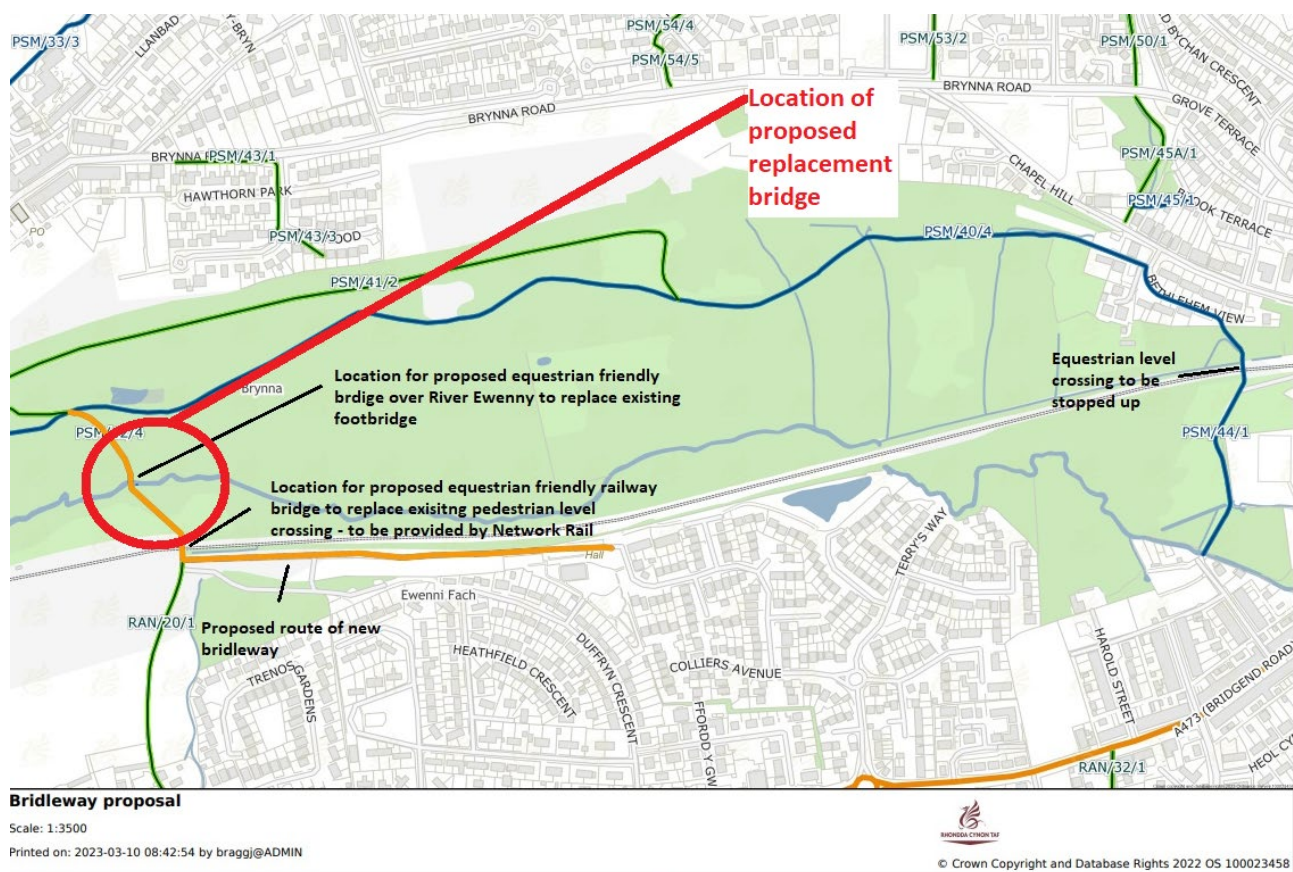
## **Ewenny Stream Bridge scoping design - Request for quotation**

### **Brief**

To produce a scoping design for a replacement multi-user bridge to cross the River Ewenny in Llanharan, South Wales (CF72) and associated works and approaches.

This scoping design will then be used in a public consultation and as a specification document as part of a proposed tendering process (which falls outside this quotation).

The scoping design will need to contain enough detail and technical information to allow it to be used as a specification for tendering (eg dimensions, gradients, aesthetic details etc...), most of which can be provided, however a half-day site survey will be required. We do NOT require detailed specifications on the bridge and its support structures itself as this will form part of the tender. Liaison with Network Rail will be required to establish the precise location and elevation of the termination of the railway crossing bridge and we can facilitate this.



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## Appendix 2

### **Ewenny Stream Bridge – Proposed project route-map**

1. For the Trens Crossing Working Group to meet with key stakeholders as soon as possible and to seek to obtain formal written permission as required. In particular the Wildlife Trust, NRW and any other relevant bodies. *(Previously resolved Minute Ref 2023/125).*
2. For the Clerk to obtain quotations from an appropriate company to produce a scoping design for the bridge, the approaches and associated works. . *(Previously resolved Minute Ref 2023/125).*
3. The Trens Crossing working Group to meet to make any additions to the scoping design regarding the specification of the bridge, its approaches and associated works.\* *(Previously resolved Minute Ref 2023/125).*

Note: RCTCBC engineers to be engaged at this point.

4. Produce a stage 2 scoping design to be used for a public consultation. Carry out a public consultation on the question of committing circa £275,000 of CIL funds to replace the current footbridge over the river Ewenny with a multi-user bridge\*\*, including improvements to its approaches and associated works. This public consultation be specifically focussed on the proposed bridge and associated works and distinct from any consultations carried out regarding changes to public rights of way (although it will be necessary to allude to them in the consultation).
5. Following the public consultation, if the Council resolves to proceed with the project the stage 2 scoping design be reviewed and any alterations arising from the public consultation be made to produce a stage 3 scoping design.
6. The Clerk to apply for a Lawful development certificate (planning) from RCTCBC using the stage 3 scoping design.
7. Provided a lawful development certificate is obtained, details to be added to the scoping design to produce a final scoping design for tender.

8. A tender process be undertaken to allow Council to select a vendor to deliver the project.

*\*This may include engineering or aesthetic aspects of the project, access arrangements and/or restrictions or any other matters including aspects of project management to be included which will be used to draw up the stage 2 scoping design to be used for public consultation.*

*\*\* Designed to be bridleway standard and comply with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.*



## Appendix 3

### **Replacement Zoll defibrillator to replace rugby club model**

Since the beginning of 2023, Llanharan RFC have allowed their private defibrillator to be sited in a public access cabinet mounted outside the rugby club.

They have allowed the Community Council to become guardians of the defibrillator so that we can ensure it is available for use at all times to the public and form part of the Community Council's network.

The caveat is that unlike most of our other defibrillators it is housed in a cabinet with a key code (accessible by calling 999).

This is to ensure that the defibrillator will always be available to club players, staff and members of the crowd on match days.

Recently the defibrillator was used and so the pads required replacement.

This defibrillator is a different model to all of the other defibrillators that the Council owns or is guardian for. The rugby club defibrillator is a CU medical systems defib, the other defibrillators are ZOLL defibrillators. It is economical and practical to hold spare pads for the ZOLL defibs given the spares cover a large number of defibrillators.

It is not economical or practical to hold spares for the CU medical defib.

The proposal is to replace the CU medical defib with a ZOLL defib and the CU defib either returned to the rugby club or be held as a spare.

Motion: To consider authorising the proper officers to spend up to £1000 of CIL funds to purchase a ZOLL defibrillator to replace that currently used at the Llanharan Rugby Club defibrillator point.

Proposer: Councillor Chris Parker

