



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee, Rights of Way and Allotments Committee (ORA) held remotely at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th June 2022

The meeting was held on a remote basis in accordance with:
The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Present:

Councillors: Chris Parker (Chair of the ORA Committee), Janine Turner, Helen Donnan, Mark Steer, Neil Feist.

Clerk to the Council: Leigh Smith

Apologies received: Ollie Wicks.

Absent without apologies: None

1 member of the public

ORA2022/016 Welcome, introductions, and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Ollie Wicks.

ORA2022/017 Disclosures of Interests

Councillor Neil Feist declared a personal interest with regards to agenda items 13 and 15.

Councillor Mark Steer declared a personal interest with regards to agenda items 8 and 12.

ORA2022/018 Minutes



RESOLVED

The minutes of the ORA Committee meeting held remotely on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.00pm were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

ORA2022/019 Matters arising

None

ORA2022/020 ORA Action plan

The action plan was noted.

ORA2022/021 Public speaking slot

A member of the public spoke on agenda items 9 and 13.

ORA2022/022 Christmas festive lights

This item was deferred to the next meeting of full council.

ORA2022/023 Alternative arrangements for the commissioning of carvings for Brynna Woods.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk approach 'Wildboar carvings' and other artists to seek alternatives to Chris Woods to provide carvings for Brynna Woods.

ORA2022/024 Japanese knotweed in the community.

RECOMMENDED

- That members of the Community Council maintenance team attend training in the management of Japanese knotweed so that they are licenced to deal with Japanese knotweed on Community Council land. The Clerk to enquire with RCT regarding availability, scope and cost of such training.
- That the Community Council identify where outbreaks are on RCTCBC land and take ownership of engaging RCTCBC to manage the outbreaks themselves. (Note: If the Community Council staff are able to become trained and competent in the management of Japanese knotweed it is possible that the Community Council could attempt to negotiate a service level agreement (SLA) to manage outbreaks on RCT's behalf, if desired by the Council it is recommended that this potential proposal be deferred until some future date).
- Whilst the Community Council cannot charge the public for services at this time, if its staff are to become trained and competent it could offer a 'without prejudice' advisory service to the public where Japanese knotweed appears



on private land. And/or keep a list of contractors who may be able to assist private landowners.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to contact RCTCBC and Bridgend College to enquire on training RE Japanese knotweed for maintenance staff.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to obtain leaflets and/or factsheets to keep at the Council office for members of the public.

ORA2022/025 Area of ground near the bench adjacent to the Haran roofing building.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk contact RCTCBC highways to enquire whether they own the land.

ORA2022/026 One Voice Wales 'Nature hub'

Noted.

ORA2022/027 RCT 'Action for nature website'

RECOMMENDED

That Councillor Mark Steer be proposed as the Community Council's official liaison to the website.

ORA2022/028 Lighting of fires on allotment plots.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk contacts plot-holders to trial the allowance of fires at any time of day during the months of November through to and including February. Fires to be prohibited at any other time. The trial to be undertaken on a voluntary basis with the consent of plot-holders with no changes to the tenancy agreements at this time.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk post notices to remind plot holders at the appropriate time of year to remind them that regardless of what material is burned on fires, they must not cause a nuisance to local residents.

ORA2022/029 Exclusion of the press and public.

RESOLVED



To exclude members of the press and public from discussion of agenda item 15 by virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, 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.

ORA2022/030 Notice of warnings issued and other matters relating to allotment plots.

Noted.

ORA2022/031 Status of PSM32/1 near Gellifedi Road,

This matter was deferred to the next meeting as information requested from RCTCBC rights of way department was not forthcoming.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk write to RCTCBC Rights of Way department to express the Council's disappointment that the information requested has not been provided despite repeated requests.

ORA2022/032 Urgent information

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

The next meeting will be held on 28th July 2022

Councillor Chris Parker
Chair of the ORA Committee