

LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee, Rights of Way and Allotments Committee (ORA) held remotely at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6th February 2024

The meeting was held on a remote basis in accordance with:

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Present:

Councillors: Mark Steer (Chair), Neil Feist, Will Thomas, Tracy Allen.

Co-opted member: Olie Wicks

Clerk to the Council: Leigh Smith Deputy clerk/RFO: Lisa Phillips

Apologies received: Cllr Helen Donnan.

Absent: None

ORA2024/001 Welcome, introductions, and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

RESOLVED

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

ORA2024/002 Disclosures of Interests

Councillor Neil Feist declared a personal interest with regards to agenda item 10 being a member of cycling UK.

ORA2024/003 Public speaking slot

None



ORA2024/004 Minutes

RESOLVED

The minutes of the ORA Committee meeting held remotely on 7th December 2023 at 7.00pm were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

ORA2024/005 ORA Action plan

Noted

ORA2024/006 Update on progress regards replacing a gate and way-marker on RAN4/1 and RAN3/2

Noted

ORA2024/007 Update on efforts to improve the surface of the lane at Danygraig road.

Noted

ORA2024/008 Quotations for 4 addition benches to be fitted from Bryncae to 'the square'

RECOMMENDED

To authorise officers to purchase 3 x NBB benches as per option 1 in blue (Product code PBE09) at a price of £355 each plus a fitting cost if required of £385 per bench. A total of £2,220. Plus a contingency of £180 giving a total of £2,400.

This matter to be referred to the CIL Committee for consideration of CIL funds in the first instance. Otherwise, funds to be taken from general funds and using general reserves where necessary.

Final precise locations of the benches to be specified by the Clerk in consultation with Clrs Will Thomas and Mark Steer.



ORA2024/009 Arrangements to prevent cars mounting the pavement at the junction of Hillside Avenue and the Square.

RECOMMENDED

For the Clerk to engage with RCTCBC highways regarding permission to provide an appropriate and acceptable method of preventing vehicles from mounting the pavement given concerns over affecting sightlines for vehicles exiting Talyfarn Road and the junction from Hillside Avenue,

ORA2024/010 Review arrangements for the fitting of a non-slip asphalt strip or other arrangements on Bridleway PSM40/4, Bethlehem View to Brynna Woods following a price increase from the initial quotation

RECOMMENDED

To instruct the Clerk to obtain fresh quotations for the proposed work to the same specification with a coloured asphalt. The costs to be referred to the CIL Committee for approval of the use of CIL funds.

ORA2024/011 Update on the condition of the footpath adjacent to Llanharan Cemetery. Specifically the southern end of PSM53/2.

Noted

ORA2024/012 Urgent items for information or items suggested to the Clerk for future agenda.

None

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

The next meeting scheduled to be held 2nd April 2024

Councillor Mark Steer Chair of the ORA Committee



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Clerk to the Council: Leigh Smith Deputy clerk/RFO: Lisa Phillips

Apologies received: Cllr Helen Donnan. Olie Wicks.

Absent: None

ORA2023/083 Welcome, introductions, and apologies for absence The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

RESOLVED

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

RESOLVED

To accept Olie Wicks' reason for absence proffered with their apology as a valid reason for absence.

ORA2023/084 Disclosures of Interests

Councillor Neil Feist declared a personal interest with regards to all agenda items being a joint tenant holder of an allotment plot and a member of cycling UK.



Councillor Neil Feist also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda items 7 and 8 (minute reference 2023/089 and 2023/090 respectively) and that he would leave the meeting during consideration of those items of business.

ORA2023/085 Public speaking slot

None

ORA2023/086 Minutes

RESOLVED

The minutes of the ORA Committee meeting held remotely on 3rd October 2023 at 7.00pm were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting pending the following alterations:

To alter the text under attendance from Tracey Miller to Tracey Allen and to correct the spelling of Helen Donna to Helen Donnan.

ORA2023/087 ORA Action plan

Noted

ORA2023/088 Correspondence

Noted

Cllr Neil Feist left the meeting having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the following 2 items of business.

ORA2023/089 Draft 2024 allotment tenancy agreement.

RECOMMENDED

To adopt the draft presented to the committee in Appendix 4 as the tenancy agreement for 2024.



ORA2023/090 Allotment fees

RECOMMENDED

To increase fees for a 5 perch plot from £26 a year to £30 a year to commence in January 2025 and for a letter to this effect to be sent to plot-holders giving the required 12 months-notice.

Cllr Neil Feist returned to the meeting.

ORA2023/091 Adding individuals to long standing tenancy agreements, creating joint tenancies circumstances where this might be considered.

RECOMMENDED

To allow the principle of new joint tenancies under certain circumstances and the Clerk (alone or in conjunction with a working group) to draft a process and application form designed to allow the applicant to demonstrate that the applicant can meet a certain criteria (to be decided) and provide evidence of such. This would include an investigation by the Clerk to attempt to ascertain the validity of the application.

ORA2023/092 Access gate arrangements at Meadow Rise open space.

RECOMMENDED

To instruct the Clerk to obtain quotes to remove both gates and to install suitable staggered barriers at the Western entrance to the Meadow Rise open space following consultation with RCTCBC highways department.

ORA2023/093 Update on potential improvements to RAN3/2 and 4/1 Noted

ORA2023/094 Update on progress of producing leaflet for 'walking route 1' Noted.

ORA2023/095 Update on condition of the fence on the Tan-Y-Bryn bridleway

Noted.



ORA2023/096 Update on proposals to investigate cut and collect mowing techniques

Noted.

ORA2023/097 Update on efforts to improve the surface of the lane at Danygraig road.

Noted

ORA2023/098 Placement of addition benches in the Community following the receipt of formal permission from RCTCBC highways department.

RECOMMENDED

The matter be referred to the CIL Committee for the consideration of the allocation of CIL funds of up to £4,000 for the purchase and fitting of 3 benches at the following locations:

- 1) Adjacent to Greggs/Ground Control;
- 2) Adjacent to the Terry's Way/Enterprise Way roundabout;
- 3) At the junction with Llanharry Road;

RECOMMENDED

and that concurrently;

The officers of the Council be directed to obtain 3 quotations for the 3 benches, (The contract for the fitting of benches already having been resolved) and these costs be presented to the next ORA Committee to select a quotation and to decide the precise location of the benches.

RECOMMENDED

That authority be delegated to the ORA Committee to select a quotation from those provided, authorise the purchase of the benches and the associated fitting costs and to decide the precise location of the benches.



ORA2023/099 Condition of the footpath adjacent to Llanharan Cemetery. Specifically the southern end of PSM53/2.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk report the condition of the relevant sections of PSM53/2 adjacent to Llanharan cemetery to RCTCBC rights of way department.

ORA2023/ Urgent items for information or items suggested to the Clerk for future agenda.

RECOMMENDED

That a suggested item for a future agenda be to consider liaising with RCTCBC highways to address the issue of cars mounting the pavement on the square, where vehicles turning left exiting from Hillside Avenue.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting scheduled to be held 6th February 2024

Councillor Mark Steer Chair of the ORA Committee



Llanharan Community Council - ORA Action plan 2.2.24

Action no	Date added	Category	From	Action	Notes	Status	Owner
2020/232h	19.2.2021	Full Council	ORA	That a draft leaflet/factsheet be produced containing information outlining the rights and responsibilities of landowners, RCT, The Community Council and members of the public.	To be progressed once ROW database progress made.		LS
2021/053	16.6.2021	Full Council	ORA	ORA2021/035 Steps in the alley between Bridgend Road and Parc Bryn Derwyn.(SIC Parc View) RESOLVED – That the Project Officer/Assistant Clerk approaches the Land registry to discover the due process to claim ownership of the lane and steps so that the Community Council can maintain them.	Contacted Land Registry on 16 Feb 22. Ref 220216-321997. Awaiting response. Application form obtained and to be completed. Superceded by a subsequent resolution to attempt to register the land (2022/233)	Completed	LS
2021/013	20.1.22	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED The Clerk to gather background information and carry out a feasibility study (Christmas decorations) with a view to presenting options to council for budgeting in late 2022 in preparation for budget 2023/24 and Christmas 2023 in relation to the following areas:	Removed as considered moot. Comes under ausipices of CEC	Completed	LS
2021/014	20.1.22	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED To form a working group to examine purchase and placement of summer plants with a view to presenting options to council for budgeting in late 2022 in preparation for budget 2023/24 and summer 2023.	Form working group. On agenda of FC meetings until resolved. On hold pending TOR for the newly formed Community Engagement Working Group formed in May 23. Item consdiered moot	Completed	LS
2022/050	18.3.22	Full council	ORA	ORA2022/012 Bridleway PSM40/4, approach to Brynna Woods from Bethlehem view. RESOLVED That pending formal approval from the landowners, as described in the accompanying paper, a non-slip surface material be overlaid over the asphalt in a 1.5m wide strip from the joint on the drain cover to the joint in the road. The colour to be chosen by the landowner and approval given to spend £450 from CIL funds for the project with the project to be added to the CIL123 list and Active Project list.	Proceed. Booked for completion early October. Clerk to reconfirm with landowner consent given. Consent withdrawn by landowner Oct 22. RCTCBC ROW investigating options. Added to CIL lists Note: The landowner has withdrawn consent. On hold. Raised with RCTCBC. Potentially request a letter in pursuance of the above, stating that the CC has received complaints about the suitability of surface for users and will be laying a non-slip material, the CC has been authorised to carry out these works by the Council as the relevant highway authority responsible for the bridleway. Awaiting further resolutions Nov 23 RESOLVED. Clerk obtaining fresh quotations in line with fresh resolution 2023/279 (arising from CIL Committee) and will proceed with the project without further recourse. Budget £1000.		LS
2022/155	22.7.2022	Full council	ORA	RESOLVED 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.			

2022/183	30.9.2022	Full council	ORA	RESOLVED That the Clerk refer to the Environment(Wales) Act 2016 – Section 6, Biodiversity duty when preparing the Council's draft strategic action plan, and that the Council's actions with regards to Japanese knotweed, funding of the Wildlife trust and other actions are included as examples of compliance with the duty	Write the action plan.		LS
2022/233	16.12.2022	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED That subject to the prior receipt of appropriate public liability insurance certificates Eric Avril be awarded the work "Improvements to the southern end of RAN17/5 on Enterprise Way' and the Clerk be approved a spend of £8,500 + 10% contingency = £9,350. For the project to be funded using CIL funds if eligible, the Clerk to confirm with RCTCBC.	Check spec with RCTCBC highways, obtain copy of insurance. Proceed. Clerk chased RCTCBC Jan 23 RE spec. Consent from all parties received. Awaiting availability of contractor and favourable weather conditions. Contractor engaged work expected to commence Sept 23. Work in progress Nov 23	Completed	LS
2022/233	16.12.2022	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED PSM32/1 near Gellifedi Road That the Clerk formally write to RCTCBC Rights of Way Officers to request a site meeting to consider PSM31 and PSM32.	The Clerk emailed JB 16th January 2023. Awaiting response. Agreed. LS to obtain residents contact details. JB has agreed to a meeting and will arrange. Received in March - 'the Council is unlikely to pursue legal action over a substantial long-standing obstruction (i.e. of considerable size, worth and requiring major engineering works to remove or to reinstate public passage), a diversion may be considered an acceptable solution in such extenuating circumstances. While we are open to discussions with the landowners, we currently have a small very small team compared to the size of the PRoW network and are prioritising are work/enforcement accordingly. I am happy to arrange a meeting but this unlikely to happy over the coming weeks due to current work load. 'No progress. currently with RCTCBC.		LS
2023/041	17.02.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/007 Stone hamlet/ward gateways That the Clerk design a draft public consultation to garner ideas for the location and/or design of hamlet/ward gateways in the community and for the draft to be presented to the ORA Committee for approval.	Hold until after CIL consultation. To be added to Sept 23 ORA agenda Added. Working group established to invesitgate.	Completed	
2023/041	17.02.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/011 Improvements to a section of Danygraig Road Councillors Turner and Donnan to meet with RCTCBC highways officers to investigate potential options for the road.	Ref Cllr Turner and Donnan. Cllr Turner to query with RCTCBC and feedback. Superceded by 2023/225	Completed	
2023/041	17.02.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2022/060 Urgent items for information or items for future agenda. Future agenda to include training on basic tree safety training for staff and interested members.	Add to future agenda.		

2023/080	21.4.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/018 Council's policy regarding allowing tree planting by plot-holders on allotment plots. That a policy be adopted immediately that when plot-holders request permission to plant trees then only Cordon trees be permitted which may not grow to a height greater than 2 meters	Put notice on gates. Update tenancy agreements. Tenacy agreements updated for Jan 24.	Completed	
2023/080	21.4.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED That the next version of the tenancy agreement issued be amended to include this policy and to include the provision that when surrendering a plot, the plot holder has the option of taking the trees with them.		Completed	
2023/142	16.6.23	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/038 Placement of additional benches from Bryncae to 'The Square'. That 4 addition benches be purchased and sited in the following locations. 1) Adjacent to Greggs/Ground Control 2) Adjacent to the Terry's Way/Enterprise Way roundabout, 3) At the junction with Llanharry Road, 4) On the square near to the junction with Hillside Avenue. That CIL funds be used, the Clerk to enquire with RCT highways on the specifics of each location and to obtain permission to site benches and present findings and costs to the ORA Committee.	Wrote to Terry Evans 13.7.23 acknowledgement received, awaiting response. Chased Sept 23. Locations approved RCTCBC Nov 23. Matter to be refered to the CIL Committee.		
2023/142	16.6.23	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/039 Signage for allotment site gates That the officers be authorised to spend up to £400 for signage for the allotment gates and sites.	To be decided upon and ordered with evidence showing best value.		
2023/142	16.6.23	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/041 Replacement way-marker for RAN 4/1 and RAN 3/2, and broken stile RAN3/2 For the Council to fund a replacement of the way-marker at RAN4/1 and 3/2, and to replace the broken stile on RAN3/2 with a self-closing gate. To be funded from CIL funds (pending approval from RCT CIL dept). the Clerk to obtain costs to be presented to Council.	Awaiting details of type and dimentions of required gat and consent from landowner.		
2023/142	16.6.23	Full Council	ORA	For the Clerk to be authorised to approach the relevant landowners to obtain permission for the Council to replace the way-marker and to replace the stile with a self-closing gate and to arrange access accordingly.	Clerk wrote to 3 x landowners 25.9.23. Awaiting responses. Response revieved from 1, awaiting response from other. Have telephoned second landowner but awaiting response.		
2023/142	16.6.23	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/042 Cut and collect techniques The Officers carry out a cost benefit exercise on the proposal to use cut and collect techniques on Council land	Awaiting information on the potential for a grant to purchase equipment from Rachel Carter ref 2013/225. Note Emailled RC on 25.9.23 to seek help on what equipment req and what funding might be available.Cllr Steer carrying out further investigations.		
2023/142	16.6.23	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/043 Felling a tree on Bridgend Road allotments That the Clerk obtain a price to fell the tree and obtains consent from the owner of the adjacent property	Awaiting quotation. Quotation to be presented to Oct 23 ORA Committee. Presented. Resolved. Work programmed for Dec 23/Jan 24	Completed	
2023/225	22.9.22	Full Council	ORA	2023/225 ORA Committee meeting held on 25th July 2023 RESOLVED Ref 2023/041 from action plan, (ORA2023/011) Improvements to a section Danygraig Road. The Clerk to add to the next agenda of the ORA committee to follow up and to request an update from Cllr Turner.	Add to next ORA agenda. Clerk to contact Cllr turner RE progress. Cllr Steer to meet Terry Evans on site early February 2024. Cllr Steer to pickup.		

2023/261	24.10.23	Full Council	ORA	2023/261 Eviction notice to a plot-holder on Jubilee Street allotment site RESOLVED To evict the tenant from plot 13 of Jubilee Street allotments under the following clauses of the tenancy agreement. (Text missing) The Clerk to write to the tenant issuing notice and to affect the eviction accordingly.	Write to plotholder. Plotholder informed verbally following meeting. Formal notice given WC 13th November 2023. NOTE REVOKED. Clerk and Chair ORA to draew up action plan. See resolution of FC.	Completed	LS
2023/205	22.12.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/089 Draft 2024 allotment tenancy agreement. To adopt the draft presented as the tenancy agreement for 2024.	To send to all tenants. Due to be sent late Jan 24.		LS
2023/205	22.12.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/090 Allotment fees To increase fees for a 5 perch plot from £26 a year to £30 a year to commence in January 2025 and for a letter to this effect to be sent to plot⊡holders giving the required 12 months-notice	To include in allotment letters sent with new tenancies. Under construction. Due to be sent late Jan 24	Completed	LS
2023/205	22.12.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/091 Adding individuals to long standing tenancy agreements, creating joint tenancies circumstances where this might be considered. To allow the principle of new joint tenancies under certain circumstances and the Clerk (alone or in conjunction with a working group) to draft a process and application form designed to allow the applicant to demonstrate that the applicant can meet a certain criteria (to be decided) and provide evidence of such. This would include an investigation by the Clerk to attempt to ascertain the validity of the application.	Clerk to draw up draft process map		LS
2023/205	22.12.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/092 Access gate arrangements at Meadow Rise open space. To instruct the Clerk to obtain quotes to remove both gates and to install suitable staggered barriers at the Western entrance to the Meadow Rise open space following consultation with RCTCBC highways department			
2023/205	22.12.2023	Full Council	ORA	RESOLVED ORA2023/098 Placement of addition benches in the Community following the receipt of formal permission from RCTCBC highways department. The matter be referred to the CIL Committee for the consideration of the allocation of CIL funds of up to £4,000 for the purchase and fitting of 3 benches at the following locations: 1) Adjacent to Greggs/Ground Control; 2) Adjacent to the Terry's Way/Enterprise Way roundabout; 3) At the junction with Llanharry Road; and that concurrently; The officers of the Council be directed to obtain 3 quotations for the 3 benches, (The contract for the fitting of benches already having been resolved) and these costs be presented to the next ORA Committee to select a quotation and to decide the precise location of the benches. That authority be delegated to the ORA Committee to select a quotation from those provided, authorise the purchase of the benches and the associated fitting costs and to decide the precise location of the benches	Present quotes to ORA.		LS

2023/205	22.12.2023	Full Council	ORA	That the Clerk report the condition of the relevant sections of PSM53/2	Engage with Jason Bragg. Emailed Dec 23. Response received. Meeting arranged worh ROW and highways engineers Jan 24. Cllr Steeer attended will report to ORA.	LS	
				drainage or other options to provide a long term solution for the path.			

To consider quotations for 4 addition benches to be fitted from Bryncae to 'the square'

See quotations below:

Officer's recommendation:

Option 1 – NBB

Reason: Cheapest option when benchmarked against similar sizes and specification. Recommend purchase in blue as circled in the accompanying price list. Size to be considered although members should consider that a smaller sized bench (as circled) may be appropriate in the locations selected.

Note: Fitment of the benches will be required. If a concrete pad is required, then this will be done by CE Carpentry following a previous selection exercise at a cost of £385 per bench.

If no pad is required, then Council staff can fit the benches.

Proposed motion (based on recommendation above)

To authorise officers to purchase 4 x NBB benches as per option 1 in blue (Product code PBE09) at a price of £355 each plus a fitting cost if required of £385 per bench. A total of £2960. Plus a contingency of £140 giving a total of £3,100.

This matter being referred to the CIL Committee for consideration of CIL funds. Otherwise, funds to be taken from general funds and using general reserves where necessary.

Option 1 – NBB Standard bench (This is the style of bench that the Council uses as standard being constructed from 100% recycled plastic, relatively maintenance free and aesthetically pleasing).



The option circled is the cheapest and smallest bench in the range in blue. This option has 2 legs rather than 3.

Product Code	Description	Dimensions	Leg Colour	Colour	1+	Quantity
PBE16	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W1200 x D640mm	Black	Black 🗸	£345.00	0
PBE15	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W1200 x D640mm	Brown	Black 🗸	£345.00	0
PBE09	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W1200 x D640mm	Black	Blue 💙	£355.00	0
PBE10	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W1200 x D640mm	Brown	Blue	£355.00	0
					Add t	o Basket
Product Code	Description	Dimensions	Leg Colour	Colour	1+	Quantit
PBE18	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W1500 x D640mm	Black	Black 🕶	£510.00	0
PBE17	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W1500 x D640mm	Brown	Black 🕶	£510.00	0
PBE11	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W1500 x D640mm	Black	Blue 💙	£530.00	0
PBE12	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W1500 x D640mm	Brown	Blue 🗸	£530.00	0
					Add t	o Basket
Product Code	Description	Dimensions	Leg Colour	Colour	1+	Quantit
PBE20	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W2000 x D640mm	Black	Black 🕶	£580.00	0
PBE19	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W2000 x D640mm	Brown	Black 🕶	£580.00	0
PBE13	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W2000 x D640mm	Black	Blue 💙	£590.00	0
	Park Bench with Back	H830 x W2000 x D640mm	Brown	Blue 🗸	£590.00	0

Option 2 - KBS bench. 100% Recycled plastic (this option only available in black).



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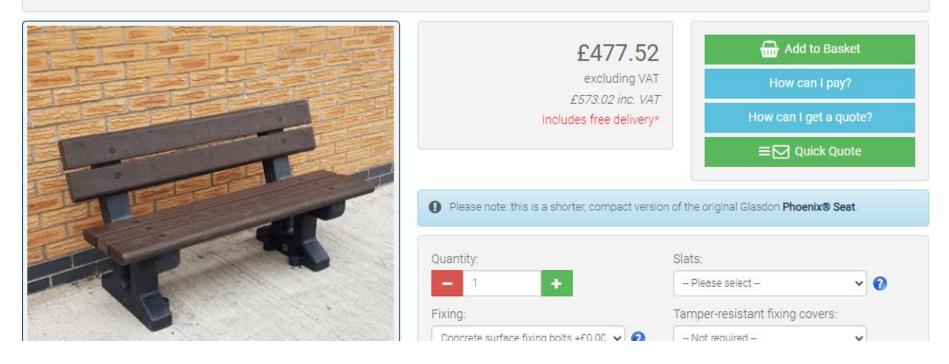
Option 3 – Glasdon bench 100% recycled plastic.

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Arrangements to prevent cars mounting the pavement at the junction of Hillside Avenue and the Square.



<u>Aim</u>

To place an item to prevent cars mounting the pavement at the junction of Hillside Avenue at the square

Previously it had been suggested that a planter be placed on the pavement.

RCTCBC highways have consented provided that a 1.5m gap can be maintained on the pavement. (Note: The hedge encroaches slightly and should be taken into account)

However, it has been raised that the placing of an object here should take into account the possibility of blocking sitelines of and for vehicles exiting Talyfarn Road.

The average eye level of a car driver is approximately 1.45cm

The pavement in the affected area varies between is approximately 2.5m and 2.9m although this needs to be confirmed using more accurate site-based measuring.

Consideration should be given to different types of items or objects that can be placed on the pavement to prevent vehicles from mounting the kerb whilst maintaining the minimum 1.5m walking space and not obstructing the view of traffic.

To review arrangements for the fitting of a non-slip asphalt strip or other arrangements on Bridleway PSM40/4, Bethlehem View to Brynna Woods following a price increase from the initial quotation.

Council has previously resolved the following:

2023/279 RESOLVED

To allocate funds and reintroduce project LCC22/04 'Improvements to equestrian access on Bridleway PSM40/4 Bethlem view to Brynna Woods' to the Active Project list and to proceed with the project and authorise officers to spend up to £1,000 of CIL funds.

- The Clerk had previously received a quotation of £550 for the work to be carried out in green anti-slip asphalt. However, upon contacting the contractor, thewy informed the Clerk that the quotation was no longer valid and they could no longer obtain green asphalt.
- A revised quotation of £1,400 using red asphalt or £800 for black asphalt was received.

Note: RCT had obtained quotations in April 2023 and advised that the quotation received was:

Price for the 27m2 x Roadtechs Techscreed jointsealing / anti -skid (black) £1380.00

Options:

- 1. To obtain fresh quotations for the proposed work.
- 2. To carry out more extensive works to the area.
- 3. Some other option not listed here.

Note: If CIL funds are to be used then the matter must be referred to the CIL Committee to consider allocating CIL funding.

Officer's recommendation

If option 1 is selected, for the matter to be referred back to the CIL Committee to increase the spend to £1,500

If option 2 is selected, then a specification for the work to be drawn up and a budget quotation obtained. Then for the matter to be referred to the CIL Committee to obtain approval for appropriate CIL funds.

<u>Update on the condition of the footpath adjacent to Llanharan Cemetery. Specifically the southern end of PSM53/2.</u>

Council has previously resolved the following:

2023/205 RESOLVED

Condition of the footpath adjacent to Llanharan Cemetery. Specifically the southern end of PSM53/2. That the Clerk report the condition of the relevant sections of PSM53/2 adjacent to Llanharan cemetery to RCTCBC rights of way department and for the Clerk to write to RCTCBC rights of way to explore options for installing drainage or other options to provide a long term solution for the path.

Cllr Mark Steer met with officers from RCTCBC and has provided the following report:

LCC site meeting PSM53/2 plus

Present: Jason Bragg (JB), RCT RoW Department Berian Morgan (BM), RCT Highways Drainage Maintenance Engineer Mark Steer (MS), LCC

PSM/53/2 alongside Llanharan Cemetery wall:

Drain is completely blocked at 2 points – BN will look at scheduling clearance but problems narrow access

Surface – JB will look at possibility of resurfacing in parts. Problem with large Ash tree with roots damaging path surface and may cause future problems with Cemetery boundary wall. This may need to be completely removed.

Danygraig Road section north of entrance to Argoed Edwin Farm – BM will take a look from a drainage point of view. JB advised that some Green Lanes are being looked at but this is not on current list. JB will speak to Simon Pritchard and others involved and ask if MS can contact directly.

Home Farm, Simon Bull(SB) PSM3 gate plus – JB suggested site meeting with SB to discuss way forward. Date to be arranged.

Mark Steer, 18/01/2024

Llanharan Community Council - Danygraig Road

Site meeting 1st February 2024

Present – Terry Evans (TE) RCT Highways Department, Cllr. Helen Donnan (HD) and Cllr. Mark Steer (MS)

Discussion regarding possible improvements to surface of the section where tarmac ends at entrance to Argoed Edwin Farm (SS9999 8389 bridleway running east PSM55/2). The section running north west for about 400m to field gate at SS9982 8420 is very stony and not easy to walk.

The entire length of Danygraig Road is marked on RCT My Maps as an adopted road Category 5. TE advised that the listing is from historical maps showing 'roads'. OS map of 1884 shows a 'road'. This would have been one of the 'Parish Roads' and would have connected Llanharan with Thomastown and Gilfach Coch. This route connects to Mynydd Coedbychan Lane, the Glamorgan Ridgeway Path and St.Peter's Church plus other public rights of ways. This route could be considered for future leaflets of walks etc. from Llanharan/Brynna.

TE advised that some improvements were carried out about 10 years ago by the Wind farm contractors but has since been eroded by run off of water from higher up. In places there are fairly large stones possibly from an old stone wall along the sides.

TE advised that to put in a road drain would be very high cost and there would be problems with access for machinery. He also advised that with current budget restrictions no funds are available from Highways Department for Category 5 roads. However he will email some of his colleagues to see if there would be some funding from other 'pots'.

HD and MS suggested that a limited amount of work to level out surface and to cut back some of the vegetation would greatly improve access.

MS advised that some possible joint funding could be available (CIL and/or wind farm funds?).

TE to advise his findings for possible RCT funding. I will follow up with TE in 2weeks.

Mark Steer 01/02/2024