

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Llanharan Community Council held on 18 April 2019 at the Llanharan Miner's Welfare Hall**

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

Also: Mr Peter Davies, Clerk to the Council

Apologies: Councillors William Hopkin, Geraint Hopkins, Morelli and Uppal and PCSO Edwards

### **2019/102 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the names of Councillors W Thomas and Stephens being added to the attendance list and the list of apologies, respectively

### **2019/103 COMMUNITY POLICING**

In the absence of PCSO Edwards, Councillors Evans and Liney gave an update on matters which had been discussed at the recent PACT meetings. Also, arising from the number of 'fire incidents' several fire safety sessions were being organised at the Llanharan Drop-in Centre, involving the Fire Service, the Police and the Wildlife Trust

### **2019/104 COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS**

**RESOLVED** – That the following recommendations of the Allotments, Footpaths and Open Spaces Committee of 2 April be approved and adopted;

### **2019/105 APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT CLERK**

Councillor Liney reported that the HR Shortlisting/Interviewing Panel had met - six candidates had been shortlisted and interviewed and Ms Catherine Kennedy had been appointed as Assistant Clerk

The Chairman thanked Councillor Liney for the preparations she had made for the appointment process and recommended that the procedures used be adopted for future staff vacancies

**RESOLVED** – That

(1) the Chairman's suggestions be adopted;

(2) the Council determines that the holder of the post of Assistant Clerk be placed in the local government pension scheme operated by RCT

## **2019/106 COMMUNITY ISSUES**

### **(a) Road Safety Quiz**

**NOTED** – That Ysgol Dolau had again been successful in this event and would represent RCT in the finals to be held in June

### **(b) Llanilid Way**

**NOTED** – That this was being resurfaced – major drainage works were also being undertaken in the area

**(c) Llanharan Bypass** – Councillor W Thomas referred to the successful public consultation events which had been attended by more than 500 residents and suggested that the Council might make representations concerning (a) the design of the roundabout and the proposed removal of a number of mature trees and (b) the need for a safe route for pedestrians crossing the re-aligned highway

**RESOLVED** – That in the detailed design proposals, RCT be asked to review the arrangements for pedestrians to cross the highway

**(d) Llanharan Railway Bridge Parapet** – Councillor W Thomas expressed disappointment at the lack of a substantial repair to the parapet. The Chairman reminded members that at a recent meeting with RCT officials the damaged parapet had again been reported for repair

**RESOLVED** – That RCT be asked to undertake the repairs as a matter of urgency

**(e) Bus Stop Names** – Councillor W Thomas drew attention to the unusual method of naming bus stops, based on the nearest street location

**(f) Bridleway 24** – Councillor M Thomas drew attention to the temporary closure of this bridleway and asked how long this closure was likely to continue. Councillor Turner advised that he would discuss the matter with RCT officials

**(g) Llanilid X** – Councillor M Thomas asked why there was still a locked gate at the end of the highway. Councillor Turner advised that he would discuss into the matter with RCT officials

**(h) Innovation House Residential Development** – Councillor Liney reported that she had received numerous complaints from local residents concerning the proposed increase in ground levels at the site. Members expressed concern that the Community Council had not received any notice of variation of the original planning

application. Councillor Turner advised that he would discuss the concerns with RCT officials

**(l) Memorial Bench** – Members noted with pleasure that the bench had now been placed adjacent to the Llanharan War Memorial. The existing bench would be re-located to another location within the community – the CI Group was asked to review this, together with locations for new picnic tables and benches

**(m) Brynna War Memorial** – Councillor Turner reported that the owner of the nearest property had no objection to the relocation of the memorial to the suggested site. However, the site was quite restricted and there was also a need to canvass the views of residents in William Street and to ascertain whether the BT call box was still in use

**(n) Food Bank** – Members reported on their attendance at the recent Food Bank distribution centre and noted that the next session would be held on 23 May

## **2019/107 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(a) Dolau Primary School**

**NOTED** – That RCT had published a decision notice in respect of the school requirements for the Llanilid housing development, which would become effective from September 2021

### **(b) Audit of 2018/19 Accounts**

**NOTED** – That BDO would be examining last year's accounts and had asked for

- details of the Committees established by the Council, together with their terms of reference;
- the Council's standing orders and financial regulations;
- details of all contracts awarded during 2018-19, with evidence that the Council has complied with its standing orders

## **2019/108 OFFICE ACCOMMODATION**

The Chairman reported that the refurbishment works had been completed to an excellent standard, but the furniture delivery had been very problematic, with items still outstanding. Also, there was also a problem of water penetration under the wall in one part of the building – the landlord had been advised of the position and he had been asked to visit the office.

Members also considered arrangements for the regular cleaning of the office space

**RESOLVED** – That

(1) the present position regarding water penetration be noted;

(2) payment to the contractor in the sum of £10,400 be approved (made up of original quote £8350 and additional works relating to re-wiring, carpentry, painting and materials £2050);

(3) the Clerk be authorised to agree a contract for 1 hour each week for cleaning the office

#### **2019/109 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Member considered the statement prepared by the Clerk

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

#### **2019/110 PLANNING MATTERS**

**RESOLVED** – That

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

10 Llanbryn Gardens – erection of Storm Porch

Grove Cottage, Mill Lane – tree work within the curtilage of the property

27 Manor Park – dormer extension

19 Hillside Avenue – replacement and extension of existing raised decking

(2) in respect of the proposal at Unit 4B Travis Perkins, Coed Cae Lane to regularise the external storage heights of the containers to 5.5m, RCT be asked to consider a condition in any planning consent that screening be provided to mitigate the visual impact of the proposed development

**The meeting concluded at 20.25pm**