



ORA Minutes 7th July 2020

LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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OPEN SPACES, RIGHTS OF WAY AND ALLOTMENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Open Spaces, Rights of Way and Allotments Committee (ORA) held by video link at 7pm on Tuesday 7th July, 2020 in accordance with the:

Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020 - enabling meetings of local authorities held before 1st May 2021 to be held by means of remote attendance.

Present:

Councillors: C Parker, J Williams, P Pannu, J Turner and H Donnan.

Co-optees; M Steer, Olie Wicks

One Member of the Public

Acting Clerk Catherine Kennedy

1. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

Cllrs C Parker and H Donnan were both nominated for Chair. Cllr Donnan expressed thanks for the nomination but declined the position in favour of Cllr Parker. Cllr Parker accepted the position of Chair and Cllr Donnan was subsequently elected as Deputy Chair and thereof accepted the position.

2. Welcome and apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3. Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests

There were no disclosures of personal and/or prejudicial interests from members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd March, 7.15pm at Llanharan OAP Hall were approved as an accurate record of events, subject to the following amendment:



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- i. ***A request was made to locate information referring to the historical proposal of a bridleway at Argoed Avenue.***

Recommended:

To locate the information relating to the proposal.

Following the call for amendment, it was reported that unfortunately it had not been possible to locate the requested information.

Recommended:

- ii. That an application be made by the community council to register the land as a public right of way.

5. Open Spaces

- a. **Attenuation Ponds (Authors Place)** – Mark Steer reported he had corresponded with RCT Ecologists regarding the mowing of this area of wild-flowers and that a positive response had been received confirming the meadow would be added to the wild-flower conservation list. Olie Wicks observed that following a discussion with residents living close to the ponds, he was aware that residents sometimes mow sections of the area themselves.

It was agreed to bring the following item forward as it relates to the item above:

6. Rights of Way

- c. ***'Proposed Access from Terrys Way to Jubilee Street'***.

Cllr Parker suggested the proposed access could alternatively be connected from the bottom of Authors Place.

Mark Steer reported that he was waiting for confirmation from the land registry regarding the optimum location for an active travel route to the station.

A discussion followed around the importance of the route being fully inclusive and the need to work closely with all landowners along the proposed route. Cllr Parker went on to say that a feasibility study would answer these questions and more.

Recommended:

- i. Contact RCT Countryside & Rights of Way and Highways regarding a feasibility study.



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- ii. Add to 123 List and enquire whether the proposed project could be funded by CIL monies.

5b. Planters

Update received on status of new planters to arrive in the next few weeks.

5c, d, e & f Cllr J Turner presented a slide show comprising of ideas for: Gateway to Llanharan signs, bus shelters with planted roofs, bug hotels and bat boxes.

Recommended:

Two bus shelters be trialled with planted roofs – locations to be confirmed.

5g. Olie Wicks gave an update on the status of the Keep Wales Tidy Project based at the Meadow Rise Play Area. A raised bed is now in place and will be followed by the placing of bird boxes, planting of wild flower seeds and bulbs in the Autumn.

Recommended:

Purchase additional bird boxes to place in the trees around the area.

5h. A discussion took place regarding site plans for the Memorial Garden.

Recommended:

New plans be drawn up and a specification prepared before obtaining three quotes.

6. Rights of Way

a. Maintenance of Footpaths and Bridleways

A discussion took place regarding the maintenance of gates, foot-paths, bridleways and where the responsibility lays for the maintenance of gates and stiles. The gate at Ridgeway was mentioned as being in need of urgent repair and it was suggested that the top of Dan Y Graig Road could be included on the CIL 123 List. The gate at the Bethlehem View bridleway was reported as not functioning properly and a section of the path has been washed away - contact has been made with the Countryside Officer regarding this issue.

Recommended:

- i. Pursue with the Countryside and Rights of Way Officer the previously discussed plan (prior to Covid-19) of the council maintenance team working in collaboration with RCT Rangers on the maintenance of accessways and gateways.



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- ii. Add upper Dan Y Graig Road to the 123 list.

b. Access Issues

- i. Mark Steer reported that Councillor R Turner is working closely with a local company to discuss options regarding an unregistered footpath between Bryncae and Pencoed.
- ii. **Tan-Y-Bryn – Church Street Bridleway (PSM31/1)**
Recommended:
To approve a £7,000 quote.

7. Allotments

c. Jubilee Street

- i. **Japanese Knotweed** - Cllr J Williams reported that Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam had been found on the allotment site.
- ii. **Flooding** – Cllr J Williams reported that the landowner of the field adjacent had been contacted and a request made to widen the stream behind the allotment and for the clearance of possible debris which may be causing the flood problem.
- iii. **Access to river side plots** – Cllr Parker reported that the gate restricting access to two of the Jubilee Street allotment plots had now been relocated allowing plot holders easier access to their plots.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm