



Council Minutes 16th July 2020

## **LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**2 Chapel Road  
Llanharan  
CF72 9QA**

Minutes for the ordinary meeting of the Llanharan Community Council held by video link on Thursday 16th July 2020 at 7pm.

*The meeting was held in accordance with:*

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

**Present:** Councillors Chris Parker (Chair), Rob Lewis-Watkin (Vice Chair), Roger Turner, Geraint Hopkins, Jeff Williams, Barry Stephens, Janine Turner, Rhys Jenkins, Parmindra Pannu, Helen Donnan.

**In attendance:** Catherine Kennedy (Acting Clerk), plus 2 members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillors Will Thomas and Daniel Morelli.

**Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests:**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **2020/28 Minutes**

a. The minutes for the annual general meeting and the ordinary meeting of the council held by video link, at 7pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 were approved as an accurate record of events, subject to the following amendments: 2020/16 typing error, Hopkin to Watkin.

b. The recommendations from the minutes of the Open Spaces, Rights of Way and Allotments Committee (ORA) held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and the Audit Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020) were accepted by full council pending the following amendments:

### **7. Allotments**

#### **c. Jubilee Street**

- i. **Japanese Knotweed** - Contact RCT rights of way and maintenance team regarding the issue of Japanese knotweed.



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### **Audit committee (item 8 - Christmas lights)**

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That, in the interest of uniformity it was unanimously agreed to suspend standing orders 52 & 53 (regarding the requirement to go out to tender) and thereof adopt a 2-year hire agreement from the 2019 hirers (Festive Lighting Ltd) for 35 additional motifs, to run in unison with the current 3-year hire agreement for 15 motifs.
2. That, in the interest of continuity to contract with the 2019 installer (LML Electrics) for the 2020 Christmas lights.

### **2020/29 Community Issues**

Reports were received from the following county borough members:

#### **Councillor G Hopkins**

(a) Cllr Hopkins reported that initial contact with RCT County Borough Council will lead to a conversation regarding the future of County Borough owned land in the community.

#### **RESOLVED**

The ORA committee will take the lead on negotiations with RCT.

#### **Councillor R Turner**

(b) Cllr Turner reported that the number 65 bus service between Bryncae and Bridgend has been temporarily suspended due to the Covid-19 virus.

Thanks to RCT's collaboration with Bridgend Council, Councillor Turner was able to report that a community bus service has been introduced between Llanharan Railway station and Bridgend through Bryncae.

Journeys need to be pre-booked, details of which have been circulated throughout the village i.e., bus shelters, local Shops, notice boards and social media.

It was noted that concessionary bus passes are acceptable on the Community bus service.



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**RESOLVED**

Inform residents of the new service from Bryncae to Bridgend through the medium of timetables posted in various locations, for example, bus shelters, local shops, notice boards and social media.

(c) Councillor Roger Turner reported that the planning application for housing development at Brynnau Gwynion, north of Brynna Road was approved by RCT's planning committee at the meeting held on the 9th July 2020, which was contrary to the views of this community council.

However, as RCT Council had received a 'call in' request from the Welsh Government Inspectorate prior to the planning meeting, a final decision will not be made until the application has been considered by the inspectorate.

(d) There were no updates from other members.

**2020/30 Community police report**

The police report for June 2020 was considered and members attention was brought to a makeshift bike track in Brynna woods which has now been removed.

**2020/31 Correspondence**

The acting clerk reported correspondence from the British Heart Foundation offering discounts to community councils for the provision of defibrillators.

**RESOLVED**

It was noted that the community already has 11 defibrillators in the community and would consider including provision for an additional one or two more defibrillators in the 2021/22 budget.

**2020/32 Financial matters**

**Payments report**

The report of expenditure was reviewed and accepted.

**2020/33 Grounds-staff report**

The report of maintenance work was reviewed and accepted. A query was raised regarding drawing a clear line between the work of RCT and the community council in maintaining the footpaths.

A brief discussion followed confirming that the community council acts as an agency for RCT council, carrying out agreed tasks on their behalf.



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### **2020/34 Annual firework display and senior citizen Christmas dinners**

A discussion took place regarding the annual firework display and senior citizen Christmas dinners. It was unanimously agreed that due to social distancing and the unknown course of the virus, the 2020 events would be cancelled and monies would be diverted to other budgets for the benefit of the community.

### **2020/35 Planning applications**

Planning applications since the last meeting were reviewed by members.

Planning Application Reference 20/0058/10 - Cllr Roger Turner reported that the applicants had submitted a request for the right of way which runs through their plot, to be diverted which should give easier access to walkers.

### **2020/36 Urgent matters**

It was requested that consideration be made to urgent maintenance of the Ridgeway gate byway/bridleway, along with other gates in the community that need urgent attention.

### **RESOLVED**

Cllr Roger Turner to discuss with RCT rights of way officers and if required community council monies to be spent on repairs and where possible, maintenance and repairs will be carried out by the community council.

**The meeting concluded at 8.50pm**

**Councillor Chris Parker  
Chair of the Council**