



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the

ALLOTMENTS, RIGHTS OF WAY AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE

held on:

Tuesday 4th February 2020, 7.15pm

Llanharan OAP Hall

PRESENT:

Councillors Chris Parker (Chair), Roger Turner, Jeff Williams and Will Thomas.

ALSO:

Catherine Kennedy (Acting Clerk), Mark Steer, Helen Donnan, Poppy Evans, Ollie Wicks (Co-optees) plus 2 members of the public.

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| 1 | CHAIR APPOINTMENT Cllr Chris Parker requested that he take on the role of Chair for this meeting. Agreement was unanimous. |
| 2 | WELCOME & APOLOGIES Cllr Parker welcomed all attendees and asked for attendees to introduce themselves. There were no apologies from absent Members. |
| 3 | DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS There were no disclosures of personal interests from Members in accordance with the Code of Conduct. |
| 4 | MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd September 2019 were approved and accepted as an accurate record of events. |

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| | <p>Matters arising from the Minutes:</p> <p>a. The Llanillid Rights of Way Order 1969 Mark Steer noted that under the Llanillid Rights of Way Order 1969, a number of rights of way had been suspended on the old open cast site. He went on to say that Schedule 2 of the Act states that the rights of way would be restored at a future date.</p> |
| 5 | <p>ALLOTMENTS</p> <p>a. Bridgend Rd Cllr Jeff Williams reported that he had received pressure from members of the public regarding the unfinished frontage of the Bridgend Rd allotments.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED That the Council gives priority to this work within the new financial year.</p> <p>b. Jubilee St Cllr Turner reported that Jubilee Street allotment plot Holders adjacent to a section of privately owned land do not have right of way through the land to access their allotment plots.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>(i) The Acting Clerk to ask plot holders to take care not to use the private section of land as an access route to their allotment plots.</p> <p>c. Pendre A discussion took place regarding the renewal of a lease agreement with RCT for the small section of land at the back of the Pendre allotment site and the costs involved. Cllr Will Thomas suggested writing to RCT to ask for a reduction of costs to be reconsidered.</p> <p>It was noted that recent promotion of the Council allotments in the District Diary and Social Media had received a positive response.</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>(i) The Acting Clerk to engage with Solicitors regarding registration of the land.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Cllr. Chris Parker will ask County Borough Members to take up the issue of the cost of the lease directly with RCT. (iii) The Acting Clerk has compiled a waiting list and on receipt of all current plot holders payments for 2020/21 she will re-allocate any vacant plots. (iv) Cllr Jeff Williams will collaborate with the Acting Clerk to invite representatives from each allotment site to future meetings. |
| 6 | <p>OPEN SPACES</p> <p>a. Memorial Garden</p> <p>It was noted that the maintenance team have worked hard weeding and clearing the site which is now a lot tidier, however, there is a much needed requirement to improve the surfacing which is currently uneven and broken up in places. Cllr Will Thomas stated that communication with Pencoed College regarding the possibility of a design project had faltered, however, he will try to revive discussions.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) Cllr Roger Turner recommended that the site be allocated the same time and importance as the frontage of the Bridgend Road allotments and that CIL monies be allocated to improve the area. <p>b. Meadow Rise (adjacent to houses)</p> <p>The Acting Clerk reported that she had not received a response from residents regarding the development of the small plot of land adjacent to the houses.</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The site will be added to the maintenance team monthly schedule following the employment of a new staff member. (ii) The Acting Clerk will write to residents asking for suggestions on improving the look of the site, for example, daffodils, flower beds. <p>c. Tan-y-Bryn Bridleway 33</p> |

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| | <p>Cllr Chris Parker reported that the area is severely overgrown.</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cllr Turner to obtain quotes for clearance of the Site. (ii) The Acting Clerk add the bridleway to the Council Community Infrastructure Levy 123 List. (iii) Cllr Turner will check legal ownership of the land. |
| 7 | <p>RIGHTS OF WAY (ROW)</p> <p>a. RCT, Network Rail and Persimmon Homes The meeting is scheduled for 11th February, 1pm, Llanharan OAP Hall. Helen Donnan reported that a Senior Executive from the British Horse Society (BHS) will attend.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cllr Roger Turner to invite the Wildlife Trust. <p>b. Llanharan 5 walking route Cllr Turner reported that rangers have recently surveyed the area and Llanharan Community Council will meet the costs of any replacement gates and stiles. The Committee went on to discuss the possibility of placing a stile instead of a gate to protect sheep from neighbouring farms.</p> <p>ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (I) Cllr Parker will discuss with RCT Rights of Way and neighbouring landowners. (II) Right of Way Rangers will train Llanharan Community Council maintenance staff to fix and repair gates and stiles. |
| | <p>Meeting Close 8pm Next Meeting - Tuesday 3rd March 2020 venue tbc</p> |

Catherine Kennedy
Acting Clerk
11/02/2020