



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes for the meeting of Llanharan Community Council held by video link on held on Thursday, 17 September 2020 at 7.00pm.

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), Roger Turner, Barry Stephens, Janine Turner, Rhys Jenkins, Parmindra Pannu, Helen Donnan, Will Thomas and Catherine Kennedy (Acting Clerk), plus 1 member of the public.

The Chair asked all attendees to observe one-minute silence to honour former Councillor Jacqui Thomas who sadly recently passed away.

Apologies: Councillors Robert Lewis-Watkin, Daniel Morelli and Geraint Hopkins.

Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

2020/37 Minutes

RESOLVED

(a) The minutes for the meeting of the Council held by video link, at 7pm on Thursday 16 July 2020 were approved as an accurate record.

(b) The minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held remotely on Thursday, 6th August 2020, recommending the HR Committee take responsibility of shortlisting and interviewing for the position of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer were approved as a true and accurate record.

(c) The recommendations from the minutes of the Community Engagement Group held on the 21st July 2020 were approved. Following a brief discussion regarding the issue of Japanese Knotweed in the Community, it was agreed that Councillor Roger Turner would contact the RCT Countryside Manager requesting he contact the Clerk with advice regarding the rules and regulations of dealing with Japanese Knotweed.



2020/38 To consider excluding the press and public from the next item on the agenda.

RESOLVED

The Chair was content that there was no requirement to exclude the press and public from the next item of business relating to a personnel matter.

2020/39 Human Resource Committee

RESOLVED

The recommendations of the Human Resources Committee meetings held remotely on Wednesday 29th July and 16th September 2020 were approved, respectively.

2020/40 Matters arising from the minutes

A member of the public reported that bus services 64 & 65 have been re-instated and published on the Council website and Facebook.

2020/41 Public Questions

There were no questions from members of the public.

2020/42 Members Reports

Councillor Roger Turner reported that portable changing rooms had been installed at Brynna recreation fields and were in use for female players. He went on to report that the Mountain Hare Neighbourhood Watch CCTV had captured an incident and resulted in a person being charged for dangerous driving. Finally, he reported that discussions were taking place with the owners of Dragon Studios, Bryncae, regarding the issue of a footpath adjacent to the Studios being blocked. Councillor Chris Parker requested that the Open Spaces Committee be updated regularly on developments related to this matter.

Councillor Barry Stephens stated that he was pleased with the work carried out on the new pavement at Woodview and the additional landscaping work carried out by the Council maintenance team.

Councillor Will Thomas reported that residents of Jubilee Street were experiencing issues of dog mess in the area and a problem with Japanese Knotweed at Llanharan Cemetery. It was noted that Councillor Geraint Hopkins has reported disturbance complaints at Jubilee Street to RCT Environmental department. Councillor Roger Turner volunteered to report the matter of the Japanese Knotweed to the Church Council.



Councillor Helen Donnan requested that the Community Council assist with a DMMO she filed some years ago for a bridleway over the railway track.

Councillor Roger Turner reported that work on a bridleway between St Peters Church and Tan Y Bryn agreed by council will commence in the next week.

A general discussion continued regarding the issue of unauthorised bike tracks in Brynna Woods during lockdown which have now been dismantled. The area is a nature reserve and residents have no wish for a bike track to be installed.

Regarding the matter of improvements to Dan Y Graig Rd, he suggested that council consult with Highways to see if match funding could be agreed upon with RCT. Councillors Roger Turner and Helen Donnan will consult with RCT.

2020/43 Police Report

No police report was received from the local PCSO.

2020/44 Correspondence

(a) A letter requesting the Council consider funding the Brynna Doggy Bag project was discussed in unison with a request from Councillor Janine Turner to fund a similar project in Llanharan.

RESOLVED

It was agreed to invite the Brynna Doggy Bag Project to apply for a grant, which would be considered as a stand-alone donation.

(b) It was reported that an email from the RCT Countryside Manager had been received regarding the Bryncae to Brynna footpath. He stated in the email that he would request a virtual meeting with Persimmon and Network Rail and an update on discussions to date.

2020/45 Payment Report

The payment reports for July and August 2020 were noted.

2020/46 Covid-19 Grant Application

A resolution was made to provide a one off Covid-19 support grant to Bryncae Community Centre for £1,104.



2020/47 PSM 42 (Entrance to Brynna Woods)

Councillor Chris Parker reported that the issue of the dangerous steps on PSM42 adjacent to Brynna Primary School, leading to Brynna Woods is the responsibility of the Wildlife Trust and repairs will be carried out accordingly. He asked if council would consider tarmacking the footpath from the community garden to the entrance to the woods as this is currently a trip hazard. Quotes will be obtained and brought back to council.

2020/48 Maintenance Report

The maintenance report for tasks undertaken in July and August was noted.

2020/49 Planning Applications

Planning applications received were noted by members.

2020/50 Consider asking members of the public to leave in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

RESOLVED

The one attending member of the public was asked to leave the meeting for the next item of business due to requirements in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

2020/51 Meadow Rise Encroachments

Correspondence received from householders encroaching onto the Council owned Meadow Rise Open Space was reported.

RESOLVED

The Acting Clerk to inform the Land Registry of the encroachments, send follow up letters (by recorded delivery) to all householders and contact the Council's solicitor to discuss next steps.

2020/52 Urgent Matters

The Chair of the Council asked members to consider a quote for the erection of a counter in the Council office. It was discussed that Covid-19 and guidelines regarding social distancing deemed it necessary to protect office-based employees of the council with a permanent counter and a temporary Perspex screen. He went on to say that despite concerted efforts by the Acting Clerk, himself, and the Vice Chair, only one quote had been received for £650 labour and an estimated cost of £350 materials.

RESOLVED

To accept the quote and arrange for the erection of a counter and Perspex screen in the Council office asap.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

Councillor Chris Parker
Chair of Llanharan Community Council

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