



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

13 November 2020

To Members of the Council.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, 19 November 2020 at 7.00pm.

The meeting will be held on a remote basis in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

The agenda will be as follows:

1. To welcome all attendees and receive any apologies for absence.
2. To receive any disclosures of personal and/or prejudicial interests from members in accordance with the Code of Conduct.
3. To approve as a true and accurate record the minutes of the Council meeting held remotely on Thursday 15 October 2020 at 7.00pm. **Appendix One**
4. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes.
5. To approve the recommendations of the Community Infrastructure Levy Committee held remotely on 29 October 2020 and 17 November 2020. **Appendix Two**
6. To approve the recommendations of the Audit Committee meeting held remotely on Tuesday 3 November 2020. **Appendix Three**
7. An opportunity for members of the public to speak for up to 3-minutes on any item on the agenda – 24-hour notice required.
8. To receive reports from Members.



9. To receive community crime reports from the Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). **Appendix Four**
10. To review council income and expenditure for October 2020. **Appendix Five**
11. To note maintenance tasks undertaken in September 2020. **Appendix Six**
12. To consider the '**Call for Candidate Sites**' the opportunity to invite land and buildings to be submitted for inclusion in the Revised Local Development Plan. **Appendix Seven**
13. To consider a Grant Application from the Local Community Development Project (LCDP) for support with providing Community Christmas Hampers. **Appendix Eight**
14. To consider any important items of correspondence received since the last meeting.
15. To consider the following planning applications, submitted since the last meeting.

20/1217/10 04/11/2020: Conservatory to side elevation. 7 PARC BRYN DERWEN, LLANHARAN, PONTYCLUN, CF72 9TT

20/1121/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Retention of wardrobe building (Building 4) DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, BRIDGEND, CF35 5NQ

20/1123/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Completion of detached building to accommodate make up and design studio (Building 8) DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, CF35 3NQ

20/1124/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Retention of workshop building (Building 6) DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR, CF35 5NQ

20/1125/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Retention of prop store building (Building 5) DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, BRIDGEND, CF35 5NQ

20/1126/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Retention of office building (Building 2) DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, BRIDGEND, CF35 5NQ



20/1129/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Construction of detached production office building (Building 9) DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, BRIDGEND, CF35 5NQ

20/1131/10 05/11/2020 Construction of detached production office building (Building 10) LLEOLIAD/LOCATION : DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN

20/1133/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Construction of detached workshop building (Building DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, BRIDGEND, CF35 5NQ

20/1137/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Construction of detached building for use as Green Room (Building 11). DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN (BUILDING 11)

20/1122/10 Date: 05/11/2020 Construction of detached building to accommodate an editing studio (Building 3) DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR, CF35 5NQ

20/1240/10 Date: 09/11/2020 Create new driveway with off-street parking including installation of dropped kerbs. BREEZES, BRYNNA ROAD, BRYNNA, PONTYCLUN, CF72 9QE

20/1219/10 Date: 09/11/2020 The construction of two industrial (B2) and warehouse (B8) units capable of being combined into a single unit, with ancillary offices (B1), associated car and cycle parking, and the creation of a new access and service yard. PLOT A, LAND ADJACENT TO FELINDRE MEADOWS, LLANHARAN, PENCOED

20/0845/10 Date: 06/11/2020 Garage (Amended plans received 06/11/2020 - roller shutter door widened to 5 metres). MEMORIAL GARDEN, GROVE TERRACE, LLANHARAN CF72 9PR

20/1136/10 Date: 12/11/2020 Proposed new kennel block. CYNLLAN LODGE, LLANHARRY ROAD, LLANHARRY, PONTYCLUN, CF72 9NH

20/1127/10 Date: 13/11/2020 Retention of gatehouse building (Building 1) LLEOLIAD/LOCATION : DRAGON INTERNATIONAL STUDIOS, NEW ROAD, LLANHARAN, BRIDGEND, CF35 5NQ

All Rhondda Cynon Taff planning applications can be viewed at:
<https://planningonline.rctcbc.gov.uk/online-applications/>



16. To consider any items which the Chair considers should be discussed as a matter of urgency, or to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
17. To consider excluding the press and public from agenda item 16 with regards to the Data Protection Act 2018.
18. To consider legal advice received regarding encroachments on community council land.

Members of the public and the press may attend and can obtain any documents referenced on the agenda which are not considered confidential prior to the meeting.

To request documents and or joining instructions contact clerk@llanharan-cc.gov.wales or 01443 231430 Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

Catherine Kennedy

Catherine Kennedy
Clerk to the Council/Responsible Financial Officer
13 November 2020



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LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held by remote attendance, 7.00pm on Thursday, 15 October 2020.

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 (Deputy Chair) Barry Stephens, Janine Turner, Rhys Jenkins, Helen Donnan, Will Thomas, Daniel Morelli.

Apologies: Cllr Parmindra Pannu

Clerk to the Council/Responsible Financial Officer Catherine Kennedy

Assistant Clerk/Project Officer Leigh Smith

Plus two members of the public.

Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests:

Councillor Janine Turner disclosed an interest in a matter to be discussed under Members Reports – regarding a financial aid application from the Llanharan Community Development Project for the purchase of Halloween Pumpkins.

2020/54 Minutes

RESOLVED

(a) The minutes for the meeting of the Council held by remote attendance, 7.00pm on Thursday 18 September 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2020/55 Matters arising

Item **2020/47** – It was noted that volunteers from the Wales Wildlife Trust had completed repairs to the steps in Brynna Woods (adjacent to Brynna Primary). The cost of the materials totalled £150.

RESOLVED

To cover the cost of the repairs.

Item 2020/52 – The Chair reported that a counter had now been constructed in the Council office and had greatly improved security and social distancing. He went on to say that it was also intended to construct a plastic screen above the counter in anticipation of the office re-opening to the public.



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2020/56 Extraordinary Meeting

The minutes for the extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 22 September 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2020/57 Open Spaces, Rights of Way and Allotments

The recommendations of the Open Spaces, Rights of Way and Allotments Committee held remotely on Tuesday, 6 October 2020 were approved.

A discussion took place regarding the accessibility of a footpath stretching from Enterprise Way to Bridgend Rd (above Bryncae Arms). It was reported that community council staff had started to clear the path and would continue to do so as far as they could without encroaching on private land. Meanwhile officials from Rhondda Cynon Taf are in negotiations to re-open the blocked entrance to the path at the Bryncae Arms end.

A member of the public expressed concern regarding a proposal to tarmac a footpath at Parc Bryn Derwen and instead suggested utilising the same compacted gravel surface as per the recently completed Tan Y Bryn Bridleway (off Church Street, Brynna). Councillor Barry Stephens expressed support, though advised caution as the cost may be prohibitive, he went on to say that he was sure a range of quotes would be considered and brought back for the council's consideration.

2020/58 An opportunity for members of the public to ask questions.

A member of the public requested information on the progress of the Llanharan bypass. It was reported that the scheduled May 2020 meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 and an online pre-application consultation will take place early 2021.

A second member of the public requested a link to the Local Development Plan (LDP) be placed on the Community Council Website.

ACTION

The Clerk to add the link to the website and Community Council social media pages.

2020/59 Members Reports

Councillor Barry Stephens enquired as to the possible continuation of the 'Community Resilience Scheme' to support residents during the second lockdown. A discussion followed, where Cllrs Morelli and Donnan expressed concern regarding the nature of requests.

The Clerk assured members that all support visits were pre-arranged, volunteers were not asked to enter the homes of any persons and only basic assistance was provided, for example, essential grocery shopping, the collection and delivery of prescriptions.



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ACTION

The Clerk reported that the scheme was still running, albeit at a lower level than during the first lockdown and prior to the second lockdown she intended to contact volunteers to assess availability.

Councillor Rhys Jenkins reported on his attendance at two One Voice Wales meetings and noted that as from the next financial year, members allowances will no longer be taxable.

Councillor Chris Parker (Chair) reported that in the absence of a public Remembrance Day parade, Councillor Geraint Hopkins had advised that Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council were considering a county wide approach with a small number of officials attending at different times. Councillor Rhys Jenkins asked if the gate of the Llanharan Cenotaph could be left open all day for members of the public to pay their respects.

ACTION

The Clerk to arrange for the gate to be unlocked on both Remembrance Sunday and the official day of Remembrance.

Councillor Janine Turner reported that in collaboration with the Local Community Development Project (LCDP) she had organised a 'Scavenger Hunt' and devised a QR Code for families to take part on a rota basis. The hunt would start at the High Corner Public house and end in Brynna Woods. Participants would be required to pre-register to be allocated a timeslot – local businesses had generously donated treats and prizes.

RESOLVED

Donate £200 for the purchase of pumpkins.

2020/60 Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L.) presentation

The Assistant Clerk/Project Officer presented an overview of CIL. A brief question and answer session took place, where the importance of public consultation was discussed along with expenditure timelines. These would need to be monitored closely to ensure earliest monies received are classed prioritised expenditure, as any monies not spent within 5 years of receipt would be returned to the Principal Authority. He went on to recommend the formation of a CIL Committee which would meet bi-monthly or as and when required dependant on individual projects.

RESOLVED

A CIL Committee be formed and the following members elected: Councillor Rob Lewis Watkin, Janine Turner, Will Thomas, Helen Donnan and Rhys Jenkins. Subsequently, Councillor Rob Lewis Watkin was elected as Chair and Councillor Janine Turner Deputy Chair.

ACTION

The Project Officer to develop a Terms of Reference and Communications Strategy.



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2020/61 Public Sector Deposit Fund

The Clerk presented a report recommending the investment of £100,000 CIL monies to the newly opened deposit fund.

RESOLVED

Invest £100,000 and re-visit monthly in conjunction with the council income and expenditure report.

2020/62 Staff Payment Cards

The Clerk presented a report recommending individual spending limits for staff payment cards.

RESOLVED

Finalise arrangements for officer payment cards based on the recommendations of the report.

2020/63 Community Crime Report

There were no crime reports from the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) provided for this meeting.

2020/64 Council Income and Expenditure

The income and expenditure report for August and September 2020 was noted.

2020/65 Maintenance Tasks

The maintenance report for August and September 2020 was noted.

2020/66 Correspondence

The Clerk presented correspondence from the Post Office Ltd regarding the opening of a temporary Post Office in Llanharan, pending arrangements for a more permanent solution.

2020/67 Planning Applications

Members considered planning applications received since the last meeting.

2020/68 Matters of Urgency

There were no matters to discuss.

2020/69 Exclusion of the press and public

RESOLVED

To exclude the press and public from the following agenda items (2020/70 and 2020/71) with regards to the Data Protection Act 2018.

2020/70 Community Council Clock

The Clerk presented a report to members regarding the future of the Community Council Clock located in the Square.



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She recommended that in the interests of the owner of the property (on which the clock is located) and to protect the future of the clock, that the Community Council enter into a legally binding contract detailing responsibilities around maintenance and liability.

RESOLVED

Engage a Solicitor to draw up a legal agreement regarding ownership, liability, and maintenance of the clock.

2020/71 Encroachments

A discussion took place regarding encroachments on community council land.

RESOLVED

Seek specialist advice, with the intention of commencing legal proceedings,

With no further business to discuss, the Chair closed the meeting at 9.15pm.

Councillor Chris Parker
Chair of Llanharan Community Council

Audit Committee Recommendations – 3rd November 2020

6. Annual Financial Aid

Applications

To consider applications for financial aid from the following organisations:

- a) Brynna Football Club - £800
- b) Brynna Doggy Bags (Brynna Community Centre) - £480
- c) Brynna OAP Association - £1000
- d) Bryncae Football Club – £499
- e) Ynysmaerdy Community Centre – £1000

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RECOMMENDATION

Council to accept all financial aid applications, except Ynysmaerdy Community Centre for which further information regarding the centres accounts is requested.

12. Summer Baskets and Planters 2021

The Clerk presented quotes for the 2021 planting of the Summer hanging baskets And containers. She recommended that due to the high-quality displays of 2020 and The efficiency and co-operation of the current supplier that members agree to contract with the same supplier for 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

To contract with Boverton Nurseries for the provision of flowers and plants for the Summer 2021 hanging baskets and containers.

13. Matters of Urgency

The Chair of the Audit Committee informed members that due to previous problems with accessing electrical supplies and suitable lamp-posts, the village of Ynysmaerdy has for several years been without Christmas Lights and Summer baskets. Following a discussion with the Ynysmaerdy Community Centre Committee, the Clerk obtained quotes for the provision of 6 x 4ft Christmas trees, 6 sets of light strings and 2 outside electrical sockets, totalling **£922**. The Clerk advised that the £922 be provided from the Christmas Dinners budget as due to Covid-19 the 2020 dinners had been cancelled.

RECOMMENDATION

To accept the Committees recommendation to provide Ynysmaerdy with 6 x 4ft Christmas trees, 6 light strings and 2 outside sockets totalling £922.

End of Recommendations



Brynna Crime Report – Last 30 days

Burglary – 0 Accounts

Damage – 0 Accounts

Theft – 3 Accounts

- Bridgend road – Meat taken from store. CCTV reviewed. No suspect identified.
- Gellifedi rise – Garden lights missing. CCTV/House to house negative.
- Bridgend road – Meat taken from store. Stills circulated of suspects. No one identified

Anti Social Behaviour – 14 Accounts

- Gellifedi rise – Ongoing neighbour dispute. Suitable advice given to both parties.
- Trenos place – Youth annoyance. Police attendance, no youths in the vicinity. Patrols continued in the area.
- Duffryn crescent – Several cars meeting up in car park. Regular patrols conducted in the area. Vehicles have made off prior to attendance. No further incidents reported.
- Church view – Youth annoyance. Apology off child to aggrieved.
- Meadow rise – Covid breach. House party. Police attendance, no party. Neighbours socially distancing in driveway. Educated and advised of guidelines to which they've gone inside their own homes.
- Llanbad – Covid breach. Report of 1 person breaking covid rules by visiting friends on regular basis. No breaches on police attendance. Suitable advice passed
- Bethlehem view – Report of 1 person breaking covid rules by visiting a friend out of area. Police attendance. No breaches. Single resident bubbled up with another household.
- Meadow rise – Covid breach. Halloween party. Police were invited into the house. No party. No covid breach.
- Lonydd glas – Fireworks being let off near the road. Youths made off prior to police attendance. No suspects identified.
- Bethlehem view – Neighbour dispute over fireworks being set off. Both parties were given suitable advice.
- Manor Park – Covid breach. House gathering. No breach.

Llanharan Crime Report – Last 30 days

Burglary – 0 Account

Damage – 1 Account

- Coedcae lane – Damage to property within room. Suspect identified. Case in progress.

Theft – 0 Accounts

Anti Social Behaviour – 10 Accounts

- Jubilee street – Caravan parked on ground near allotments. Occupant of caravan and visitors causing annoyance to residents in the street. ASB referral submitted. Patrols in place.
- Coedcae lane – Premises breaching covid. Licensing informed. No breaches present when police attended.
- Pendre Crescent – Covid breach. Family gathering. Care requirements and outdoor socially distanced gathering. No breaches.
- Brook terrace – Covid breach. Visitors frequently going inside the address. Police invited inside, no other persons present. No breaches. Suitable advice given.
- Lanelay road – Youth annoyance on site. Youths identified and ASB referrals submitted.
- Park view – Covid breach. Visitors frequently going inside the address. False call.
- Pendre Crescent – Halloween party. Possible malicious call. No breach. Parties self-isolating due to illness.
- Rhodfa bryn rhydd – Covid breach. House party. Address was checked by officers, no other persons inside. No breach ongoing.
- Park view – Covid breach. House party. 1 resident there. No breaches.
- Pendre crescent – Covid breach. Family attending the address. Not the first report. 1 person not from the household present, providing care needs. No breaches.

Time: 12:48

Bank Reconciliation up to 31/10/2020 for Cashbook No 1 - Current Bank A/c

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cheque/Ref</u>	<u>Amnt Paid</u>	<u>Amnt Banked</u>	<u>Stat Amnt</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Cleared</u>	<u>Payee Name or Description</u>
01/10/2020	BACS	87.14		87.14		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Employer PAYE Cumbernauld
01/10/2020	BACS	1,735.03		1,735.03		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Employer PAYE Cumbernauld
01/10/2020	BACS	6.18		6.18		R <input type="checkbox"/>	C Kennedy
01/10/2020	BACS	99.90		99.90		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Beach
01/10/2020	BACS	865.50		865.50		R <input type="checkbox"/>	RCT
01/10/2020	BACS	2,510.41		2,510.41		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Staff Salaries
05/10/2020	DD	7.00		7.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Barclays
05/10/2020	Loyalty		0.25	0.25		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Receipt(s) Banked
06/10/2020	BACS	13.20		13.20		R <input type="checkbox"/>	C Parker
06/10/2020	BACS	380.00		380.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	RCT
06/10/2020	BACS	875.00		875.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	JB Directors
06/10/2020	BACS	922.80		922.80		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Point Thirteen Media Ltd
08/10/2020	DD	15.00		15.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Tesco Mobile
12/10/2020	BACS	60.00		60.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	K Lee Wah
12/10/2020	BACS	600.00		600.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	TESD Construction
12/10/2020	BACS	1,104.00		1,104.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Bryncae Community Centre
12/10/2020	BACS	1,461.00		1,461.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	One Voice Wales
16/10/2020	BACS	27.96		27.96		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Screwfix
16/10/2020	BACS	43.20		43.20		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Extrascope Ltd
16/10/2020	BACS	54.67		54.67		R <input type="checkbox"/>	SSE
16/10/2020	BACS	85.26		85.26		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Frank Sutton
16/10/2020	BACS	100.00		100.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	History Points
16/10/2020	BACS	200.00		200.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Les Kirk Clocks
16/10/2020	BACS	345.60		345.60		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Microsoft Outlook
16/10/2020	BACS	402.06		402.06		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Country Timbers
22/10/2020	BACS	200.00		200.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	LCDP
23/10/2020	BACS	444.00		444.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Boverton Nurseries
23/10/2020	BACS	462.50		462.50		R <input type="checkbox"/>	The Corner Shop
23/10/2020	BACS	500.50		500.50		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Forest Park & Garden
27/10/2020	Transfer	50,000.00		50,000.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Sector Deposit Fund
29/10/2020	transfer	50,000.00		50,000.00		R <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Sector Deposit Fund
		<u>113,607.91</u>	<u>0.25</u>				

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/10/2020
for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c**

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Current A/c	31/10/2020		478.25
Premium A/c	31/10/2020		201,897.36
			<u>202,375.61</u>
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			202,375.61
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			202,375.61
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	202,375.61
		Difference is :-	0.00

**LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY INCOME
AND EXPENDITURE REPORT 31 OCTOBER 2020**

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY INCOME - 31ST OCTOBER 2020

Date	Income
2017/2018	1,710.25
2018/2019	1,393.89
2019/2020	72,938
22/04/2020	72,865.14
28/10/2020	72,865.14
	221,772.42

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY EXPENDITURE - 31ST OCTOBER 2020

Date	Expenditure	Expenditure Detail
23/06/2020	4,420	Planters
29/06/2020	830	William Street
22/07/2020	12,432	Llanharan Recreational Ground Trust
22/07/2020	15,000	Brynna Community Trust
11/08/2020	950	Park Benches
27/08/2020	4500	Pavement at Woodview
	38,132	

STATEMENT

Ms C M Kennedy
Llanharan Community Council
2a Chapel Road
Llanharan
PONTYCLUN
Mid Glamorgan
CF72 9QA
UK

CLIENT: LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ACCOUNT NAME: Business Premium ME
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0136520001PC

Statement at 31 October 2020

Date	Description	Value of shares sold £	Value of shares bought £	Balance of shares held £	Share Class
01/10/20	Brought Forward			0.00	
28/10/20	Bought		50,000.00	50,000.00	4
29/10/20	Bought		50,000.00	100,000.00	4
31/10/20	Carried Forward			100,000.00	4

Statement of Dividends paid during the month to 31 October 2020

Date	Receiving Account	Amount Paid £

From May 2020, prices and yields for CCLA's Funds will no longer appear in the Financial Times. To view the fund prices and yields, please visit www.ccla.co.uk



Maintenance Report October 2020

Council Meeting, 7.00pm on Thursday 19 November 2020

Appendix Six

Task and Project Work

1. Jubilee allotments hedge trimming
2. Brynna cemetery hedge trimming
3. Fence replacement - Jubilee allotments
4. Jubilee allotments – plot clearance
5. Bridgend Rd allotments clearance
6. Skateboard park litter picking and glass
7. Planting of primroses and daffodil bulbs in Ynysmaerdy.
8. Councill office painting and maintenance
9. Dairy Field Mowing
10. 3G Brushing
11. Empty summer plants and re-plant containers with winter bulbs and flowers
12. War Memorial wreath clearance and cleaning

External Contractor Project Work

13. Landscaping of Tan Y Bryn Bridleway
14. Bi-annual cleaning of War Memorials

Catherine Kennedy

Clerk to the Council/Responsible Financial Officer

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council – Revised Local Development Plan (2020 – 2030) and Call for Candidate Sites

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to inform you that Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council are to begin the official Revision of their current Local Development Plan (LDP). The Revised Local Development Plan (RLDP) (2020-2030) will replace the current LDP (2006-2021).

Following Council approval in July, Welsh Government then agreed to the Delivery Agreement for the RLDP on September 14. The Revision will follow formal stages of preparation through to adoption in early 2024.

The LDP is a statutory land use planning document which sets out a vision for the County Borough and allocates land for development such as housing, employment, retail and tourism. It also has policies to protect the environment and increase public green space and will seek to reduce carbon emissions – whilst encouraging appropriate renewable energy production. The LDP plays a leading role in determining decisions on planning applications to the Council.

The first stage of the process is the **Call for Candidate Sites**, where the Council invites land or buildings to be submitted for inclusion in the RLDP. The sites will be considered, and if appropriate they will be allocated in the Plan.

Sites can be submitted by all, including private landowners and developers, and also for a range of uses. In-depth guidance has been prepared by the Council to assist in the submission and assessment of sites.

Further information regarding the RLDP process in general and the specific Call for Candidate Sites, (and how to submit them), can be seen on our website at the following location:

<https://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/EN/Resident/PlanningandBuildingControl/RevisedLocalDevelopmentPlan20202030/RevisedLocalDevelopmentPlan20202030.aspx>

The Call for Candidate Sites is the first of many phases of engagement and consultation in the RLDP preparation process. The sites put forward will be assessed and collated into a Candidate Sites Register. This will be published alongside the 'Preferred Strategy' stage of the RLDP, which itself will be prepared over the coming year. A Deposit RLDP will then be produced and consulted upon in 2022, before being considered by an independent Planning Inspector in 2023.

You will continue to be consulted on the various stages of the RLDP preparation process over coming months and years. You may also be asked to be involved and engaged in the future stages of the process, subject to yourselves being willing, of course.

If, however, you no longer wish to be consulted on the Rhondda Cynon Taf RLDP, or if you otherwise have any further queries in relation to it, please respond to this email accordingly.