



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held by remote attendance, 7.00pm on Thursday, 17 December 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), Jeff Williams, Geraint Hopkins, Roger Turner, Barry Stephens, Janine Turner, Pam Uppal, Rhys Jenkins, Will Thomas and Rob Lewis-Watkin.

Apologies: Cllr Helen Donnan

Clerk to the Council/Responsible Financial Officer Catherine Kennedy

Assistant Clerk/Project Officer Leigh Smith Plus two members of the public.

2020/88 Disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests:

There were no disclosures of interests.

2020/89 Public Speaking

Members agreed to bring forward planning matters for immediate discussion.

The following actions were agreed:

20/1307/13 a member of the public expressed concern regarding an application to construct an entrance to a property directly onto a busy main road.

A discussion followed and it was agreed that the member of the public will send a letter of objection and the Clerk will email the planning officer outlining members concerns.

25/11/2020 and 25/11/2020 improvements to Dolau Primary School. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the committee in support of the application.

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2020/90 Minutes

RESOLVED

(a) The minutes for the meeting of the Council held by remote attendance, 7.00pm on Thursday 19th November 2020 were approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

2020/91 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2020/92 Audit Committee

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Audit Committee held remotely on the 24th November 2020 to adopt the reviewed Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, are accepted.

2020/93 Open Spaces, Rights of Way and Allotments Committee (ORA)

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the ORA Committee held remotely on the 2nd December 2020 are accepted.

2020/94 The Community Engagement Group

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Community Engagement Group held remotely on the 8th December 2020 are accepted.

2020/95 Human Resources Committee (HR)

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the HR Committee held remotely on the 9th December 2020 are accepted.

2020/96 Member Reports

1. Councillor Geraint Hopkins reported:

- a. The results of an RCT pedestrian survey show preference for a crossing on the square outside the corner shop, plus an uncontrolled crossing outside the veterinary surgery.
- b. That the health board are actively seeking a site for a new medical centre and the project is anticipated to take up to 5 years.

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2. Councillor Roger Turner reported:

- a. An article on William Hopkin's award of 'Freedom of the Community' had been sent to the South Wales Echo, the Pontypridd Observer and the Glamorgan Gazette.
- b. As part of a grant award successfully obtained by RCT from Welsh Government, 11 trees had been planted on the northern side of Llanharan Cemetery.

3. Councillor Jeff Williams reported the matter of a caravan parked on private land had been resolved.

4. Councillor Will Thomas reported the temporary closure of Rhyd-y-Gofer lane, adjacent to the Persimmon Development. Councillor Roger Turner will discuss with RCT officers.

5. Councillor Janine Turner reported:

- a. 12 families had been nominated for the Christmas Hamper Appeal, plus 33 from the Community Resilience Scheme.
- b. The aim is to deliver all hampers by the 23 December 2020.

RESOLVED

Any remaining hampers could be donated to the Llanharan Community Development Project (LCDP) who would ensure the residents of the community would benefit.

Councillor Chris Parker expressed his thanks to Councillor Turner for carrying out the project.

6. Councillor Barry Stephens reported a blocked drain at the top of Brynna Road - Councillor Roger Turner will inform RCT street-care.

7. Councillor Chris Parker reported:

- a. The Trens Crossing working group had met and positive actions were taking place to advance the project.
- b. The results of a survey identified that approximately 300 people a day use the crossing during the summer months and 3 near misses had been listed.

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- c. A full update of the meeting will be reported at the next Open Spaces Committee meeting.

2020/97 Police Crime Report

Members noted the report for November 2020 and Councillor Hopkins said that the crime figures were probably the lowest he had ever seen. The clerk passed on a warning from the PCSO regarding a recent spate of opportunist crimes in the surrounding areas, not Llanharan, but it was advisable for the community to be extra vigilant.

2020/98 Income and Expenditure

RESOLVED

- a. Members approved the council income and expenditure report for November 2020.
- b. Noted: there was enough funds remaining from Cllr. Hopkin's Windmill fund for a £450 payment in the February half-term.

RESOLVED

To ear-mark £2000 of the remaining budget for the current financial year subject to the clerk ascertaining with the foodbank manager if extra support was required.

2020/99 Maintenance

Members noted tasks carried out in November 2020. Councillor Jeff Williams asked if clearance of the lane behind Coed Bychan could be prioritised as the slippery path posed a hazard to residents.

ACTION

The clerk to inform the maintenance team.

2020/100 Grant Application

A grant application from Ynysmaerdy Community Centre for the purchase of a larder fridge and a double oven were considered.

RESOLVED

That the community council purchase the items on behalf of the community centre.

2020/101 The Memorial Garden

Leigh Smith, Project Officer, presented a video of the current plans for the development of the Memorial Garden. A discussion took place regarding the feasibility of including parking spaces for residents, due to the narrow access of the roadway and the history of residents parking on the site.

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RESOLVED

It was agreed that at least 2 parking spaces would be included in the final plans.

2020/102 Purchase of Land

A discussion took place regarding the possible purchase/lease of land/buildings.

ACTION

RCT Officers be invited to present at the next meeting of the council.

2020/103 Summer Baskets

A discussion took place regarding an extension of the summer basket provision for 2021 taking in the 4 community centres, Hillside Avenue, Southall Street, William Street and Bridgend Road between Llanharan Rd Junction and Maes Y Gobaith. This would involve the movement of 13 lighting columns from their present positions to the opposite side of the road.

RESOLVED:

1. Members agreed to extend the summer basket provision as outlined in document Summer Hanging Baskets 21-22 Extensions.xlsx
2. To allocate a budget of £35,000.00 to cover the cost of re-siting the lampposts.
3. That this cost to be met from CIL monies. (**Noted:** The officer of RCT responsible for CIL expenditure has indicated that this would be an allowable expenditure).
4. That the cost of 77 extra hanging baskets and plants be met from the Council's budget for 2021/22

2020/104 Publication Policy & Items of Correspondence

Due to time constraints, it was:

RESOLVED

To take items 18 & 19 of the agenda at the next ordinary council meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

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