



LLANHARAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Open Spaces, Rights of Way and Allotments Committee (ORA) Meeting held remotely at 7.00pm on Thursday 8th January 2026

The meeting was held on a remote basis in accordance with:

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Present: Councillors: Mark Steer (Chair), Neil Feist, Chris Parker, Robert Smith.

Clerk to the Council: Leigh Smith

Assistant Clerk: Rebecca Jenkins

Apologies received: Will Thomas

Absent: None

ORA2026/001 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ORA2026/002 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Cllr Neil Feist declared a general personal interest, jointly holding an allotment tenancy on a council site and being a member of cycling UK.

ORA 2026/003 Public Speaking Slot

None.

ORA2026/004 Minutes of the ORA Committee meeting 4th November 2025

RESOLVED

The minutes of the ORA Committee meeting held on 4th November 2025 were approved as a true and accurate record



ORA2026/005 Correspondence

Noted.

ORA2026/006 ORA Committee Action Plan

Noted.

ORA2026/007 Verbal update on the progress of the Walking and Multiuser Leaflets Working Group

No update

ORA2026/008 Verbal update on the progress of the Hamlet/Ward Gateway Working Group

Renewed efforts to communicate with RCTCBC have been undertaken.

ORA2026/009 Management and replacement of trees at Meadow Rise open space
RECOMMENDED

To instruct the officers to arrange for the failing and dead rowans to be cut to a safe height as assessed by council staff; for three new alders to be purchased from Coed Y Tor Nursery; choosing potted trees if available; and to authorise the officers to spend up to £75 for this purpose with a virement from the General Reserve to be made for this purpose.

ORA2026/010 Improvements to Mountain Hare play area

a) RECOMMENDED

to instruct the officers to source a new goal post or posts for the Mountain Hare play area.

b) RECOMMENDED

To instruct the officers to design and implement public communication regarding a wildflower area;

c) RECOMMENDED

To negotiate a satisfactory arrangement with the Wildlife Trust or RCTCBC for use of a cut and collect mower and to report to council the proposed fee for each cut.

d) RECOMMENDED



To allocate up to £2,000 in total for the project, including the first 2 cuts and to authorise the officers to spend up to this amount making virements from general reserves where necessary.

ORA2026/011 Section 6 Biodiversity report and plan 2026
RECOMMENDED

In future, to prepare stand-alone Statutory Section 6 Biodiversity reports and plans covering January to December, following the suggested format from OneVoice Wales Local Places for Nature.

ORA2026/012 Urgent Items for Information or Items Suggested to the Clerk for Future Agenda

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm

The next meeting is scheduled for 5th March 2026.

Cllr Mark Steer
Chair of the ORA Committee