

LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of Llantwit Fardre Community Council held on Monday, 31st October, 2022 at 5 p.m. at the Community Council Office, rear of Carnegie Parish Hall, Main Road, Church Village

PRESENT

Community Councillor D.Stone – Chair

Community Councillors

J.Beattie, R.Butler, P.Fletcher, A.Green, J.James, K.Johnson, R.McCracken,
J.Murphy, A.Raines and G.Warren

Note: Community Councillor G.Stacey attended remotely at 5.30 p.m.

Officer in Attendance

Ms.Karyl May – Clerk and Executive Officer
Mrs.Susan Pickering – Assistant Clerk and Executive Officer

103. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED – that an apology for absence was submitted by Community Councillor S.Trask.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED - to note that in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, the following declarations of a personal interests were made at the meeting:-

- Community Councillors R.Butler, J.James, A.Raines, G.Stacey and D.Stone declared personal interests in the `Urgent Item` - `Christmas Events, 2022` that was considered later on in the meeting (Minute No. below refers) as they are members of Llantwit Fardre Sports Club.

- Community Councillors K.Johnson and G.Warren declared personal interests in Agenda Item 4(a) - `Public Break` as they are both volunteers of the Salem Foodbank.
- Community Councillor K.Johnson declared a personal interest later on in the meeting in respect of the Urgent Item – `Exclusion of Members of the Public to Meetings of the Community Council` - “the person concerned is known to me as he is a volunteer with Pontypridd Park Run”.

105. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED - to approve as an accurate record the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Council held on the 3rd October, 2022.

Noted: In response to a question raised by a Member in relation to Minute No.92, the Clerk indicated that she had contacted the Council's Insurance Company and had been informed that there would be no additional charge for the inclusion of the CCTV until its renewal in May of next year when there would be an increase of £30.

106. **PUBLIC BREAK**

RESOLVED - to note the response to the under-mentioned question:-

Question from Mr.L.Walker

“Will this Council consider donating £250 per month for the next 12 months to the Salem Food Bank Tonteg, in order that they can help out those people in the Council area who are suffering from the cost of the living crisis. This Council advertises in its notice board for the public to donate. Will this Council take the lead therefore and help out needy families. Lightsource funding could be used”.

Response by Community Councillor R.Butler, Chair of Finance & Policy Committee

“A similar question was asked at the Council meeting held on the 3rd October, 2022 and was answered succinctly by the Clerk.

I apologise for repeating the response of the Clerk but it remains relevant to this request.

Unless a Council has claimed eligibility for the general power of competence which would be the relevant power in this case, they are able to rely on Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972 to incur expenditure which, in the opinion of the Council, would benefit some or all of the residents of the community.

Many Community and Town Councils use this general power to support foodbanks and other organisations who are opening up their facilities for people to have the opportunity to congregate in a warm place. The only restriction

pertaining to the use of the power is that it cannot be sued to make grants to individuals. The use of the power is restricted by the Section 137 financial cap, and any expenditure incurred must be commensurate with the benefit it is intended to achieve.

Whilst this Council has met the conditions to resolve itself as an *eligible Community Council* with general power of competence in accordance with Part 2 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act, 2021 it has not done so yet and therefore cannot make grants available to individuals. However, £6,000 has been set aside for grant aid to community groups and completed applications will be considered at the next meeting of the Council on the 28th November of this year.

In addition to what was stated at the Council Meeting held on the 3rd October, 2022, one of our Councillors who plays an active role in the food bank is overwhelmed by the amount of generosity shown by our community.

As stated earlier this request is similar to one made and answered previously. Any future requests concerning this matter will be dealt with by the Clerk and by means of a written reply and not a statement at Council”.

107. POLICE REPORT

RESOLVED –

1. to note that Members received the Crime Reports for the Church Village and Tonteg Wards for the period 1st October, 2022 – 23rd October, 2022;
2. to note that following the recruitment of additional Police staff within the Llantwit Fardre and Efail Isaf Wards then Crime Reports for these areas will be included on future agendas.

REPORTS OF THE CLERK

108. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED – to note the following planning applications received from Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council had been forwarded to Members for consideration:-

- i. 4 Marlborough Close, Llantwit Fardre – Two storey side extension to existing semi detached.
- ii. Ty Pica House, Heol Ffrwd Philip, Efail Isaf – Demolition of existing stone garden store, replace with dormer roof extension to provide additional habitable space.
- iii. 166 Dyffryn y Coed, Church Village – Retrospective permission for the extension of rear curtilage of about a width of 1 metre for the whole length of the garden for an already constructed wall.
- iv. MASILA, Crown Hill, Llantwit Fardre – Extend dropped kerb.

- v. 15 Woodland View, Church Village – Car port on driveway.
- vi. 72 The Dell, Tonteg – Replace conservatory with single storey rear extension.

109. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES – DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

The Clerk informed Members that in accordance with the requirements of Section 147 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure, 2011, the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had prepared their draft Annual Report for 2023/24 and she gave her observations on the following changes affecting Town and Community Councils:-

- (a) **Basic Payment for Extra Costs of Working from Home** - whereby the Members' Allowance previously paid to Community/Town Councillors had increased from £150 to £156 a year.
- (b) **Set Payment for Consumables** – Councils must either pay their Members £52 a year for the cost of office consumables required to carry out their role, or alternatively, Councils must enable Members to claim full reimbursement for the cost of their office consumables.

RESOLVED –

- 1. to note the information as outlined in the report;
- 2. to note that any representations need to be made by the 1st December, 2022;
- 3. that the determinations of the Panel as outlined in the report be considered at a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee to assist in making an informed recommendation to Council in respect of determining the budget and precept for 2023/2024.

110. QUOTES FOR BARK

In her report, the Clerk set out two quotes that had been received for the purchase of 30 cubic metres of hardwood playgrade chip (bark) to replenish surface areas in some of the Council's play areas.

RESOLVED – to accept the quote from Company A at a cost of £1,852,50.

111. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – SEPTEMBER, 2022

RESOLVED – to confirm the income and expenditure accounts for the month of September, 2022.

112. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – OCTOBER, 2022

RESOLVED -

- to agree to the accounts for payment for the month of October, 2022, as shown in the table below, together with the additional payments that were received subsequent to the circulation of the agenda:-

OCTOBER, 2022		
Lloyds	Monthly Charge	17.92
PC Help Services	Email Hosting (Sept 2022)	48.86
British Telecom	Mobile Bill	34.80
Lyreco	Stationery	153.13
Seer Design	Letterheads	150.00
RCTCBC	Salaries, pension, HMRC (August)	14,000.00
RCTCBC	Waiting Restrictions (Llantwit Fardre) Use of CIL Receipts	3,630.30
EDF Energy	Electric (Office) (02.09.22 – 30.09.22)	145.10
Initial Wash Hygiene	Sanitary bins for all sites	152.14
RCTCBC	Rates (Parish Hall) (October, 2022)	669.00
EDF Energy	Electric (Parish Hall) (01.09.22 – 30.09.22)	72.31
Total Energies	Gas (Parish Hall) (01.09.22 – 30.09.22)	153.90
RCTCBC	Rates (Ty Illtud – Car Park)	310.00
RCTCBC	Rates (Ty Illtud – Hall)	168.00
EDF Energy	Electric (Ty Illtud) (01.09.22 – 30.09.22)	30.33
Total Energies	Gas (Ty Illtud) (01.09.22 – 30.09.22)	42.23
Crown Garden Service	Grass Cutting	368.06
Keyline Civils	Sand and Cement for Parks	30.42
Screwfix	Items for outside works	176.44
Online Playgrounds	Items for swing in Parc Nant Celyn	107.48
Town & Country Timbers	Posts for gate at Woodlands Upper	60.70
Woodlands Walk Garden Centre	Compost	19.97
EDF Energy	Street lighting	164.45
Fuel Genie	Diesel (CN16 FAU)	263.55
Total		£20,969.09
ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS		

RCTCBC	Election Charges (May, 2022 Election)	10,489.63
Best Tyres	Repair to trailer	48.00
SLCC	Membership fee for Asst.Clerk (as agreed at the meeting)	Approx.250.00
Overall Total		£31,756.72

2. To note that the cheques are to be signed by Community Councillors R.Butler and A.Raines for the payments to be made for October, 2022.
3. To confirm the payments made using the debit card for the month of October, 2022, as shown in the table below:-

OCTOBER, 2022		
Payee	Item	Cost
Royal British Legion	Poppies for lampposts to commemorate Remembrance Sunday (from the Chair's Allowance)	260.00
British Telecom	Bill payment as not taken out by Direct Debit	226.01
Gov.UK.	Vehicle tax for CE58 YNA	290.00
Total		£776.01

113. CHRISTMAS WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED - to note that the Community Council Office will be closed from Monday, 26th December, 2022 and will re-open on Tuesday, 3rd January, 2023.

URGENT ITEMS

With the permission of the Chair, the following items were considered.

114. CHRISTMAS EVENTS 2022

Further to the meetings of the Leisure & Amenities Committee held on the 29th September, 2022 and full Council held on the 3rd October, 2022 respectively, the Clerk sought the Members' consideration to the Christmas Events that were to be held on the 3rd and 10th December, 2022 whereby it was proposed that the venue be changed.

Having looked at the venue, it was felt that Ty Illtud would not be suitable as it would be too small to accommodate the queues that would merge for the children wishing to see Santa.

It was therefore suggested that as the major success of the Christmas events is Santa's Grotto, where demand is always high with resultant queues, the venue be changed to Llantwit Fardre Sports Club. However, the only Saturday available is the 10th December, 2022 thereby necessitating the cancellation of the 3rd December, 2022. However, this would allow for more activities, in addition to those already agreed, such as a DJ and stalls.

The new proposal would not impact on the previous decisions made in respect of the Senior Citizens' Dinner and the Pantomime.

RESOLVED – to agree to the new proposal in respect of the Christmas event which is to be held on Saturday, 10th December, 2022 as outlined in paragraph 1.5 of the report and noting that the event scheduled to take place on the 3rd December, 2022 is cancelled.

115. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Parts 4,5,6 (where appropriate).

116. EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Minute No.82(1) of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 26th September, 2022, the Clerk reported that one of the individuals who was no longer permitted to attend meetings of this Council other than by virtual means had indicated that he wished to appeal the decision.

The Clerk set out the advice that had been received from SLCC in respect of this matter and following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** – not to establish an appeal process in this particular case.

**DAVID STONE
CHAIR**

The meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.

Signed_____ **Date**_____

