

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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Minutes of the Hybrid Meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee of Llantwit Fardre Community Council held on Monday, 3rd July, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the Community Council Office, rear of Carnegie Parish Hall, Main Road, Church Village.

PRESENT

Community Councillor A.Green – Chair

Community Councillors

J.Beattie, J.James, J.Murphy, A.Raines and D.Stone

In Attendance – Non-Committee Members

Community Councillors R.Butler, B.James, K.Johnson, G.Stacey and G.Warren

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED – to note that no apologies for absence had been submitted for this meeting as all Members of the Committee were in attendance.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED – to note that no declarations of interest were made at the meeting pertaining to any items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on the 20th April, 2023, noting that they had been received by Council at its meeting held on the 28th April, 2023.

REPORTS OF THE CLERK

4. HOLDING OF COMMUNITY ROAST

Pursuant to Minute No.21(2) of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 30th May, 2023, the Clerk reminded Members of the costs to date, that had been reserved for the Christmas Fete and the Senior Citizens' Dinner to be

held during the month of December, 2023 totalling £11,695.00 with a £14,000 budget for events.

The Clerk also informed Members that at the meeting held on the 30th May, 2023, consideration had not been given as to whether or not to put on one or two performances of a pantomime and the Committee's views were sought on this.

For ease of reference, the Clerk attached to her report, the report that was considered at the meeting held on the 30th May, 2023, which set out the costs associated with the 'Pig Roast' that was held on the 18th September, 2021 amounting to £6,627.55 and with inflation the cost of a Community Roast in 2023 would be in excess of that figure.

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED –**

1. to not hold a 'Community Roast' this year;
2. to agree to putting on a Pantomime – two performances of Treasure Island (Matinee and Evening) during the month of January, 2024 at a cost of £1,483.20 +VAT.

Note: Community Councillor J.James wished to have his name recorded in voting against 4(1) above and the remaining Members of the Committee voted in favour.

5. PURCHASE OF NEW NOTICE BOARDS

Members had before them additional information that had been distributed subsequent to the circulation of the report with the agenda as further quotes had been sought from another Company for Notice Boards at a much cheaper rate.

Members consideration was sought as to the locations of where the Notice Boards were to be placed and the suitability of wall mounted or free-standing in those locations.

The Clerk informed Members that it was imperative that a new larger notice board be purchased for outside the Community Council office as recent problems had been encountered as the current notice board could not facilitate the number of documents that needed to be published.

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED –**

1. to remove the notice board located in The Parade, Church Village;
2. to look at the possibility of a freestanding notice board being placed in the precinct, Church Village (area surrounding the Co-Operative store) as it was felt that planning permission and consent from the shop owners would need to be sought;

3. that a freestanding notice board be purchased for outside the Community Council office and that in view of the urgency of this matter, the Clerk uses the expenditure in accordance with paragraph 4.5 of the Council's Financial Regulations;
4. that further consideration of this matter be given at a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee.

6. PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

In her report, the Clerk referred to the meeting of this Committee held on the 17th November, 2022 when it was reported that the priorities to the Work Programme had changed as a result of the Unitary Authority taking back the play areas at Cae Fardre and Central Park, Church Village and the Community Council surrendering the lase for Parc Nant Celyn, Efail Isaf.

At the meeting the Clerk informed Members that whilst the fully executed deed of surrender had not been received from Rhondda Cynon Taf in respect of the return of Parc Nant Celyn, she had been informed by the Parks and Play Strategy Manager that refurbishment works for a new play area in that location is the next project and should commence this month.

A discussion ensued when the following points were raised:-

- Concerns raised with regards to the age suitability of the new piece of equipment that had been installed at Maesybryn play area;
- A Member felt that there was scope to extend Maesybryn play area to encompass all ages.
- Officers should work with the Unitary Authority to see if there is any 'unwanted' equipment that could be given to this Council;
- The Chair of the Committee to meet with Community Councillors of the Efail Isaf and Llantwit Fardre Wards to further discuss the issues surrounding Maesybryn play area – to which the Chair acceded to the request.

It was also reported that the Annual Parks Inspection is to be carried out on the 21st July, 2023 and the Inspector will be asked to look at disability access, especially at Efail Isaf Village Hall.

The Clerk referred to two picnic benches that had rotted at Tonteg park and had to be removed, it was therefore suggested that galvanised steel picnic benches be purchased as they have a longer lifespan.

RESOLVED –

1. to note the contents of the report;

2. to review the Play Areas Work Programme following receipt of the Annual Parks Inspection reports;
3. to agree to the purchase of two galvanised steel picnic benches to be installed at Tonteg park, the cost of which to be approved by full Council.

7. ACCESS TO EFAIL ISAF VILLAGE HALL PLAYGROUND

This item for inclusion on the agenda was requested by Community Councillor K.Johnson (non-Committee Member) and was dealt with earlier in the meeting (Minute No.6, above, refers).

ITEMS REQUESTED BY COMMUNITY COUNCILLOR J.JAMES

8. PROVISION OF BENCHES IN EFAIL ISAF

Community Councillor J.James sought the Committee's consideration to the installation of two benches – one at Rowan Gardens and the other at Heol Dowlais.

It was the view of Members that residents in those two areas should be consulted prior to any agreement being reached as there had been incidents of undesirable conduct by youths.

RESOLVED – that Community Councillor J.James discuss this matter with the Clerk, and if felt appropriate letters be sent to the respective residents seeking their views.

9. CONSULTATION EXERCISE

Community Councillor J.James reported that prior to Covid-19, a consultation exercise had commenced where it was hoped that residents would identify the need for improvements in play areas, resulting in external funding being sought. However, due to the pandemic, the exercise was not concluded.

RESOLVED – that a report be presented to a meeting of this Committee.

10. CARBON FOOTPRINT – REPORTS OF THE CHAIR (FOR INFORMATION)

(1) Wildflower Areas

The Chair reported that trial areas had been established in all Wards of the Community's area and set out in the report were details of the wildflowers that had been identified by the Council's Manual Operatives together with a recommended cutting plan.

The Chair wished to place on record his thanks to the Operatives for the research that they had undertaken in identifying the wildflowers in the areas that are currently being trialled and that they also be commended for their passion and commitment in carrying out this work.

(2) Tree Planting

The Chair reported that information and selection forms would shortly be issued to Members regarding the Council's Jubilee Tree Planting Scheme.

(3) Solar Power

The Chair reported that investigations of suitability of Council premises to be equipped with solar power was continuing. He indicated that the condition of the main Carnegie Parish Hall roof was causing some concern and it would therefore not be appropriate to locate panels (with a 25 year lifespan) on that roof at present. However, there could be scope in looking at solar panels being placed on the flat roof areas of the office and the adjoining garages.

The Chair further reported that Ty Illtud has a stronger sound roof and is South facing, however, whilst a panel and batter solution would be appropriate for this building, the Council would not achieve any savings as the energy bills were quite low in comparison to those for the Carnegie Parish Hall and the office.

A general discussion ensued, when it was suggested that Officers should work with the Unitary Authority in **devising biodiversity maps** for the area. Another suggestion was that the Community Council should promote **litter picking hubs**.

RESOLVED – to note the information.

**AUBREY GREEN
CHAIR**

The meeting closed at 6.15 p.m.

Signed..... Date.....

