

**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, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 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.James, J.Murphy, A.Raines and D.Stone

**In Attendance – Non-Committee Members**

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

**Officers in Attendance**

Ms.Karyl May – Clerk & Executive Officer  
Ms.Claire Hendy – Responsible Finance Officer  
Mr.Michael.Cooper – General Services Manager

**11. WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed Mr.Michael Cooper to his first meeting of the Community Council following taking up his new role as General Services Manager.

**12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** – to note that no apologies for absence had been submitted for this meeting.

**13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### **14. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** – to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Leisure and Amenities Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023, noting that they had been received by Council at its meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.

#### **15. PLAY AREAS – REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME**

Pursuant to Minute No.6(2) of the meeting of this Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2023, the Clerk summarised in her report the findings of the Inspector following the annual inspection of the play areas which took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2023.

Following the inspection, the priority areas for improvement had changed, as shown below:-

1. Woodlands Upper, Llantwit Fardre – Multi-Play Unit to be renewed
2. Tonteg Park – Goal Posts to be renewed, Corrosion on perimeter fence, replace bin, gates no longer meets British Standards, look to replace Spring Toys or new equipment, surface area in need of repair.
3. The Ridings, Tonteg – Gate needs to be replaced with a soft closed disabled access and a potentially dangerous tree overhanging the play area.
4. Station Road, Church Village – install new bin, replace surface surrounding to Hip Hop with wet pour or tiger mulch.
5. Ysgol Ty Coch, Tonteg – new footpath to bench
6. Woodlands Lower, Llantwit Fardre – drainage problems
7. Heol y Parc, Efail Isaf – disability access
8. The Dell, Tonteg

Following the concerns expressed at previous meetings with regards to the introduction of disability access at Heol y Parc, Efail Isaf, the Chair of the Committee together with the General Services Manager and the Clerk visited the play area on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 and acknowledged that the access to the disabled swing needed to be introduced. Therefore, to allow wheelchair and push-chair access a path needed to be laid from the entrance to the bench and to the swing. The area surrounding the swing then to be laid in tiger mulch or wet pour.

Other access areas at Woodlands Lower, Tonteg Park and Ysgol Ty Coch that needed improvement were reported upon.

At the meeting, the Clerk verbally reported that following the concerns regarding the potentially dangerous tree overhanging The Ridings, play area (as outlined in paragraph 2.6 of the report) the tree was inspected by Officer of RCTCBC on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 and it was ascertained that the tree did pose a risk. The play area was immediately closed and the tree was taken down by RCTCBC on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. An invoice in the approximate sum of £375 is to be submitted to this Council for the said works. The play area is now open.

Members gave suggestions that could be put forward for consideration by Morgan Sindall so that appropriate funding could be made. It was indicated that local residents would need to be consulted with regards to one of the proposals for the placing of BMX ramps on an area of land at Ysgol Ty Coch.

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

1. To agree to the Work Programme as outlined in paragraph 2.4 of the report and to the issues outlined in the table at paragraph 2.3;
2. That quotes be sought for the following:
  - a multi-play unit to be installed at Woodlands Upper;
  - two bins, one to be placed at Tonteg Park and one to be placed at Station Road play areas;
  - access improvements/surfacing works at Heol y Parc, Efail Isaf, Tonteg play area, Woodlands Lower and Ysgol Ty Coch
  - Drainage works at Woodlands Lower;
  - New gate to be installed at The Ridings play area;
3. To agree to the action taken by the Clerk in respect of the dangerous tree at The Ridings play area;
4. That the offer from Morgan Sindall be further considered at the next scheduled Council, thereby giving all Members the opportunity to give suggestions.

**16. 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL IN 2024**

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED –** that this matter for further consideration to the next meeting of this Committee.

**17. YSGOL TY COCH CAR PARK**

At the request of Community Councillor J.Murphy, consideration was given to the parking problems at the Council's car park, which were, in the main, due to the overuse by the staff at Ysgol Ty Coch.

With the aid of a plan, Councillor Murphy outlined the works that could be undertaken to alleviate some of the problems such as digging up and flattening part of the grassed area, which would give additional parking spaces and make easier access for the Council's van and trailer when visiting the storage area.

**RESOLVED –** that quotes be sought for the said works as outlined by Councillor Murphy and agreed by Members.

## 18. **PREVIOUS EVENTS**

At the request of Community Councillor J.James, the Committee gave consideration to the following activities that were facilitated by the Community Council:

- KRUF Walk
- Best Garden
- Allotments Competition

Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED** – that this matter be deferred for a report to be presented by the Clerk at the next meeting of this Committee.

## 19. **CARBON FOOTPRINT**

In accordance with Minute No.6(3) of the meeting of this Committee held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022, the Chair expressed concern that this Council was not very active in the Climate Change initiative.

The Chair indicated that with the imminent move of the staff relocating to Ty Illtud this could result in an increase in usage of electricity and therefore the installation of solar panels incorporating batteries on the roof of that building would be advantageous.

**RESOLVED** - that quotes be sought for solar panels on the roof of Ty Illtud.

**AUBREY GREEN**  
**CHAIR**

**The meeting closed at 6.02 p.m.**