

LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2024, AT

CAERLAN HALL, LLANTRISANT

Present

Cllr David Nicholas (Chair)
Cllr Julie Barton
Cllr David Brown
Cllr Anne Callow
Cllr Mal Davies
Cllr Glynne Holmes

Cllr Lynne Murdoch
Cllr David Myles
Cllr Dr Catherine Preston
Cllr Carys Romney
Cllr Paul Thomas
Cllr Ellie Townsend Jones

In Attendance

The Clerk to the Council (Mr. G. E. Hopkins J.P.)
Ms Lisa Thomas, Trustee of the Cwm and Llantwit Welfare Scheme

FC/24-25/59 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ron Hunt and Adam Robinson.

FC/24-25/60 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Nicholas, Barton, Brown, Callow, Davies, Holmes, Murdoch, Myles, Preston, and Townsend Jones declared an interest in respect of Minute FC/24-25/65, in that they were members of an organisation which met regularly at the Welfare Hall.

FC/24-25/61 Public Representations to the Council

No representations were made.

FC/24-25/62 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 9th July 2024 were approved as a true record, and the Action Log noted.

FC/24-25/63 Cwm and Llantwit Welfare Scheme (Presentation)

Ms Lisa Thomas gave a presentation on the current situation of the Cwm and Llantwit Welfare Scheme("the Welfare") and answered Members questions in relation to the Welfare's application for financial assistance, due to be deliberated later in the meeting.

Ms Thomas appealed for the assistance of the Council in ensuring that the Welfare could remain open and operational after a difficult period, which had presented the organisation with considerable financial pressures.

The Welfare aimed to apply for substantial grant funding from other bodies to maintain and enhance the facility for the community across a range of services and activities including sports, community meeting space, educational and recreational uses.

After answering Members' questions, Ms Thomas then left the meeting.

FC/24-25/64 Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following motion was **agreed to**:-

"By virtue of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from discussion of the full items that follow on the basis that disclosure thereof would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted."

Determination of the following item was therefore held in camera.

FC/24-25/65 Cwm and Llantwit Welfare Scheme (Application for Financial Assistance)

It was **agreed** to supply £5,000 to the Cwm and Llantwit Welfare Scheme for the purposes contained within their application for financial assistance. This would be paid out of the Beddau and Tynant Projects Fund.

Cllr Glynne Holmes asked for his vote against the motion to be recorded in the minutes.

Cllr Holmes questioned whether the Council had the power to make this grant, stating that he wished the Council to engage a solicitor to advise whether or not the matter was *ultra vires*.

The Clerk advised Members that a range of powers were available to the Council, any one of which would be sufficient to make the grant. These included: -

Local Government Act 1972 (S133) - Public Buildings and Village Halls

Power to provide buildings for public meetings and assemblies or contribute towards the expenses of providing such buildings.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (s. 19) - Sports and Recreation Facilities

Power to provide sports facilities in or outside the council's area or contribute towards the expenses of any voluntary organisation or local authority that provides sport facilities in or outside the council area.

Local Government Act 1972 (s145(1)(a) and s. 145(2) – Dance Halls

Power to provide premises for dances or to contribute to the expenses of dances in or outside the council's area.

Power to charge for admission to dances provided by the council.

Local Government Act 2000 (ss 1 – 5) - Power of Wellbeing (Wales)

Power to do anything to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the council's area or anyone in the area, subject to any statutory prohibitions, restrictions and limitations of council powers.

Members accepted this advice with the exception of Cllr Holmes who continued to object to the Clerk's advice.

The Clerk advised Members that he would seek the opinion of the Council's auditor to provide Cllr Holmes with an assurance that the advice he gave was correct.

FC/24-25/66 Readmission of the Press and Public

It was **agreed** to readmit the Press and public to the meeting.

The remainder of the business was therefore discussed in open session.

FC/24-25/67 Financial Matters

(i) The following accounts for payment were **agreed to:-**

				VAT
BT	Broadband/Landline Bundle (All sites)	£	175.73	s
Function28	Web and email Provision	£	54.00	z
Barclaycard	RCT waste bags, first aid kits, daff bulbs, generator hire, Christmas, door guards, software	£	1,620.14	-
Tesco Mobile	4 x mobile contracts	£	36.17	z
Unity Trust	Cheque charges	£	0.90	z
Trustmark	Copier Paper	£	73.87	s
HMRC	NI and Tax (Sep)	£	3,582.99	z
Wages	Salaries (Sep)	£	11,276.98	z
Pensions	Pensions (Sep)	£	2,632.15	z
RCTCBC	Rates (Caerlan)	£	489.00	o
PPLPRS	Music Licence (Caerlan)	£	757.40	s
SSE	Electricity (Caerlan)	£	67.90	f
RCTCBC	Rates (Llys y Cwm)	£	214.00	o
PPLPRS	Music Licence (Llys y Cwm)	£	757.40	s
SSE	Electricity (Llys y Cwm)	£	50.85	f
SSE	Gas (Aug, Llys y Cwm)	£	32.03	f
SSE	Electricity (Work Depot)	£	52.16	f
PJ Saunders	Rent	£	633.00	s
Cambrian Group	pole Pruner repair, belt, Strimmer line	£	393.73	s
Earth Anchors	2 x outside noticeboards	£	2,275.20	s
Leekes	tape, bolt	£	20.77	s
Toolstation	Wood filler (noticeboard), first aid kits (Van)	£	24.33	s
Country Timbers	Postmix	£	16.20	s
TradeUK	bin storage, outside materials	£	471.45	s
Egan Waste	Skip (Brynteg (Penycoedcae)	£	600.00	s
Defib Store	Defib and box	£	1,644.00	s

Function28	Refresh/Update Council website	£	744.00	s
RCTCBC	Van Lease (August)	£	46.70	s
Radius	Trackers monthly payment	£	24.00	s
UK Fuels	Diesel & Unleaded for machines	£	222.87	s
RCT Trade Waste	Trade Waste (final payments)	£	38.15	z
EDF	Electric Beddau CC	£	185.35	f
Toshiba Tec	Copies Qtr 2	£	105.34	s
TOTAL		£	29,318.76	

(ii) The Income and Expenditure accounts to the end of August 2024 were **noted**.

FC/24-25/68 Trade Waste Collections

The Report of the Clerk was received and his recommendations to relinquish the wheelie bins and proceed with RCT brown bags at each of the Council's sites, including the purchase of a container to contain the bags, were **agreed**.

FC/24-25/69 Reports from Committees

The Minutes of the Events and Public Engagement Committee held on 12th September 2024 were received and **noted**.

Cllr Brown expressed concern that the Committee had not made provision for a separate Christmas event in Talbot Green this year. Members of the Committee and the Clerk explained that this was due to the number of events being held near to Christmas, which placed demand on staff outside working hours, and the need to do two events well and not spread resources too thinly. The Council was supporting one Christmas event in Beddau/Tynant and one in Llantrisant/Talbot Green.

A query was raised by Cllr Callow about progress on the Time Capsule. The Chair of the Committee (Cllr Townsend Jones) said the matter was progressing but there was nothing to update the Council on at this stage,

FC/24-25/70 Community Plan (Consultation)

It was **agreed** to publish and distribute the Community Plan document in accordance with previous determinations, provided that some typing errors in the document were corrected.

Members collectively agreed to provide the Clerk with corrections to the document by the end of Friday 11th October.

It was **agreed** that the Chair of the Working Group, Cllr Davies, and the Clerk be then given delegated authority to sign off the document for publication.

FC/24-25/71 Planning and Development Control

(i) The following planning applications received by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council since the previous meeting were noted: -

<u>REF</u>	<u>PROPOSAL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
23/1334/FUL	Construction of 4no. industrial units for B1/B2/B8 use, and associated works (amended plans and Transport Briefing Note received 01/10/24; Ecology Summary Note and amended site location plan received 01/02/24).	Land North of Ffordd Prichard, Ffordd Prichard, Llantrisant Business Park,
24/0938/FUL	Change all windows at front of building from wood to aluminium similar same style	The Bear Inn Public House, Heol-y-Sarn, Llantrisant, Rhondda Cynon Taf CF72 8DA
23/0630/FUL	Move the Barbers (The Barber Lounge) upstairs and open a cafe downstairs.	54 Talbot Road, Talbot Green, Pontyclun, CF72 8AF
24/0942/OUT	Single Dwelling	Land at Maes Cefn Mabley, Llantrisant

- (ii) With regard to Planning Application 23/1334/FUL, it was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to the Planning Department in support of the Highways Department's objections to the application and in support of the environmental considerations.

FC/24-25/72 Llwyncrwn Primary School Governing Body

It was **agreed** that Cllr Davies be appointed to a further term as the Minority Authority Governor on the Governing Body of Llwyncrwn Primary School.

FC/24-25/73 Correspondence

No relevant correspondence had been received.

There being no further business the meeting was ended at 7.45pm.

CLLR DAVID NICHOLAS

CHAIR OF COUNCIL