

LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



MINUTES

OF THE MEETING OF LLANTRISANT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 8TH APRIL 2025, AT
CAERLAN HALL, LLANTRISANT.

Present

Cllr David Nicholas (Chair)
Cllr Julie Barton
Cllr Anne Callow
Cllr Mal Davies
Cllr Ron Hunt
Cllr Lynne Murdoch

Cllr Dr Catherine Preston
Cllr Adam Robinson
Cllr Carys Romney
Cllr Paul Thomas
Cllr Ellie Townsend Jones

In Attendance

The Clerk to the Council (Mr. G. E. Hopkins J.P.)

FC/24-25/125 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs David Brown, Glynne Holmes and David Myles.

FC/24-25/126 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

FC/24-25/127 Public Representations to the Council

No representations were made.

FC/24-25/128 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was **agreed** to amend the Minutes of the meeting of the Council meeting held on 11th March 2025 to show that under discussion of the Action Log (Minute FC/24-25/119) Cllr Callow had suggested the siting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon on the Heather Gardens, Llantrisant.

Related to this matter, it was **agreed** to commission a new plaque to replace the one currently on the opposite side of the road to the Heather Gardens, to include its current inscription with the addition of an explanation of the Jubilee Beacon.

So amended, the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 11th March 2025 were approved as a true record, and the Action Log noted.

FC/24-25/129 Financial Matters(i) The following accounts for payment were **agreed to:-**

<u>OFFICE</u>				VAT
BT	Broadband/Landline Bundle (All sites)	£	182.18	s
Function28	Web and email Provision	£	54.00	s
Barclaycard	see attached sheet	£	286.50	-
Toshiba Tec	Copies Qtr 4	£	59.23	s
Tesco Mobile	4 x mobile contracts	£	36.17	s
Unity Trust	Bank Charges	£	17.10	o
Rialtias Business	Hall booking and accounting software	£	1,868.40	s
<u>STAFFING</u>				
HMRC	NI and Tax (March)	£	2,804.04	z
Wages	Salaries (March)	£	9,938.42	z
Pensions	Pensions (March)	£	2,587.17	z
<u>CHAIRS ALLOWANCE</u>				
Ynmaerdy Rangers	International camp donation	£	100.00	o
<u>CAERLAN</u>				
RCTCBC	Rates	£	495.60	
Chubb	New Extinguisher	£	116.82	s
Initial	Sanitary Bins and Mats	£	1,043.81	s
SSE	Electricity (Feb)	£	75.68	f
<u>BEDDAU CC</u>				
Braceys	Cement	£	21.64	s
EDF	Electricity (March)	£	165.07	f
SSE	Gas(Feb)	£	840.19	s
<u>LLYS Y CWM</u>				
RCTCBC	Rates	£	214.40	o
Initial	Sanitary Bins and Mats	£	557.01	s
SSE	Gas (Feb)	£	112.44	f
SSE	Electric (Feb)	£	45.99	f
<u>WORKS DEPOT</u>				
RCTCBC	Rates	£	88.46	o
PJ Saunders	Rent	£	633.00	s
<u>OUTSIDE WORK</u>				
Cambrian Group	Annual Service large equipment	£	2,328.36	s
Leekes	screws, pipes	£	83.85	s
Trade UK	Screwfix Account	£	42.53	s
Brynteg Allotment Shop	Pallet of compost	£	292.50	z

Country Timbers	post mix, screws, trellis	£	73.45	s
<u>PROJECTS</u>				
SLPW	Benches (TG)	£	1,830.00	s
<u>ALLOTMENTS</u>				
SSE	Electric Brynteg	£	49.93	f
<u>TRANSPORT</u>				
Radius	Trackers monthly payment	£	24.00	s
RCTCBC	Van lease (Feb)	£	46.70	s
RCTCBC	Small Van lease March	£	60.05	s
UK Fuels	Diesel	£	178.91	s
		<u>TOTAL</u>	£ 27,353.60	

- (ii) The Income and Expenditure accounts to the end of March 2025 were **noted**.
- (iii) The Report of the Clerk and the Responsible Financial Officer proposing end of year virements, and containing a detailed schedule of the same was **approved**.
- (iv) It was agreed to supply from the Chair's allowance £50 to fund the refreshments for the visiting schoolchildren from France, who would be attending a rehearsal of the Llantrisant Male Voice Choir at Llantrisant Workingmen's Club on Wednesday 9th April 2025.

FC/24-25/130 Beddau Clock

- i. The Report of the Clerk concerning the replacement of the Beddau Clock was considered, with supplemental advice from the insurers which had been received since the publication of the papers.
- ii. The Council's insurers had approved the option from Good Directions to repair and reinstate the clock which had been damaged. This was **approved**.
- iii. It was further **approved** to improve the electricity connection on the roundabout at the base of the clock to allow for more sockets which could be used for the powering of Christmas illuminations.

FC/24-25/131 Heol Sticil-y-Beddau, Former Urinals

- i. The Report of the Clerk was received and noted, but the recommendations contained therein were not agreed.
- ii. It was **agreed** that in order to ensure best use of an asset in public ownership and obtain best value in any potential sale of the same, that a true valuation of the land in question should be obtained before entering into any discussions with other interested parties.

FC/24-25/132 Llys y Cwm (Options) Report

- (a) Having considered the Report of the Clerk, and by a count of 10 votes in favour to 1 vote against, the following was **agreed** to:-
- i. that the Council moves its principal office from the Parish Office at Caerlan Hall to Llys y Cwm, Beddau;
 - ii. that transfers from earmarked reserves of £4,687 be made to support the costs of the project.
 - iii. that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair of the Assets and Operations Committee be given authority to spend up to £20,000, inclusive of the figure contained in (ii) in order to do those works necessary to facilitate the move of offices to Llys y Cwm.
- (b) It was further **agreed** unanimously to note provisional costings provided by Cllr Robinson for the potential future improvements to the vacated Parish Office for community use, which would be considered at a future date,

FC/24-25/133 Planning and Development Control

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

25/0325/CPRO	Construction of a new sun room.	9 Caldwell Close, Beddau, CF38 2LG
24/0801/FUL	Replacement of existing bungalow with new build 4 bed house. Proposed garden building located to the rear of the site.	The Shealings, Brynteg Lane, Brynteg, Beddau, Rhondda Cynon Taf CF72 8LS
25/0278/FUL	Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new two storey side extension.	43 Llwynocrwn Road, Beddau, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF38 2BE
25/0273/ADV	Proposed new signage scheme.	Unit 2B Dream Time Beds, Glamorgan, Vale Retail Park CF72 8RP
25/0262/ADV	Fixed page LED signage board.	Land Adjacent To Ely Valley Road,
24/1044/FUL	Change of use from licensed premises to retail store and office on ground floor and self contained flat and storage on first floor (Amended Plans and Description received 26/03/25).	Cross Keys Hotel, High Street, Llantrisant, CF72 8BR

FC/24-25/134 Correspondence

The following items of correspondence were received and the respective resolutions reached:-

- i. A letter from Eye to Eye Counselling services requesting use of premises free of charge for their services. It was **agreed** that the Council could not meet this request as most of the hirers of its halls would be considered to be in the “not for profit” sector and, whilst each one could be considered most worthy in their causes, the same policy in terms of fees and charges for hiring premises would need to be applied to all potential users.
- ii. An email from the Beddau Welfare Hall outlining their work throughout the previous six months since a grant was supplied to them by the Council, was well received by Members, who wished the Clerk to respond to congratulate them on the progress made so far and wishing them continued good fortune in their efforts to bring new life to the facility on behalf of the residents.
- iii. A letter requesting financial assistance from the Llangollen International Eisteddfod was **noted**.

FC/24-25/135 Exclusion of the Public and Press

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.

The remainder of the meeting was therefore held *in camera*.

FC/24-25/136 Staffing Matters

The Clerk made a statement of grievance to the Council in reference to several recent instances of inappropriate and unauthorised public disclosures of the terms and conditions of his employment on Facebook and other public places which could be considered contrary to employment and data protection legislation and also other normal conventions relating to the keeping confidential of the personal and private information of employees.

The Clerk then left the meeting and the Council **agreed** to the following response to the Clerk's remarks:

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8.15pm

CHAIR OF COUNCIL