

LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF



Minutes of the Llantwit Fardre Community Council Meeting held at 7pm on Tuesday 31 July 2018 at the Council Office.

Present: Councillors J. James (Chairperson), S. Bistro, R. Butler, B. James, C. Johnson, G. Stacey, T Handley, N Tizard-Lee, and L Walker.

In attendance: Gethin Williams-Acting Clerk and Executive Officer.

1.Apologies

Councillors M. Diamond, T.Raines and A.Watts.

2.Declarations of Interest.

None received

3.Public Break

-Ty Coch playground. A member of the public expressed concerns regarding the Council's remedial/maintenance/upgrading proposals for the play area. He referred to a newsletter referring to proposals for the carpark, referred to covenants dealing with the use of the land, potential funding, his willingness to assist the Council, the legislative obligations on the Council. The Chairperson referred to a meeting he had arranged with the Playgrounds Officer from RCTCBC.

4.Minutes

The minutes of the following Council and Committee Meetings were approved and where appropriate agreed and adopted.

(a) Council 26 June 2018 with the amendment to show that Councillor S. Bristow was not present at the meeting

(b) Appointments Committees 9 and 16 July 2018.

5. Police Report

RESOLVED

To note the report from the Church Village area.

6. Notice of Motion- Councillor R. Butler-Ty Coch

Councillor R. Butler submitted the following motion and which was seconded by Councillor G. Stacey:

" Following the report of extensive damage to the Ysgol Ty Coch Children's Playground and receipt of correspondence from ..., a very concerned Tonteg resident, this Council takes the opportunity to refurbish the playground and, following the suggestion from (the resident), it be done in such a way as to cater for children of all physical abilities."

When debating the motion the several issues were raised including: that money should be allocated immediately from reserves to upgrade facilities at the play area, that RCTCBC had allocated substantial money to upgrade play areas but not those in this Council's area, that a 5 year maintenance plan had been prepared previously, the Chairperson had been in contact with RCTCBC's playground officer and that a meeting had been arranged, that a working group be set up to consider what work/maintenance improvements was required to all the Council's play areas to enable use by children and those with additional needs, whether grant funding might be available and that the motion had been dealt with at the Council meeting on 26 June.

RESOLVED

- (a) To adopt the motion
- (b) That a working group be set up and that all Councillors be invited to attend along with RJ a resident who had offered to assist the Council and who was present at the meeting, and that the first meeting take place in early September or when the play area officer of RCTCBC could attend-the Chairperson would contact the officer and then confirm the date of the working group to members.

6. Acting Clerk and Executive Officer's Report

(a) WW1 Bench Seats

A previous Council member had requested a further report regarding the possibility of commemorating WW1 by providing appropriate benches and the then Chairperson, Councillor L. Walker would report back to Council.

Councillor L. Walker reported on the discussions he had had with the company whose brochure was attached to the report regarding the prices. Briefly the cost of one bench would be in the region of £900+VAT and there were lower price options if more were purchase.

It was reported that if members wished to purchase the money could be taken from reserves which as at 31 March 2018, subject to audit, were £158,499.14.

It was also pointed out where the benches could be located and that a third party had agreed to pay the cost of providing one bench. The bench would need to be laid in concrete.

RESOLVED

- (i) To purchase 5 benches with a plaque at a cost not exceeding £800+VAT. The Council would be reimbursed the cost of one bench by a third party
- (ii) To delegate to the Clerk in consultation with Councillor L. Walker authority to agree suitable locations for the benches.

(b) War Memorial

Adjacent to Maesybryn Primary School there is a tree which could be cut down and the trunk carved and used for a war memorial. The Chairperson provided cost information.

It was reported that if members wished to proceed with the proposal the money could be taken from reserves which as at 31 March 2018, subject to audit are £158,499.14.

RESOLVED

That the Chairperson provide a further report with additional costings to the Council's September meeting

(c) Land at Ystrad Berwig Isaf, Crown Hill, Llantwit Fardre-Proposed Residential Development

In accordance with Planning legislation concerning pre-application consultation for "major" developments a Schedule 1C Notice relating to the above development had been received and attached to the report was the notice received. Accompanying the notice was a CD that could be viewed at the Office.

RESOLVED

To note the report

(d) Land at Heol Dowlais, Efail Isaf

The Chairperson had been in contact with RCTCBC in order to obtain consent to place a "planter" on its land in Efail Isaf and attached were the terms and conditions received

RESOLVED

Provided planning permission was not required to enter into a license agreement with RCTCBC for land at Heol Dowlais, Efail Isaf.

(e) Gwauncelyn Primary School-Resignation/Nomination

RESOLVED

To delay nominating a Governor to Gwauncelyn Primary School

(f) Right of Way Improvement Plan for RCTCBC Draft Plan

RESOLVED

To note the report

(g) Recent Changes to Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations

RESOLVED

To note the report

(h) Letter of thanks -Tonteg Neighbourhood Watch

RESOLVED

To note the letter

(i) Praise for member of staff

RESOLVED

To congratulate MC for his achievement in losing so much weight over three years and that a suitable letter be sent to him

(j) Tenders for work at the Carnegie Parish Hall and office-procedure

RESOLVED

To note the report and that a Council meeting be held on the 14 August to decide what tenders to award.

7. Finances Budget against actual spend-up to July 2018 and Finance and Expenditure (monthly Profit and Loss) from April to 24 July 2018

RESOLVED

To note the information provided but that in the Monthly Profit and Loss the “allotment rent Income” should appear under the “Other income” heading.

8. Details of planning applications received from RCTCBC.

RESOLVED

To note the applications

9. Chairperson’s Report and Announcements.

The Chairperson reported that on the he intended on 28 September to hold a Macmillan coffee morning in the Carnegie Parish Hall, that he intended to audit/review previous Council decisions to ensure that they had been implemented, he suggested that there should be a CIL report to the September Council meeting, and that the Chairpersons/Mayor of Community/Town Councils in the RCTCBC area would be meeting.

During the report it was pointed out by Councillors that at the 11 July Policy and Finance Committee it had been agreed that the Composting Toilet for the Station Road Allotment at a cost of £1366.00 be paid from the Community Benefit Fund.

10. Admission of the public and the press to the meeting

RESOLVED

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 namely the awarding of a contract and personal information relating to staff members.”

11. Acting Clerk and Executive Officer’s Report

(a) Wages and Pensions Arrangements

11. To consider the Clerk’s exempt report.

(a) Wages and Pensions Arrangements

At a previous meeting, members had requested a report back regarding RCTCBC undertaking the tasks of dealing with and calculating staff wages and pension services for the Council.

The Clerk referred to the claimed advantages of RCTCBC providing pension and wages services to the Council, the additional costs involved, details of the present

services provided by the accountants and their costings, and the significant work involved by the staff presently to undertake the tasks.

RESOLVED

To instruct RCTBC to undertake the wages and pension tasks on behalf of the Council

(b) Appointment of Clerk and Executive Officer update.

The Clerk provided an update on filling the vacant permanent post.

RESOLVED

To note the report, to agree the action undertaken to cancel the interviews and to re-advertise the post and to hold an Appointments Committee meeting at 10.00am on Tuesday 14 August to short list applications for interview by Council.

The meeting finished at 8.35 pm.

Signed

Councillor J. James, Chairperson