

# LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LLANCARFAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING ON ZOOM AT 7.30PM 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2021

- PRESENT** Councillors: Cllr K Kemp, Cllr T Thomas, Cllr A Rees,  
Cllr J Scott-Quelch, Cllr T Bluff-Higgins, Cllr P Bear and Cllr M Thomas.
- Visitors** Cllr G Kemp, 3 members of the public, Emily Shaw (Local Nature Partnership)
- Apologies** Cllr M Hughes, Cllr J Angell, and Cllr J Lott,
- In attendance** Mrs J Western – Clerk
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- 2110/568** **To receive apologies for absence.**  
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Hughes, Cllr J Angell, and Cllr J Lott.
- 2110/569** **To receive any declarations of interests.**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 2110/570** **To determine any items on the agenda considered to be of a private nature that should be discussed at the exclusion of the Public and Press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2)**  
There were no items that were considered to be of a private nature.
- 2110/571** **To hear from the Coach house representative regarding the future plans of the Fox and Hound.**  
Rhiannon Curtis-Dobson was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following update to the Clerk, which was read out to the Council.
- 'I'm really sorry that I am unable to attend today's meeting but hope to be able to in the future. I'm sorry but I don't seem to have received the agenda for the meeting but thought I would send you a brief update from the Fox and Hounds to in order to update the council.
- As many are already aware, as of March 2021, Eloise Flinter took over as Operations Director of Coach House Inns from Harry Lewis, who has now retired. Eloise is based in Poole, Dorset and so the day to day running of the Fox and Hounds remains unchanged with Jim and Rhiannon Dobson locally.
- After an extremely challenging year it is great to be back open and trading, although due to recruitment difficulties in the hospitality industry, we're not currently able to

be open every day. Our plan / hope is to recruit further in order to be able to open 7 days a week in the future ( During 2022).

Coach house Inns are currently making a substantial investment into the property, notably replacing the whole roof which is currently underway. Future plans include updating the bedrooms and bathrooms and some windows although no fix date has been set for this work.

I'm happy to update further should anyone have any further questions. Best Wishes, Rhiannon'

Councillors appreciated the update and thought it would be helpful to receive a further update in the new year.

**2110/572 To hear from Emily Shaw about the Local Nature Partnership and how the community can contribute.**

Emily Shaw kindly gave a PowerPoint presentation to the council.

Assistance grants can be applied for. The best way forward is a site visits and look at potential areas.

**Councillor Questions**

1. Rachel Carter is offering similar with Local Places for Nature, are they one of your partners?

Response - Welsh Government have lots of different avenues, including Keep Wales Tidy amongst others. We decide within the partnership what to focus on. Rachel Carter is a different stream with a different pot of money, they have been asked to something different with their money.

2. Is there a crib sheet of types of projects that we could look at?

Response - There is not a one size fits all. The best option is to set up a site visit, look at what you have available, look at the habitat and then suggest causes of action that could be taken. We did the same for St Athan Community Council where we went around different grass lands and advised them on how to manage it better.

3. How do you suggest we raise awareness of biodiversity issue in the community, do you have any examples or suggestions, could people do something for themselves? We could include something in our newsletter about how individuals can help.

Response – We are hoping, as part of a nature recovery action plan to include a list of different actions that communities can take and share. There will be resources to share and resources available online. For example, a hedgehog highways project. There has been one started in Penarth.

**2110/573 To receive the report from PCSO**

Llancarfan – nothing to report

Llancadle – Operation Snap on 08/09/21 – person reported for driving without due care and attention.

Llanbethery – nothing to report

Llantrithyd – nothing to report

PCSO Reynolds did state that there had been a few shed burglaries in Aberthin and Ystradowen so asked the community to be vigilant.

- 2110/574**      **To approve the minutes of the previous Council meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**  
The minutes of meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were **Approved** – Proposed by Cllr T Thomas and seconded by Cllr A Rees.
- 2110/575**      **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes that are not agenda items.**  
Sue Taylor has informed the Chair that the new vicar, Father Michael, would like to meet with the burial committee to discuss the paths. Chair to wait for the Vicar to make contact.
- Item 1609/554 - The chair did not write to the Echo or Glamorgan Star to discuss the misrepresentation as when the articles were read thoroughly it could be interpreted either way. However, the Chair did write to headteacher, Colin Smith, to ask about any plans to commemorate the closure. A response was received asking if the LCC had anything in mind.
- Memorial Bench – LCC would like the family to provide us with a design for the bench. This item was **RESOLVED** to be dealt with in the burial committee
- After a recent event in the church, a lady fell whilst walking in the dark on a tarmacked level path in the church yard. Unfortunately, the lady broke her hip and had a hip replacement the next day. The path was inspected and it is remarkably good condition, clear from obstructions with no overhanging branches or obstructions. The alternative route would have been for her to walk around the road.
- ACTION** - Risk Assessment and polices to go on next month's agenda.
- 2110/576**      **To discuss and decide on a contractor for the Riverbank wall and footpath maintenance.**  
This item was postponed to the next meeting.
- 2110/577**      **To discuss the NantCarfan Catchment Project to include areas of water run-off identified by residents**  
Cllr M Thomas spoke to Scott Hand last week, who now manages a team in Bridgend. There has been very slow progress, internally they have agreed a way to overcome their concerns on working on land owned by someone else through licence agreements. This will still require consent to be obtain from the relevant owners. It is far easier to come up with nature-based solutions in woodland areas as not prime agricultural farmland.  
List of main areas of concern to go to Cllr M Thomas who will pass it on to Scott Hand. He is particularly interested in run off from hills into Llancarfan and is happy to meet with someone in the Vale Council to get a joined-up working.  
Want to move things along.
- ACTION** - Cllr G Kemp to try and find out the correct person and send details to Cllr M Thomas.
- 2110/578**      **To discuss the Llancarfan Primary school site**  
This item will be included in the report from Cllr J Scott-Quelch in item 2110/587.

- 2110/579 To discuss solar farm developments**  
The working party is arranging to meet soon to discuss solar farm developments.  
**ACTION** – keep on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 2110/580 To discuss a community allotment in Llanccarfan**  
**ACTION** – Cllr K Kemp to arrange for a notice to be placed in the Llanccarfan hub asking for suggestions to locate a community allotment.
- 2110/581 To discuss any plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.**  
There has been no further information received.  
**ACTION** – keep on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 2110/582 To discuss and decide on any maintenance that the burial ground wall may need.**  
**ACTION** – keep on the agenda for the next meeting.
- 2110/583 To discuss and agree on updated rules and regulations for the burial ground, including consideration for cremated remains plots.**  
The Burial ground rules and regulations cannot be updated until a decision has been made on cremated remains plots.  
Cllr J Scott-Quelch put forward that the Burial Ground introduce cremated remains plots sized at 2ft by 2ft compared to 6ft by 3ft sized plots for full burials. The suggested area to be used is alongside the path on the right-hand side. The actual logistics would include getting a new burial map drawn up.  
It was RESOLVED that the Burial committee would go ahead with the introduction of burial plots, proposed by Cllr T Thomas, seconded by Cllr P Bear and agreed by all.  
  
Cllr J Scott-Quelch also put forward that the burial committee could set aside a plot for wildflowers which would be left to grow. This would tie in with the biodiversity aims of the council.
- 2110/584 Committee updates:**  
Road Matters Committee  
Cllr A Rees contacted Emma Reed in the Vale Council regarding the speed limit in Llanbethery. As there is not a 30 mile an hour speed limit in place at the moment, it cannot be reduced to 20 mile an hour. However, Llanbethery can be put on the list for a speed limit. The list is quite long.  
**ACTION** – Cllr M Thomas to add to the newsletter asking for views. Cllr A Rees to ask for Llanbethery to be added to the list to get a speed limit.  
  
Cllr A Rees emailed Nathan Thomas the location of various flooding areas in Llanccarfan. Those five areas have been inspected and three areas have now been cleared. One drainage ditch just above Llanccarfan needs maintenance and a let in a hedgerow near the main 5-mile lane requires exposing.  
It was noted that the ditches done in Llantrithyd and been done which is great timing and gratefully received.  
  
Cllr M Thomas identified a couple of sections from Aberogyn to A48 with potholes which will be reported to the Vale and then followed up by Cllr A Rees.

Planning Committee: Planning Applications / Approvals / Complaints

The application for the Quarries has gone into the Vale of Glamorgan Council. The planning committee to discuss.

**ACTION** - Go on the agenda for next month.

Burial Ground Committee

There has not been a committee meeting.

Community Engagement and Future Generations Committee

Met this evening, one item discussed items for next newsletter.

Future meetings are going to discuss biodiversity. A copy of the updated Wellbeing Plan from the Future Generation Act has been circulated to councillors by Cllr M Thomas for views and comments.

**ACTION** - Go on the agenda for next month

Finance Committee

The finance committee has not met.

**2110/585**

**Correspondence received**

There has been no additional correspondence received.

**2110/586**

**Finance**

Payments

Clerk Wages September 2021	£499.64
HMRC PAYE Clerk September 2021	£100.00

All payments were agreed by all. The cheques and audit to be signed by two signatories on the weekend.

Receipts

None

Bank Balances

General Account opening statement balance as of 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	£24,580.28
General Account projected balance on 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	£23,980.64

**2110/587**

**Reports from Representatives and Clerk**

Vale of Glamorgan Community Liaison Committee - Cllr A Rees

There was a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

*Waste management:*

Modernisation of the Llandow amenity site was discussed as lease runs out in January 2023. There is a commitment to relocate it, but up until now no suitable alternatives available. However now have 3/4 possible sites around Llandow. £1.9 million of capital funding available. Best option is the Travis Perkins site. Dealing with a new landowner. Operational target 2023. There is still a booking system in place at the amenity site and they are considering kerb side collections for batteries.

*Police matters:*

Residential burglaries are up 5% but likely because fewer people at home. Crime figures are generally on par with previous 3 months. Operation Elstree ran from 1st May - 5th Sept. There is a new initiative to tackle coastal crime and water safety, missing children, and anti-social behaviour.

Airport Consultative Committee – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

There was a meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

Nothing much to report, some of the staff that were seconded during lockdown are still on secondment with Welsh Government. The airport had only made a 10% recovery so far. 14 routes are currently operating and they are hoping to run Ryan Air to Dublin from October. Rhose airport 80 years old next year.

Llancarfan School Governors – Cllr J Scott-Quelch

There was a meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

There is still no definite date for the opening of the new school build due to shortage of materials, although it will possibly be after February half term.

They are now up to 77 pupils from 69 at the start of the academic year. The school is pleased with new nursery, 5 new pupils have enrolled and another 5 pupils will start in January 2022.

In terms of commemorating the closing the site in Llancarfan, Julie Lee Jones, who was previously a teacher at Llancarfan, would like to be involved in creating a history of the school. The school governors welcome ideas from the LCC on any form of commemoration.

There are a few new logo suggestions to choose from and the school governors have asked that the LCC put their choice forward. After looking at the logo options the Community council decided that they had no preference and would not like to be involved in the process.

The school are hoping to do a church service shortly before it moves and they would like to continue the annual activities in Llancarfan such as the duck race.

One Voice Wales - Cllr P Bear

There was a lot of discussion about Section 47 which insists that Community Council ensure their meetings are accessible to the public through hybrid joining options. This can be very expensive. OVW made a representation to Welsh Government but this cannot be removed. The next option is to request funding for the equipment needed. OVW are carrying out a survey to find out how it is affecting Community Councils. Community councils could get an unqualified audit if they run face-to-face without hybrid joining options. The minimum required for a hybrid meeting is audio, it does not have to have video.

Tarmac Community Liaison Committee – Cllr T Thomas

There has not been a meeting.

**2110/588**

**Items for consideration for next month's Agenda**

- Wellbeing strategy draft
- Terms of reference for all the committees
- Risk Management strategy
- Christmas Tree Grants
- Noticeboard replacement plastic

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