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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY**  
**COMMUNITY HALL ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023**

**Those attending: Councillors M Hayward (Chair) M Skinner (Vice-Chair), G Cowan, A Barber, K Eldridge and S Salway. Also in attendance were the Clerk, Mr Robert Wade and County Councillor Sue McConnel and Mrs M Bennett, Mrs A Davies and Mrs J Thompson on the floor of the meeting.**

**1 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were tendered by Councillors C Harry, Ms N Watkins, Rev J Gray, S Baugh and M Edwards. County Councillor Rev M Lane, while ex-officio, also gave his apologies. County Councillor McConnel said that Katharine Vaughan, who usually attended the meetings, was also absent.

**2 Declaration of interests.**

It was agreed that these could be tendered as and when they arose during the meeting.

**3 Discussion on policing issues with Gwent Police personnel**

There was no Police Report available for the meeting, and no Police attendance. The Clerk was requested to press for this for the July meeting.

**4 To receive the Monthly update reports from County Councillors**

(a) County Councillor McConnel said that she had made a request for the improvement of the path to the west of the football ground as part of the Active Travel Plan.

- (b) With reference to the previous mention of the fencing and hedging of Croeseonen Parc, it had now been revealed that a fence was not possible, but there were plans to lay a hedge and to get children involved in the woodland project generally, although there was some uncertainty as to who owned the land leading down to the stream. This was being explored.
- (c) She said there were plans afoot to close the bus station.
- (d) The issue of control of dogs was still very much on the agenda, and there was an ongoing consultation. The proposal was that dogs might be banned from certain areas altogether or required to be on a lead, and dog-fouling was to become an offence and also not having the means to clear up after a dog. The Clerk enquired whether the CCTV on the Community Hall might be powerful enough to identify offenders, and the Chair said that it certainly would.

## **5 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

The Minutes were approved as a true record, Councillor Skinner proposing and Councillor Sulway seconding the proposal.

## **6 To consider Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

- (a) Page 3 – 8(b) – The Clerk said that the Wi-Fi had now been installed, albeit with some trouble, since the BT engineer had not known what he was supposed to be doing.
- (b) Page 3 – 8(c) – The area around the Mardy AFC container had now been tidied up.
- (c) Page 4 - 8(d) – **The Chair said that he had had a meeting with the representative of Keep Wales Tidy to see whether part of the Memorial Garden could be used for car parking.** There appeared to be no problem over moving trees, if that was thought to be necessary, to expand the space available, but it should be done towards the winter. The garden was untidy, and needed regular maintenance. Gavenny Gardening Club had been approached but could not assist. This was still being explored.
- (d) Page 4 – (8)(e) - the Clerk said he had not yet received copies of the licences for the “Pop-up Bar” and Burger Van for the Past v Present match. Councillors Skinner and Barber said they would speak to those in charge to try to make sure things were organised.
- (e) Page 4 – 8(g) **The Clerk said that Lloyds Bank had kept the forms sent to them for some three weeks before saying they still weren’t right.** A fresh form would be required, which would have to await the return of the Vice Chair from holiday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

(f) Page 4 – 8(h) – **The Clerk said that Playdale had agreed to visit the playground to see what had to be done.** The meeting approved a payment of £150 + VAT which would be deducted from the eventual bill.

(g) Page 5 – (8(i) – The Clerk said that Harry’s carpets had given an estimate of £300 (no VAT) for the chairs in the main hall to be cleaned up. This estimate was approved.

(h) Page 5- 9 – The Chair said that he had not been able to find a suitable twin. It was agreed that guidance might be sought from King Henry VIII school, and that Chris Woodhouse might also be helpful. This would be looked at in due course.

## **7 To consider correspondence received.**

The Clerk said he had had an e-mail from Mrs Thompson regarding the forthcoming Gavenny Gardening Club show to ask if the club might have a discount off the usual booking fee. She left the room whilst the issue was discussed, and a small discount was agreed.

## **8 To consider planning matters.**

(a) DM/2023/00631 – Conversion of a former cowshed/dairy to a holiday let – Glebe Cottage – It was agreed that the planning committee should be requested to impose a condition that there should be no extension to this building, to avoid development by the back door.

(b) DM/2023/00660 – Evander, on the Crowfield to Bryn-y-Gwenin Lane – various works including an Apex dormer window – this was approved.

Councillor Cowan and County Councillor McConnell left the meeting at this point.

## **9 To consider the payment of Accounts**

The following payments were approved:

Gas £24.71

M Pearson £520

Caretaker £950

Cleaner £595.87

Renewal of Domain for web-site £45

A new “steering wheel” for one of the sets of apparatus in the play-ground £11.49

## **10 To consider the Financial Statement and other financial issues**

- (a) The Clerk said that the Nat West account would have £10,051.53 in it before the payment of accounts approved at the meeting. He suspected that the Lloyds Bank account had over £100,000 in it, but was still in the dark until Lloyds Bank were being so difficult. Councillor Eldridge said that the account should be audited once the Council had reasserted control over it, and the Clerk said this was definitely going to be done, and online banking would also be instated.
- (b) Mention was made of the allowances for Councillors and the payment agreed to Llandewi Skirrid Hall, and that these must be made once the Lloyds Bank account funds had been reclaimed.

## **13 To consider any matters regarding the Playing Fields Committee**

- (a) Councillor Skinner asked about the foliage along the path to the west of the playing-field as to who was responsible for strimming it back.
- (b) Adjacent to the play-ground area, a board with stumps marked on it had been knocked over and snapped and some fence-posts snapped off, by acts of vandalism. The latter had been repaired.
- (c) Some work had been done in tidying up the car park, and weeds had been removed.
- (d) The Chair remarked on the report from a local resident of problems in the park outside his garden. He himself had looked at the area, and found that it was in a bad state, very untidy and with débris on the ground, and branches and bark had been torn off trees. The Clerk said that he had mentioned the report to PCSO Ionescu, who had said he was aware of the problem, and would be looking into it. The Chair asked that this be mentioned again; a meeting with Mr Lawton might be required. The Clerk said he would check on it.

## **14 To consider any matters regarding the Community Hall.**

- (a) It was agreed that replacement of the boiler was urgent. Only two estimates had been received. A third had been requested but the contractor had said that he only did domestic boilers. It was agreed that Craig Walters should be asked to do it. Although it seemed likely that he would be more expensive than the other contractor, he was able to provide a report which would enable an insurance claim to be made.
- (b) The Clerk said that a Fire Inspection was due on the 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**15 To consider information from One Voice Wales**

No issues arose

**16 To receive any reports on activities of outside bodies**

No issues arose

**17 To consider any matters that the Chair considers urgent.**

- (a) The Clerk said that he had arranged to see the head of City Illuminations in July so as to consider the issue of extending the Christmas Lights to the Willow Court estate. This had to await the return of Councillor Harry from holiday.
- (b) It was agreed that the Chair should have a general power to authorise expenditure on the Hall of £500 to meet urgent expenses that arose between meetings.

**18 The date of the next meeting of the Council**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on the **19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7 p.m.**