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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY**  
**COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY**  
**COMMUNITY HALL ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024**

**Those attending:** Councillors M Hayward (Chair), M Skinner, G Cowan, M Edwards, K Eldridge, S Baugh, A Barber, K Vaughan and S Salway. Also in attendance was County Councillor Sue McConnel and the Clerk, Mr Robert Wade. On the floor of the meeting were Marjorie Bennett and Zoe Cameron.

**1 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillors C Harry, Rev J Gray and R Fury. County Councillor Rev M Lane had also sent his apologies.

**2 Declaration of interests.**

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

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

There was no attendance by a representative of the police, but a report had been circulated. There were no items that required specific comment.

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

(a) County Councillor McConnel said that she had done another “walkaround” of Danyderi with two PCSOs. This was something that their superior officer was clearly encouraging. She felt it was reassuring for the residents, and some approached them, although it was quiet. Anti-Social Behaviour had been reported, and the suspects had been identified and action had been taken. The message was that it was always worth reporting any incidents.

(b) She mentioned that there was an island of grass at the top of Danyderi where there was to be some planing. The current bench there was a health hazard, and she raised the issue of whether the Council might consider paying for it to be renewed. No firm decision was taken so far as that was concerned.

(c) New regulations were shortly to come into force regarding the matter of dogs. Monmouthshire Housing Association was going to buy bins for dog waste and some notices would be put up on land owned by Monmouthshire County Council.

(d) The issue of Willow Court was raised, with the continuing problem of the sewage system, although this was strictly the province of her colleague Rev Malcolm Lane, who had unfortunately been called away at the last minute.

(e) Councillor Barber asked who was in charge of the roads, which were in a deplorable state. County Councillor McConnell said this was Monmouthshire County Council, and she said all black spots should be reported. Councillor Edwards suggested that measurements should be taken and photographs taken so as to highlight any issues.

## **5 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

This was proposed by Councillor Skinner and seconded by Councillor Barber, and agreed.

## **6 To consider Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

(a) Page 2 – 6 (a) – it was observed that the rubble on the Willow Court estate referred to in the Minutes of the last meeting had been moved. Whilst on the subject of Willow Court, the Chair referred to the Planning application for the Ty Gwyn nursing home. The Clerk had been told by Brecon Beacons National Parks that there was no planning application, but he had been misled. Worse still, the planning statement had made it clear that the sewerage system under Ty Gwyn was to be put out of commission and instead all sewerage and drainage would go to the systems under Willow Court which, as the Council was well aware, was seriously under question. The Clerk said that his investigation had been that Persimmon were prosecuted in 2021/2 by the NRA, but that he had discovered that this was not because of their failure to instal the pumping station which was a condition of their planning permission. He had contacted the NRA, and had raised the question of whether there might be a second prosecution. Zoe Cameron said she was aware of testing being carried out at three places on the Gavenny which showed dangerous levels of pollution. The Chair said he proposed to meet Peter Jones of the NRA to discuss the matter.

(b) Page 3 - 6(e) – It was agreed that new bins were required, and it was agreed in principle that three new dog bins would be purchased and one repaired, and three new waste bins. A cost of between £150 and £250 per bin was agreed, and the Chair was given plenary powers to make the final decision. At that point, Councillor Salway referred to the new recycling laws affecting businesses, and the need for greater separation of different types of waste. It was agreed that this should be investigated before a final decision was made, as it might well be that special bins, with different compartments for different types of waste, would need to be acquired. The Chair said he was aware that some bins were being removed in the Precinct in the centre of Town because the owners were fearful of breaking the law. County Councillor McConnell said she would make some enquiries herself. Councillor Eldridge said that there was a problem with taking refuse to the recycling tip.

(c) Page 3 - 6(h) – the Chair said that he was obtaining a quotation to remove the razor-wire and the meeting agreed that in its place there should be anti-vandal paint and additional signage. A total cost of £750 was agreed.

(d) Page 5 – 12 – it was agreed that the final decision on the projector should be postponed to allow Mike Barnfield to give a quote. He had been unwell. Councillor Edwards raised the question as to what degree of sophistication was required – was there demand for a Film Society, for instance? It was agreed that this should be investigated. The cost appeared to range from £1,800 to £2,800.

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

(a) The Clerk said he had received a request for help with the Welsh School for the Urdd Eisteddfod. It was agreed (Councillor Skinner proposing and Councillor Barber seconding) that a grant of £300 should be provided.

(b) A request from the Kids Cancer Charity was also considered, but it was decided not to support this as not being a local organisation.

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

(a) 24/22667/FUL – Ty Gwyn Nursing Home – this had already been discussed, and the Clerk was instructed to oppose it

(b) DM/2024/00469 – 33 St Teilo's Road – a proposal to instal a dropped kerb – this was agreed; prior discussion involving County Councillor McConnell had suggested that this should be encouraged as a means of taking cars off the road

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

The following payments were approved:

Caretaker £894.80  
Mike Pearson £792  
Gas £156.11  
Zurich Insurance £2,010.55  
Clerk's travel £21.60  
Richard Moulding for bins under a new contract £324  
CC Welding £96  
BT £23.94  
SSE £1,556.58

The Clerk said he had not yet received a bill from the cleaner.

Retrospective approval was given for the payment of Water Rates £188.67, Richard Moulding for gardening £300 and for Zoe Cameron's purchase of plants £119.40

Estimates of £750 for the removal of the razor wire and £489 for Hayward Davies were approved

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

The Clerk circulated a Financial Statement and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31.3.24, which was noted and approved. The Chair signed the said account, which would be given to the internal auditors.

## **11 To consider the issue of the new web-site**

**There was no substantive discussion of this, pending further information.**

## **12. To consider any matters regarding the Playing Fields Committee.**

The Clerk said there were no issues which were not already dealt with in other areas of the Agenda.

## **13 To consider matters relating to the Mardy Green Spaces Committee**

The Chair said that he had been disappointed with the turn-out for the meeting which he had hoped would be attended. However, it had been decided that there was now to be an Open Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> May. The Clerk confirmed that he would be trying to obtain maps of the wards so that people would know which Councillors to approach in future. Zoe said she would be arranging for leaflets to be distributed. Something would appear in the press and/or social media, and she hoped that the local schools would be involved.

## **14 To consider matters relating to the Community Hall**

No issues arose which had not already been discussed

**15. To receive 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.**

No issues arose that had not already been dealt with

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

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on **Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7 p.m.**