

MINUTES OF THE LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd October 2024

Present:- Councillors M. Hayward (Chair), C. Harry (Vice-Chair), M. Edwards, K. Eldridge, R. Fury and M. Skinner

In attendance:- County Councillor S. McConnell and Mrs M. Bennett (Llandewi Skirrid CC)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors S. Baugh, J. Gray and K. Vaughan as well as the Clerk to the Council. It was agreed that Councillor Harry would record the minutes of the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

It was agreed that these would be tendered as and when necessary.

3. Police Report for September 2024

A copy of the police report had been circulated and was noted.

4. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor McConnell updated the Council on new recycling arrangements and other matters,

5. Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 11th September 2024

The minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record after being proposed by Councillor Edwards and seconded by Councillor Skinner.

6. Matters Arising

Page 2 Minute 6(b): Councillor Edwards was concerned that he had still not been notified of the Community Hall's safe capacity and what arrangements need to be made in relation to a Health and Safety check. Councillors Fury and Skinner agreed to look into the matters.

Page 2 Minute 6©: The Chairman stated that a meeting would be held with Catherine Fookes MP on 25 October concerning a planning application relating to a new sewage system at Ty Gwyn and would report back to the next meeting

7. Correspondence Received.

The Council was unaware in the absence of the Clerk if any correspondence had been received.

8. Planning Matters.

The Council was unaware of any planning matters for consideration.

9. Payment of Accounts.

Payment of the following accounts had been made urgently following the postponement of Council Meeting by a week and were approved retrospectively:-

Cleaner	£699.76
Caretaker	£915.20
British Gas	£66.90
BT	£26.78
Emptying of Bins	£772
Gardening	£70

Payment of the following accounts were also approved:-

TEK Security	£118.80
Monmouthshire CC	
• New padlocks	£284.40
• Business rates	£2665.16
• Maintenance contract	£2062.16
Remembrance Day wreath	£25
Adaptations to new dog bins	£12.22

10. Financial Statement

The Chair notified Councillors of the balance held by the Council in its with NatWest and Lloyds Banks

11. Mardy Park Playing Fields

Councillor Harry updated the Council of the situation relating to the appearance of a 'sink hole' on the football field. Gates to the playing area had been kept locked as a safety measure but, as the area was still being used by members of the public and children in contravention of 'keep out' notices, a contractor had been called in to carry out an inspection of the area and undertake remedial works as a matter of urgency. It was subsequently discovered that the problem had been caused by settlement below the playing surface of previously tipped material and it was expected that excavation and infilling of the area would be completed urgently to ensure there would be no danger to the public.

It was noted, however, that the gates to the playing surface would remain locked to comply with the dog controls outlined in the new Public Spaces Protection Order.

12. Community Hall Matters

It was noted that the caretaker has set up a fortnightly coffee morning for local residents and it was agreed that the Council would meet the cost of tea and coffee in future

13. Information from One Voice Wales and Outside Bodies

Nothing knowingly had been received from outside organisations

14. Extension of Mardy Football Club Lease

An application had been received from the Mardy Football Club requesting a ten year extension to their current lease. The Club has been carrying out regular maintenance of the playing surface of the field and had purchased a storage container and equipment after successful grant aid applications. The Club currently has four junior and two senior teams and would like to further improve facilities at the Park but were being turned down for further grant aid because of the short term remaining on the present lease. Hence the current application

It was agreed that the lease should be extended for a further ten years after being proposed by Councillor Fury and seconded by Councillor Edwards

(Councillor Harry declared a non pecuniary interest in this matter)

15. Administration of Council Finances

Council expressed concern that the Clerk was not an approved signatory to the Council's accounts but was in possession of the Council's debit card and reader. This made it impossible for the Chair and ViceChair to carry out any Council-approved transactions in his absence. The situation could be resolved by the return of the card and reader to the Chair. The Clerk could then be added as an authorised signatory and would receive his own debit card and reader

It was proposed by Councillor Harry and seconded by Councillor Fury that the Clerk should be:-

- asked to return the Council's card and reader to the Chair
- made an authorised signatory to the Council's accounts
- the items should be cancelled in the event of their non return and new ones ordered by the Chair

The proposals were agreed unanimously.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting should be held on Wednesday 20th November